



# Copley Junior School Newsletter



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## Times Tables Rock Stars 'Rock Wrangle'

Thank you to everyone for your support for our Times Tables Rock Star Celebration Day on Wednesday. The children (and staff!) looked fabulous!



After a final few weeks of practising times tables, all children had their final assessment using our Times Tables Rock Stars programme. The progress of all children has been celebrated and five children with the highest scores for accuracy and speed went through to our 'Rock Wrangle' event. This saw year group competitions against the clock, supported by rock music backing tracks and our rock star audience of children - who were very active and vocal in their support!



The year group finalists all received a certificate and the year group winners were presented with an engraved gold medal. After a final tense round, our 2017 Times Tables Rock Star winner was announced as Grace T in Year 6.



Who knew that learning times tables could be so much fun!

A full gallery of photos is now available on the website at:  
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/maths-curriculum/times-tables-rockstars>  
A quick link is also available on the home page. We hope children will continue to practise their times tables over the summer - ready for Times Tables Rock Stars 2017-2018!

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to Miss Mellor, our Maths subject leader, who has led this initiative and has worked so hard to make our Times Tables Rock Star programme and this week's 'Rock Wrangle' such a success. Thank you also to Miss Blades-

Baker for organising our finalists' goody bags and 'top table' lunch experience!



**School Disco** - Some parents have shared that they preferred the arrangements for the summer term disco, which started straight after school and finished at 5pm. The timing of the disco meant that parents did not need to collect their child/ren at 3.30pm and needed to make just one journey to school to collect at 5pm. We would be interested to hear further feedback as we plan our termly disco dates for next year.

**'Spotlight on Science'**

Last term we introduced our new 'Spotlight on...' publication, designed to shine a spotlight on our approach to teaching and learning in different subjects. Our first publication 'Spotlight on Reading' has been read online over 290 times, so we hope you have found it helpful as we work together to support your child's learning.

Following our recent very successful Science Week, we have published our 'Spotlight on Science'. Science is a core subject in the National Curriculum and we hope you will find the publication informative.



You can find the 'Spotlight on Science' on the home page of our website and all 'Spotlight' editions on the dedicated page at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/spotlight-on>

**Summer Music Evening and Talent Show**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Music Evening and Talent Show. We offer lots of musical opportunities in school, so we saw performances from the two Year 4 classes who have Samba lessons, as well as from the groups of children learning to play guitar, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, brass and violin. In addition we saw an eclectic range of talents from children in each year group, including science magic, blindfold piano playing, dance, electric guitar solo, piano solo and vocalists.

This made for a marathon music evening so, again, I would welcome your views on this. Next year we could organise 'express' style events, whereby parents/carers are invited to school for 2.45pm etc. to watch a final performance from the group your child is in e.g. Samba performance. Let us know your thoughts on this.



### Opus Band Performance

Well done to our Opus instrumentalists, who attended Ridgewood's Music Concert on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to take part in their first public performance as an ensemble. Opus has been a very successful musical initiative led by Ridgewood, which has given children opportunity to learn a musical instrument (in our case, alto saxophone or brass) and then to attend Ridgewood each week for band rehearsals along with other local primary schools and Ridgewood students.

Opus rehearsals start again on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, with the same arrangements as this year. Ridgewood has applied for funding from the Arts Council for further cohorts, so we will update you when further news is available.

**Reading Books - Please could children return all books to school as soon as possible.** Over the next week and through the holiday all books will be checked, an audit undertaken and new books that we have ordered placed on shelves ready for September.

### Year 6 Graduation Evening

Our Year 6 Graduation Evening is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**, with a welcome drink from 5.45pm. Our presentation evening is always a very special occasion and is time to mark the achievement of each and every one of our Year 6 children.

Information for Children: Dress code for the event is **smart** evening wear:  
trousers/shirt/tie  
trousers/shirt/tie/jacket  
dress  
smart trousers/smart top etc.

