

Copley Junior School

Newsletter

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Happy New Year

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors we would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

We have had a great start to the new term! Children came back to school looking smart in their school uniform and in just three days I was quite amazed at the variety of vibrant learning experiences taking place, including magic square Maths investigations, Y3 gods and goddesses day, Y4 Roman day and science work in Y5 that included launching rockets! All classes have started new creative learning projects and there is lots of new content on the school website to share with you:

New Content on the School Website

Parent Curriculum Leaflets - New parent curriculum leaflets for the creative learning projects started this week are now available on the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-leaflets>

Autumn Term Gallery - Our photo gallery of the Autumn term reflects how engaging and creative our curriculum is. You can view this at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/news-and-events/gallery>

Home Learning Halls of Fame - Photo galleries of high quality homework from each group are available at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/home-learning/homework-superstars>

Class Pages - All year group pages have been updated with a summary and photos of the term's events. Here you can also see photographs from this week's Year 3 gods and goddesses day, the Year 4 Roman day and Year 5's science work on forces, including video clips of their rocket launches!



Thank you to parents and children for your valued support with the costumes!



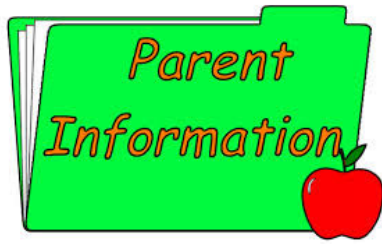
Year 4 learning how to join the Roman Army



Year 5 launching rockets as part of their Science work on forces - watch the launch on the class page!

[Quick links to new content on the website can be found on the home page.](#)

School Development Updates



We will be holding assessment workshops for parents/carers in January to provide information about how we assess children's attainment and progress through school and we hope you will be able to join us. The Year 6 sessions will share information about the Key Stage 2 SATS and reporting arrangements.

Year 6 Assessment Workshops - 2.30pm on Mon 16th Jan, 9am on Tues 17th Jan and 5.30pm on Wed 18th Jan.

Year 3-Year 5 Assessment Workshops - 2.30pm on Mon 30th Jan, 9am on Tues 31st Jan and 5.30pm on Wed 1st Feb.

Reading at Home - New Reward System

We are keen to encourage children to read regularly at home to support the daily reading sessions undertaken in school. Regular reading at home, and particularly the opportunity to discuss the text with an adult, has a very positive impact on children's progress.

From Monday 9th January we are introducing a new reward system to celebrate regular reading at home. Every week each child will be given a raffle ticket if they have read at home, and their reading diary is signed by an adult, at least **four** times a week. The raffle tickets will all be entered into a half term draw, with prizes for children in each year group at the end of each half term.

We are keen to promote reading for enjoyment and Mrs Henfield is already planning events for World Book Day in March.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A letter was sent out on Friday regarding our exciting range of extra-curricular activities. New clubs for the Spring term include cross stitch sewing, active games around the World, cricket, Opus band practice and Science Magic (this will involve learning about the science behind special effects and illusions e.g. how to make writing disappear, producing a volcanic reaction etc.)

Please return reply slips by **Wednesday 11th January** so that we can allocate places. All clubs start w.c. **Monday 16th January**, with the exception of:

Gym Club - starts on **Tuesday 10th January**

Opus Band Practice - starts on **Wednesday 1st February**. Further details will follow soon.



The Children's University initiative is a great way to encourage children to take part in learning out of school at approved 'learning destinations' such as all our school clubs, local swimming, football, martial arts, dance and gym clubs, Brownies, cubs etc. and to have their achievement rewarded.

All children who complete at least 30 hours this school year will be invited to a very special graduation ceremony at the end of the Summer term.

There is still plenty of time this school year if your child would like to take part in the Children's University scheme. CSA members part fund the cost of each passport so the cost is just £2 per passport. Passports are available from the school office now.

'Young Voices' Concert

On **Thursday 12th January**, our Year 5 /6 choir will be performing at the 'Young Voices' Concert at Sheffield Arena with over 5000 children from across Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. Children will set off after their lunch at 12.30pm to take part in an afternoon rehearsal and the concert starts at 7pm.

Children may wear their Young Voices or white t-shirt to school on the day of the concert with the rest of their usual school uniform. Children need to bring a packed tea with them to eat between the rehearsal and the concert and an extra water bottle to lubricate their singing voices!

The concert will finish at approximately 9:30pm and we expect to be back at school at approximately 10:15pm.

If you are attending the concert then you may need to book your parking space at the arena which can be done through the Sheffield Arena website www.sheffieldarena.co.uk

Please check the home page of the website under the 'Latest News' section after 9.30pm as we will post updates about our anticipated arrival time back at school, which we expect to be approx. 10.15pm.

Admissions

The closing date for applications to join us in September in Year 3 is **15th January 2017**. Further information is available on the school website, under the 'Admissions' section.

House Point Success



Our House Point charts are available on the website under the 'House Leaders' section. Results at the end of the Autumn term were as follows:

Hawking - 1768

Darwin - 1800

Hodgkin - 1693

Einstein - 1794

Well done to Darwin House, who have collected the most House Points this year so far and now have their yellow ribbons tied to our House Point Trophy!

CSA News

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes - the following prizes remain unclaimed:

Yellow ticket 31 - hamper

Yellow ticket 82 - bath products

Prizes that are unclaimed by the end of next week will be returned to CSA stock by the end of next week, so please check your tickets!

Coppers for Copley

Each class will be collecting coppers for their jars until Easter. As well as promoting the value of saving, the children have the fun of choosing how to spend their money, which is kindly doubled by the CSA!

Next meeting - Our next CSA meeting is on **Wednesday 25th January** at 6.45pm and you are most welcome to join us as we plan our next CSA events. Details of CSA events and minutes of CSA meetings can be found on the CSA website page at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/csa>

Spring Term Dates 2017

04.01.17	School opens
04.01.17	Year 3 Dress-Up Day: Greek gods and goddesses
05.01.17	Year 4 Roman Day Workshop
12.01.17	Young Voices Concert
16.01.17	Year 6 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 2.30pm
17.01.17	Year 6 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 9am
18.01.17	Year 6 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 5.30pm
19.01.17	Y6 Visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
19.01.17	Sprotbrough Music Society Concert in school pm
25.01.17	CSA meeting at 6.45pm in school
26.01.17	Aquamarine Class visit to the Methodist Church
27.01.17	Emerald Class visit to the Methodist Church
30.01.17	Year 3-5 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 2.30pm
31.01.17	Year 3-5 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 9am
01.02.17	Year 3-5 Parent Workshops re. Assessment at 5.30pm
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17.02.17	School closes for half term
27.02.17	School opens
01.03.17	CSA meeting at 6.45pm in school
02.03.17	World Book Day
06.03.17	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
08.03.17	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
14.03.17	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
15.03.17	Year 4 express at 2.45pm
16.03.17	Spelling Bee Final pm
23.03.17	Mother's Day shop
24.03.17	Red Nose Day - Comic Relief
27.03.17	Y5 Robinwood parents' meeting at 6pm
30.03.17	Class Photos am
06.04.17	Disco 5-7pm
07.04.17	Easter Service at Church pm
07.04.17	School closes for Easter holiday

All dates for the school year are also listed on the website calendar, located on the home page.