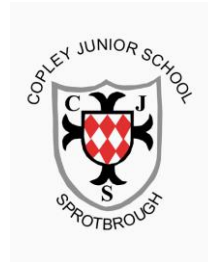


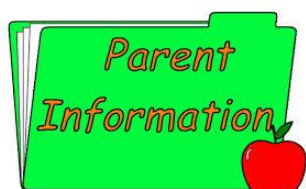


# Copley Junior School Newsletter



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## Curriculum Updates for Parents



### Year 6 Assessment and SATS Meetings

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the Y6 assessment meetings this week. We appreciate your positive feedback.

At the meeting we shared many materials that can be found on our website:

- The PowerPoint shared at the meeting, National Curriculum Expectation booklets, SATS timetable and video, SATS papers etc. can be found on our 'Assessment' page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment>

- Our assessment models can also be accessed via the following links:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/reading-assessment>

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/writing-assessment>

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/assessment/maths-assessment>

As always, there are quick links on the home page of the website.

Next week, a letter will be sent out via ParentPay to Y6 parents with details of our early morning revision sessions.

## Invitation to Parent/Carer Curriculum Workshops

We offer curriculum presentations through the year to share with you our approach to teaching and learning at Copley. We very much hope you will be able to join us for one of our **maths** subtraction workshop presentations this half term:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm - 6.15pm**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9.05am - 9.50am**

Please note that we are offering two identical sessions at different times to give plenty of opportunity for parents to attend around work and family commitments. You are welcome to bring your child to the 5.30pm session.

We have recently updated our maths calculations policy for subtraction. We would like to share with you the way we teach calculation methods and to share further information about how we teach maths. We hope as many parents/relatives as possible will join us for one of these important sessions.

### Eco School Success

Well done to our Eco Council, led with great enthusiasm by Miss Walker, as they have achieved a national accreditation to mark their success in driving environmental initiatives in school.



The Woodland Trust 'Green Tree School' Award rewards schools for completing environmental projects and encouraging outdoor learning. Our projects, including promoting active travel, recycling, reducing the use of paper with the 'Christmas Wish Tree' initiative, our partnership work with the Woodland Trust and reducing our carbon footprint have enabled us to achieve the **Silver Award**. We are now working towards the **Gold Award**!

### Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Year 5 are starting their swimming lessons soon and a letter and consent form has been sent home to both classes. Please complete the separate consent form and return by **Monday 4th February**.

A copy of the swimming letter has been added to the 'Letters' page of the website and dates have been added to the website calendar on the home page.

### Year 5 Residential Visit to Robinwood

Our Y5 residential visit at Robinwood has been booked for 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May. Children take part in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities led by the experienced team at Robinwood, including canoeing, knight's challenge, the giant swing, the piranha pool challenge, raft building, crate challenge, the dungeon of doom, archery, zip wire, caving and climbing, not to mention rocket building! A letter has been sent out and a payment item set up on ParentPay. Please could deposits of £30 be paid before the **15<sup>th</sup> February** to secure your child's place.

## Diary Dates

### Interschool Pyramid Athletics Tournament

Our Y5/6 athletics team is competing on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at Dearne Valley Leisure Centre. The children will be leaving school at 12.20pm ready for a 1.00pm start. The event is expected to finish at 3.00pm. School has provided a bus and the children will return to school before the end of the school day.

### Cross Country Championships

Our cross country team will be representing us at Cannon Hall on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. We have arranged with parents to meet at Copley at 11am and children will return to school by 4pm.

### Y4 Visit to the Methodist Church

Emerald Class will be walking to the Methodist Church on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** and Aquamarine will be visiting on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** for their next 'Godly Play' session. Please could you ensure your child has their coat/scarf and gloves as we are expecting a cold week ahead.

## *Parent Forum*



Our next Parent Forum was scheduled for Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, but a number of parent members have requested for the meeting to be moved around other commitments. Therefore, our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

Agenda items include: content for the next math parent curriculum workshops; curriculum workshops for the summer

terms; parent views about our curriculum offer.

If you have any views about these agenda items you are most welcome to send an email via the school office.

