



Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Welcome Back!

We have had such a fantastic start to the new school year with a very enjoyable first week back in school. Many thanks to teaching staff who have worked hard over the holidays to prepare classrooms and planning. The children in all year groups have made such a positive start to the new school year! Teachers have been very impressed with the superb behaviour and enthusiasm for lessons demonstrated this week.

Welcome to our new Year 3 pupils and also to a number of children who have joined other classes; they are settling very well.

Extreme Reading Challenge and 'Recommend a Read' - Thank You!



Thank you to children who took part in our summer holiday reading homework. We have some wonderful photos of children and staff reading in unusual places and many are already on our central reading display for everyone to enjoy. If your child's photo or 'Recommended Read' work is still at home, please could this be sent into school next week.

Code of Conduct

Our Code of Conduct was devised by the children through our Class Councils and School Council as we wanted the children to be fully involved in thinking about the sort of school and behaviour we all want. In order to maintain the excellent behaviour that we expect in school we have reminded the children about our school rules, which are displayed in every classroom. It would be most helpful if you could also discuss these with your child/ren at home.

- ✓ **We always listen to others.**
- ✓ **We work hard and always try our best.**
- ✓ **We treat others as we wish to be treated.**
- ✓ **We are respectful, polite and kind to everyone in our school community.**
- ✓ **We look after our school and everything in it.**

Arrangements for the School Day

- **No children should be on the school site before 8.40am.** From 8.40am each morning Mrs Robinson is on 'meet and greet' duty at the two top gates, to support the crossing of the road and to ensure children's safe entry into school. From 8.45am classroom doors are opened and children are invited to enter school from this time to take part in early morning learning activities.
- The school day starts at **8.55am.** **Children who arrive after this time receive a late mark.** The playground gates are locked at 9am so the school

site is secure until the gates are opened at 3.20pm.

- If your child is late, please accompany them to the school office to sign your child in and to ensure they enter school safely.
- Parents/carers are invited to collect children at the end of the school day at 3.30pm from the classroom doors.
- If parents/carers decide that they would like their child to walk to and/or from home independently, we ask that you complete the '**Walking To and From School Independently**' permission form with the arrangements you wish to have for each day.
- Thank you to all parents/carers who have updated the school office with walking to and from school arrangements. Mrs Sutton in the school office updates the class spreadsheets as each change is submitted to us for school staff to follow at the end of the day.
- **If at any point in the school year you would like to change arrangements, please either call into the school office or visit the website at:**
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/school-day/arrivals-and-departures>
A helpful Parents' Forum 'At a Glance' guide is also available on this page.
- If you wish to collect your child, but also need to collect from Orchard Infant, we suggest you collect from Orchard Infant School first. Your child's class teacher will dismiss their class to waiting parents first and then will bring children up to the collecting area at the top gate, where they will be supervised by a senior member of staff until you arrive.
- If your child has not been collected by **3.45pm** we will accompany your child back into school and a member of staff will contact you regarding collection.

School Uniform

Thank you so much for your support of our school uniform. It was lovely to see the children coming into school so smartly!

Our full uniform list and uniform policy can be found on our website at www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk. Click on 'Day to Day' and select 'Uniform'.

We would appreciate your particular support with the following:

Jewellery - On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is **plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears**. We ask the children to either remove these before P.E. and games lessons, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Children must remove ear-ring studs for swimming lessons in Year 5. On any days that a child is participating in PE, games, swimming and other physical activities it is advisable to leave earrings at home. Children are encouraged to wear a watch as this supports them in learning to tell the time. **Nail varnish is not permitted.**

Extreme Haircuts - The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts e.g. excessively gelled/spiked/shaved etc. No hair dyes are allowed.

Socks - Our school uniform is **white, grey or black socks/tights**.

Tights - Our school uniform states that children should wear **black shoes or sandals**. **Boots are not permitted and children should not wear trainers/boots to school unless there is a medical reason that has been approved by the school. In**

particular, coloured trainers are not allowed.

School Tie - Children are required to wear a school tie every day. We have a stock in the school office and have ordered more, as so many were purchased in the first week back at school. Ties and cardigans/jumpers can be purchased from Cliffs in Doncaster.

Music Lessons in School

From Year 4, children have opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, with peripatetic music teachers visiting us each week. This year we are offering violin, cello, clarinet, flute and guitar lessons.

Ridgewood's 'Opus' project continues with pupils from last year, with saxophone and brass lessons. Letters confirming lesson arrangements were sent home last week.

Places available - We have just a few limited places available for violin, cello, clarinet, flute and guitar lessons. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like more information.

