



# Copley Junior School Newsletter

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## Year 6 Residential Visit to Northumberland

Well done to our Year 6 children. They have had a very active week at Northumberland on their residential visit and we were so lucky with the wonderful weather! Members of the public and staff at the venues we visited made many positive comments about the children's excellent behaviour and manners. Of course we expect this at Copley Junior but it is always lovely to hear praise about our children.



A visit to Beamish

Acrobatics at the sand dunes



A boat trip to the Farne Islands



Thank you so much to Mrs Henfield, Miss Hull, Miss Havercroft, Miss Newton and Year 6 parent Mr Atkinson for taking such brilliant care of the children and helping them to have such a fantastic experience.

Our School Twitter [@CopleyJunior](#) and Year 6 blog were a great way of enabling those of us at home to have regular updates about what the children were doing throughout the visit.



Walking to Dunstanburgh Castle

A visit to Alwick Castle



Rock pooling, cricket and paddling - evening activities on the beach



A full gallery of over 220 photos is now available on the website - there is a quick link to this under 'Latest Additions to the Website' on the home page. In order to load so many photos, the page is organised in four separate galleries for the four days of the visit. Just click on the first photo of each gallery to view the photos.

### Staffing Update

I am pleased to share that we have appointed a new teacher for September 2017. Miss Tierney, an experienced teacher currently teaching in Doncaster, will be joining us and will be visiting school to get to know children and staff over the next few weeks.

Teaching and class arrangements for next year will be shared in due course.

### Year 4 Samba Performance



Last week we joined over 300 children for a massed Samba workshop and performance. A delightful video has now been posted on the Doncaster Community Arts website. This features many of our children and we shared it in our Achievement assembly on Friday. We have put a quick link to the video on our Music curriculum page at:

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

### Year 3 'Sing Out' Concert



I am sure all parents and relatives who attended the 'Sing Out' Concert this week were incredibly proud of our Year 3 children. They really sang their hearts out! Thank you to school staff who

supported the event and to Miss Havercroft and Miss Blades-Baker who helped the children to learn the songs so well.

The 'Sing Out' Concert gives our children opportunity to join a choir, meet children from other schools and perform as part of a large choir of Doncaster schools at the Dome, in front of parents/carers and relatives. Well done to everyone!

Some photos and a video clip of the concert have been posted on the 'Music' page of the website at:

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

There is also a quick link on the home page.

### Fund Raising for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

We are very proud of Joshua L in Year 5 who has decided he would like to support the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Monday is the last day for children to bring in a £1 to have a go at guessing how many sweets there are in the jar.

The child with the winning or nearest guess will be given the jar of sweets and Joshua and his mum will send all the proceeds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Please do support Joshua's fund raising if you can.



### Magic Themed Book Collection - Can You Help?

Please could you help us by checking that children return any books with a magic theme. We really value your support with this as we need to ensure all books have been returned before we order any more.

The book titles that are outstanding are:

Rose - H. Webb

Aladdin and the Magic Lamp - C. Bowen

Harry Potter-the Chamber of Secrets - J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter-the Philosopher's Stone - J.K. Rowling  
Flood and Fang - M. Sedgwick  
Nina and the Travelling Spice Shed - R. Madhvi  
The Lost Book of Happy Endings - C. Duffy

### House Leadership Teams for 2017-2018

A letter has been sent home to all Year 5 pupils, inviting letters of application for the role of House Captain, Deputy and Ambassador for next year. Children need to outline their ideas for the role and to state why they feel they would be a good role model for younger pupils in school. The deadline for the letters of application is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

### Sports Afternoon

Our Sports Afternoon is scheduled for **1.15pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. The children are kept active all afternoon in track events as well as rounders and cricket matches. Parents and relatives are warmly invited to join us. Children collect points for their House and will wear the smart tabards purchased by the CSA last year, which are in House colours.

In case the sunny weather continues, please make sure your child has a hat and that long lasting sun cream has been applied. We will ensure children have access to water re-fills through the afternoon, so please make sure your child has their water bottle in school. We have a reserve date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, should it be needed. **Please do not ring the school office on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to check whether the Sports Afternoon is on; a red scrolling message update has been posted on the home page of the website and this will be updated according to the weather conditions. We value your support with this.**

### Year 6 Graduation - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Our Year 6 graduation is a very special occasion and Year 6 parents and relatives are warmly invited to join us from 5.45pm. A letter of invitation has been sent out this week and a copy can be found on the Year 6 class page at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6>

Please send in your reply slip and order form by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their reply forms - your tickets will be sent home shortly.



### CSA News

**Bags2School** - Our next Bags 2School collection is scheduled for **9am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. Our Year 5 Recycle Team have been very proactive in advertising the event with posters around school.



### BAGS2SCHOOL

The recycle team have set you a challenge to pack up your used and unwanted clothes that are in good condition to be worn again.

The Copley Recyclers would love you to at least put one thing into the Bags2School bag or a normal bin bag if needed.



The items that are suitable for being put into the bag are:

**Paired shoes (NO ODD SHOES), Hats and Belts, Handbags, Ties and Soft Toys.**

PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN THE BAG:

**Bedding, Curtains, Towels, Household Linen or Bric-a-brac.**

Thank you, by The Copley Recycle Team

*Charlie R, Jacob S, Joshua C, Jack H and Jamie W*

### Father's Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day event. Nearly 100 children purchased a ticket and chose a craft activity to make and take home.