### **Year 5 Express**

Year 5 would like to invite parents/relatives to their next express event on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.45pm. Each class runs one enterprise express a year to give children opportunity to develop maths skills of calculating running costs, profit and loss. Further details about the Y5 express event will be sent out via ParentPay next week, under the 'Y5 Time Traveller' tab.

### **Opera North Concert - Y4 Invite**

We have been invited to take part in the Opera North concert once again at the Doncaster Dome on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. This is a fantastic opportunity to work alongside the professional chorus and orchestra of Opera North. In previous years we have offered this to Year 5. We have some places remaining, so we would like to offer up the opportunity to pupils in Year 4. Please look out for the letter on ParentPay which we will send out next week.

### **CSA News**

#### **CSA Fund Raising - Thank You!**

We are incredibly grateful to parents, relatives, children, local businesses and our CSA members who support our CSA fund raising events.

This allows the CSA to spend the funds raised to enhance the children's educational experience in school. This includes support for the costs of events e.g. prizes for the recent Snowman Drive, part-funding the costs of the Young Shakespeare Company performance, paying for the coach for the 'Young Voices' Concert and part-funding the

cost of Children's University passports to name just a few.

The funds raised by the CSA are also saved to support much more ambitious projects. I am delighted to share with you that the CSA has raised **£3000** which is being used to part fund the cost of **20** new laptops! All schools receive a small budget each year to support investment - this year we are able to match fund the investment of the CSA to buy the new laptops, as well as continuing to paying our contribution to the LA towards the costs of the new boiler (which is keeping us toasty warm in school!) Thank you so much to everyone who supports the work of the CSA. The children always enjoy using the laptops, for computing work but also for research and learning across the curriculum.

**Next Meeting** - Our next CSA meeting is on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-3.30pm**. Please join us if you can.

**Coppers for Copley** - To encourage the value of saving, the CSA encourages children to save their coppers for the class jar. The CSA then match fund the total and the class have the fun of spending their savings, based on the class vote. Coppers for Copley closes for this year as we close for the Easter holiday.

**Recycling Collection** - The CSA is organising a recycling collection for after half term, so if you are planning to recycle items we hope you will support us. Further details to follow soon.

**CSA Half Term Activity** - We are planning an optional sponsored competition for half term with prizes to be won as well as an overall winner-keep your eye out for more details coming home shortly!

## Attendance



School attendance target = 97.8%	
Pearl	98.7%
Opal	97.6%
Aquamarine	98.5%
Emerald	96.2%
Topaz	98.1%
Diamond	95.2%
Amethyst	98.0%
Jet	98.3%
Weekly average attendance for the school = 97.6%	

We are keen to support good attendance at school in order to ensure children make the best possible progress with their learning.

**We can help** - Please remember that we are able to administer Calpol and prescription medicine if we have written permission from you.

**Holidays in term time** - Copley Junior, along with all other schools in the Ridgewood pyramid, does not authorise any holidays in term time. Where unauthorised holidays are taken, our school contacts the Local Authority for a fixed term penalty to be applied. The Local Authority runs this process and income from fines goes to the LA, not the school.

Please note that we also apply for a fixed penalty notice in cases where the parent has informed school that the child is unwell, but we have evidence that a holiday has been taken.

So far this school year, **105** school days have been lost owing to unauthorised holidays taken in term time and we expect fines to be applied in due course. Please support us to ensure that children are attending school as much as possible so that their academic progress is maximised.  
Best wishes,  
*E.A. Crayton*

## Half Term Community Activities

CUSWORTH HALL & PARK  
**TOYS & GAMES FUN DAY**  
£3.50 per child

CRAFTS, INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
**TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY | 11AM - 3PM**  
CUSWORTH HALL & PARK

Craft sessions at 10.30am 12pm 1.40pm and 3pm - book tickets at Cusworth Hall reception in person or by phoning 01302 782342

HALF-TERM FAMILY FUN  
**AMAZING ANIMALS**  
Go wild making animal-themed crafts including masks, models, and puzzles

**21 FEBRUARY**  
**DONCASTER MUSEUM & ART GALLERY**  
SESSIONS AT 10.30AM, 12PM, 1.40PM, AND 3PM

£2.50 PER CHILD (ONE ADULT FREE)  
BOOK AT DONCASTER MUSEUM OR CALL 01302 734293