As part of our commitment to 'Wider Opportunities' all children in Year 4 have opportunity to play a musical instrument and to play as part of an ensemble. The school funds this for Year 4 children each year. Our Samba lessons start next Tuesday and are always very popular with the children. You may hear the echo of drums across Sprotbrough!!



School Communication

We make every effort to share information about school life and events:

Weekly Newsletter - A newsletter is sent out electronically each week. Please make sure you have subscribed by visiting the website at

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

School Website - We post a lot of information on our school website. Quick links to recently added content are provided on the home page under the heading 'Latest Additions to the Website'.

Letters - Copies of any class and whole school letters sent home can be found on the website also at:

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

School Twitter - Follow us @CopleyJunior Twitter to receive regular snippets about school life. Twitter is used on school visits to share photos of the day and to update you on the expected arrival time back at school.

Parent Mail - We hope all parents/carers have signed up to our Parent Mail service. If we have important messages that we wish to share with the school community we use our Parent Mail service.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We offer a wide range of after school clubs. Details will be sent home during the week commencing 11th September.

School Lunch

The menus for the weeks leading up to half term are available on the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/lunchtimes>

Here you can see the choices available for your child each day.

Diary Dates

All dates for the school year can be found on the calendar on the 'Home' page of the school website. The full list of dates is also available to refer to or download on our 'Letters' page at:

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

Please find below the dates for the rest of the first half term:

11.09.17	Peripatetic music lessons start
12.09.17	Y4 visit to Murton Park
12.09.17	Y6 (Amethyst Class) to Murton Park
13.09.17	Y6 (Jet Class) to Murton Park
27.09.17	CSA at 6.45pm
02.10.17	Young Shakespeare Company Visit - 'Romeo and Juliet' am
02.10.17	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
03.10.17	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
09.10.17	Harvest Festival (Blue and Green Houses) at 2.15 pm at St Mary's
10.10.17	Harvest Festival (Red and Yellow Houses) at 2.15 pm at St Mary's
12.10.17	Y4 visit to the Methodist Church
24.10.17	Individual and Family Photos am
25.10.17	CSA AGM at 7pm
26.10.17	Y3 express at 2.45pm
27.10.17	Y5 express at 2.45pm
27.10.17	School closes for half term

Copley School Association (CSA) Meeting

Our first CSA meeting of the year is on **Wednesday 27th September at 6.45pm** in school. All parents/carers and relatives are welcome. Do come if you can, to find out about the CSA and the exciting events planned for this year.

Parent Pay

Thank you for your fantastic support of our new online payment system. Over 95% of parents/carers have already subscribed.

Once the dinner money module is embedded, we will be adding the facility to pay online for clubs and visits. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

New Parent Curriculum Leaflets

For each project being studied, teachers prepare a Parent Curriculum Leaflet.

We hope you find the information about the learning planned for different curriculum areas helpful. We greatly value the partnership between home and school, and your help in supporting your child's learning at home is invaluable.

To view the new Parent Curriculum Leaflets, please visit our website at:

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

There is also a quick link under the 'Latest Additions' section on the home page.

Year 3 Visit to the John Bull Rock Factory

Year 3 pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable visit this week to launch their 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' project. Activities included rolling rock with the initial of their name in the middle and making chocolate lollipops! A full gallery of photos from the visit can be found on the Year 3 class page of the website (visit 'Learning' then 'Classes'; there is also a quick link on the home page.)





Year 5 Visit to Weston Park

Year 5 launched their 'Pharaohs' project by visiting Weston Park. As well as touring the museum, the children took part in a workshop in which they found out about the fascinating process of mummification!



A full gallery of photos from the visit can be found on the Year 5 class page of the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-5>

A quick link is also available on the 'Latest Additions' section of the home page.

Well Done to Billy J!

We are very proud of Billy J in Year 6, who decided he would like to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Billy organised a number of events to raise funds including a teddy tombola at school and garage and bake sales at home. He also took part in the 6km Sprotbrough fun run. Billy shared in our Friday assembly that he has raised the impressive sum of **£295!** It is lovely to share that we have such thoughtful and proactive pupils in school. Well done Billy!

Choir Opportunity

The Doncaster Children's Choir is resuming again from Friday 15th September. The first session is an open rehearsal, where children are invited to come and try the choir out for free. Years 1-3 meet at 16:15-17:00, and Years 4-6 at 17:15-18:15 at Sprotbrough Methodist Church. Further details are shared below.

Welcoming new members!

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Children's Choir

Training Choir School years 1-3 Friday 16:15-17:00 £3 a session	Junior Choir School years 4-6 Friday 17:15-18:15 £3.50 a session
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Restarts
Friday 15 September



Sprotbrough Methodist Church,
Park Drive, Sprotbrough, DN5 7LA



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We look forward to sharing more school news with you next week.

Best wishes,
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