### Cricket Success

Well done to our cricket team. As Ridgewood and Doncaster champions, they played in the Yorkshire County Finals in Leeds on Friday. Out of the hundreds of schools involved, we are proud to share that we came 11<sup>th</sup> out of the whole of Yorkshire! Thank you so much to parents who helped with transport on the day.

### Walking To and From School Arrangements

Our new Year 2 parents/carers have been asked to let us know about collection/walking home arrangements ready for September. For all children in Year 4-6 next year we will transfer the current collection/walking home independently arrangements over to the next class teacher. Please let us know if you wish to change arrangements by completing the 'Walking To and From Home Alone' form. This can be done at the school office or the form can be downloaded for the website at <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/school-day/arrivals-and-departures>

### Well done to Grace M

Grace sent me the following report to share with you!

"I wanted to share my good news with Copley. I have successfully auditioned for a place at The Royal Ballet Associates' Programme. I feel very lucky to get this opportunity as there were almost 2000 children who applied across the country for only 5-10% of places."

Well done Grace!

### Diary Dates at a Glance

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Graduation. Welcome drink for 5.45pm for a 6pm start.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Parent Express at 2.45pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** School closes

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** School closed for staff training and development

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** School opens

All holiday dates and training day dates are available on the website calendar, which is posted on the home page of our website.

### School Clubs

All clubs are now completed. Details of autumn term club opportunities will be shared next term.

## Summer Holiday Activities

Next week, we will be sending home two holiday activities for the children. We hope these will be fun to do and will help to support children's reading over the summer:

### Extreme Reading

Please could you send in a photo of your child reading a book somewhere unusual! Be creative as to where your photo is taken - on the beach, sitting in a wheelbarrow, sitting on a slide/trampoline/swing etc. If you want to, you may digitally alter your photo so you appear to be reading on the Moon etc!

In September, we would like you to bring in your photograph, with your name on the back and the title and author of the book you were reading. We plan to display lots of the photos around school for the children to enjoy and to provide suggestions for books to enjoy.



The 'Extreme Reading' challenge will be sent home via Parent Mail and a copy is also available on our 'Letters' page at:

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

### 'Recommend a Read'

Mrs Henfield is inviting all children to 'recommend a read'. Children can present this as they wish, telling us what title they have chosen and why they have enjoyed reading the book so much. Again, these will be displayed in school in September so that children have lots of book recommendations to guide their reading choices. A prize will be awarded to a child in each year group for the most informative and creatively presented entry.

### [Recommended Reading Lists - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6](#)

Mrs Henfield, our English subject leader, has prepared a recommended reading list for each year group. This has been formulated with

recommendations from the children in each class and from our trusted book supplier, Peter's Books. Your child will bring home their book list next week and we hope this will be helpful for the holiday. We have just received our order of new books to the value of £600 so that many of the recommended titles listed will be available on the year group book shelves in September.

### Bedtime Story Competition

Many thanks to Mrs Kirk, one of our Parent Forum members who has forwarded information about a bedtime story competition, organised by the Book People. Children are invited to write a bedtime story of 200-800 words on the theme of friendship. Each winner will receive a prize and one overall lucky winner will see their story professionally published with stunning illustrations by top children's illustrator, Alison Brown. For more information, please visit: [www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bedtimestory](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bedtimestory) All entries must be submitted by 11:59pm on Monday 2nd October. Details for how to do this are available via the website address above.

### Summer Activity at St Mary's Church

## Jump on Board



Crafts, games and fun with a holiday theme

**Friday 25th August 2017.**

**10am-1pm**

St. Mary's Church Hall.

For children aged 4-11. £4  
(accompanied 3 year olds welcome)

Contact [amanda.barraclough1@btinternet.com](mailto:amanda.barraclough1@btinternet.com) or ring 01302 854836 to book. Places limited!

Best Wishes,

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