Happy Father's Day from everyone at Copley.



**Non Uniform Day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June we are inviting all children to come into school in non-school uniform. We would greatly appreciate each child bringing in a contribution for our Summer Fair, which is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Items for the raffle, children's tombola, chocolate tombola, jar tombola (little gifts e.g. hair bobbles, marbles, wrapped sweets etc.), age appropriate second hand books and DVDs would all be greatly appreciated.**

### **Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair is from 3.45pm on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. For the event we need jam jars, preferably filled with treats for the children e.g. stickers, lollipops, stationery items, sweets (wrapped please) etc., helpers for the day, donations for the chocolate and children's tombola, second hand children's books in good condition, baking for the cake stall (on the day) and raffle donations. If anyone can support with sponsorship for the Bouncy Slide at £50 (actual slide cost £95) please contact the Secretary of the CSA on 07519 660388.

Summer Fair items can be sent into school to your child's class and please let us know if you can help on the day. We would be grateful for bottles of wine for our adult 'water or wine' stall and raffle. As I know you will appreciate, please could you ensure that any bottles of wine for the Fair are brought to the school office by an adult.

Further arrangements for the Summer Fair afternoon will be shared in next week's newsletter.

### **Children's University Graduation**

Our Children's University Graduation Event is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. The coach will collect us from Copley Junior at 1.45pm and will take us to High Melton College ready for the 3pm start.

Parents and relatives are welcome to join us there, with a limit of two adult places per child. Year 6 children at Ridgewood for transition week will need collecting from Ridgewood by a parent - please let us know so we can help to coordinate this. The Graduation Event will be completed by 4pm. There is no transport provided back to Copley so please could all parents arrange for the transport home. Thank you to everyone so far who has returned their reply slip. Please could these be returned on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June so we can finalise the coach and seating arrangements.

### **Summer Music Evening and Talent Show**

Our Summer Music Evening and Talent Show is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. This is an informal evening to provide opportunity to showcase some of the children's talents. We hope **all Year 4 children** will be able to attend as we start the evening with two Samba performances, which are not to be missed! The children are practising with great enthusiasm - you may be able to hear the sound of drumming and singing across Sprotbrough! Children who have peripatetic music lessons are invited to play some of their pieces. Our peripatetic music teachers will all be coming to support and accompany the children. Year 6 House Leaders will be writing out to invite children in all classes to share their talents in our 'Copley Has Talent' Show. Children will have opportunity to share their skills within their year group and our finalists will perform at the Summer Music Evening.



## Year 6 Transition to Ridgewood

As in previous years, children transferring to Ridgewood will attend for five days from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A full information pack will be sent home in due course.

There are some key arrangements I wanted Year 6 parents/carers to be aware of as soon as possible:

- **No transport is provided to Ridgewood every morning. Ridgewood ask that children arrive no earlier than 9.15am but no later than 9.30am.** Year 6 pupils are asked to assemble at Reception, where they will be met by staff and prefects who will escort them during the day. Ridgewood make this arrangement so that their students are in class when the Year 6 pupils arrive. This is very supportive to the Year 6 pupils arriving but I appreciate this will mean some tricky arrangements for working parents. By letting you know now, hopefully you will be able to make arrangements and liaise with other parents where needed.

Ridgewood provides a coach for the journey back to Copley each day. This is staggered with the different feeder schools so we have times allocated through the week when Copley pupils will return to school and we will share these shortly.

Ridgewood's Open Evening for new Year 6 parents is from **5.45pm-6.45pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Opus Band Practice

Opus Band members received a letter last week about Ridgewood's first Opus performance on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Ridgewood School. This will be a fantastic evening of musical performances from Ridgewood's Elite Concert Band, their very own Rock Band and the evening is being supported by the Doncaster Jazz Stage Band.

## Opus Rehearsals

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Please can all Opus pupils ensure that they attend band practice on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will ensure children have completed their events at our Sports Afternoon so that they are ready to catch the coach.

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June** - This is the final Opus rehearsal date before the concert, so again children need to make every effort to attend. The exception to this is members of our Year 5 choir who are attending the Opera North Concert at the Dome. The Music Service set the date for the Opera North Concert and Ridgewood have already been informed about which pupils this involves.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June is also the date for the re-scheduled Year 4 visit to Castleton. In next week's newsletter I will confirm the anticipated return time for the Castleton visit and the start time of the Opera North Concert, for our busy parents!

## School Clubs

In the initial letter sent out at the start of each term we share the club dates and any weeks that clubs are not having a session as, for example, a whole year group is out of school. The only time that clubs are changed at short notice will be on a very rare occasion e.g. ill health of an external provider, in which case we will send out a message via ParentMail. The final session date for each club is also listed on the calendar on the website home page.

As it is such a busy half term I thought a weekly update may help. Clubs that have sessions next week are:

Active Games - Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Opus - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Yoga - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (final session)

Aromatherapy - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (final session)

Science Magic - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Colouring Club - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (final session)

Cheerleading Club - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (final session and parents invited in at 4.20pm to watch a routine!)

Archery - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sand Art - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Best Wishes,

E.A. Crayton, Head teacher