



# Copley Junior School Newsletter

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## New Learner Values

At Copley, we are keen to promote pupils' personal development and self-esteem just as much as their academic progress. Our Learner Values support our school ethos of helping children to develop important life skills and are embedded throughout our school and our curriculum.

During the summer term we reviewed our Learner Values. Our seven new Copley Junior School Learner Values were chosen by a whole school pupil vote as well as discussions with our teaching team, governors and the Parent Forum. I am very proud of the children as I think their choice of key values that are important to us at Copley is excellent:

**respect, perseverance, self-belief, independence, creativity, team work, friendship.**

All classrooms have our Learner Values displayed:



All children have their own Learner Value card. Children are awarded stickers to put in their card when they demonstrate a particular Learner Value to a high level. When ten stickers are awarded for any Learner Value, a certificate is awarded.



## Central Learner Values Display

Our central Learner Values display always involves all the children in school. For our display below, all the children have designed and written their name on a fish for our theme '**We may be different fish but at Copley we all swim together**'.



Just space for a few new children to add their fish to the display!

## Positive Behaviour

Standards of behaviour are high at Copley Junior and, as well as clear expectations, we take many opportunities to reward positive behaviour.

These are some of the ways in which Copley Junior School will recognise your child's good work, effort and behaviour:

- Praise
- Classroom Traffic Lights - keeping their name on green and going to gold
- Class rewards
- Comments on work
- 'Achiever of the Week' certificate - given for good work, behaviour, helpfulness, effort etc.
- 'Learner Value of the Week' certificate
- Stickers in your child's 'Learner Values' card
- Sharing work
- Work on display
- House Points - leading to House Point badges

For more information about our approach including our Positive Behaviour, Anti-Bullying policies and a helpful Parent Forum guide, please visit our website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/day-by-day/behaviour-and-discipline>

## Reading Rewards

At Copley we want to promote regular reading at home. If children read at home (and have their reading diary signed by an adult!) at least four times a week they receive a raffle ticket. By the end of each half term we hope that children will have a number of raffle tickets in the draw, as they have read at home at least four times a week on a regular basis.

In our half termly Reading Award Assembly two raffle tickets are drawn from each class and the lucky winners can come and

choose a brand new book from a wide range of titles. We hope that lots of children in each class will be successful in the Reading Reward Assembly draw over the six opportunities in the school year.

In response to a Parent Forum suggestion, I met with a group of children to help me choose new reading reward prizes. Last week over **150** new titles were delivered including 'Famous Five', Roald Dahl titles, quiz and puzzle books, fascinating fact books, 'how to draw' books etc. so we have a great choice for our winners to choose from.



## Copley School Association (CSA) Meeting

Our first CSA meeting of the year is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Purple Voucher Book Scheme** - Information was sent out last week about the Purple Voucher Book Scheme. If you would like to look at the benefits of purchasing a voucher book, please visit

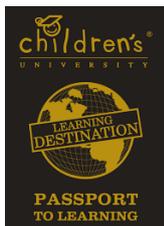
<http://www.purplevouchers.co.uk>

where you can find out more about the savings you can make if you purchase a book.



### Children's University

This week we sent home a letter about the Children's University. This is a great initiative as it rewards children for taking part in extra-curricular activities. Children can bring their passports to all our after school clubs and peripatetic music lessons, as well as activities they attend from home, to have their extra-curricular involvement recorded.



The CSA kindly subsidises the cost of each passport by £1.50. Children may join the Children's University at any point through the year so we have established a payment item on everyone's ParentPay account for the £2 cost of a passport. If you do not wish to purchase a passport, then please take no further action.

At the end of the year we take part in a graduation ceremony, which is always a very special occasion.

### Children's University Graduation 2017



You can read more about the Children's University by visiting our website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/childrens-university>

There is also a quick link on the home page.

### Music Lessons

Our music lessons are very popular, with over 65 children taking part. We have just a few limited places available for violin, cello, clarinet and flute lessons. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like more information or if your child would like to attend some lessons to help make their decision.

### Clubs

All clubs are now full. It is wonderful to have so many enthusiastic children - over 250 club places have been allocated and we have a waiting list of about 60! If we cannot allocate a place this time owing to the popularity of the club, we retain names and a place will be offered next term, as we hope to run popular clubs again.

Autumn term clubs include: **Football, Gym, Cooking, Aromatherapy, Magic, Street Dance, Sand Art, Choir, Archery, Home Learning, Opus and Art**

**Club places have all been allocated and added on each parent's ParentPay account. This confirms the place and the club fee as appropriate for each club.**

**Y5 and 6 Choir** - Please return the expression of interest form if your child wishes to join by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. A copy of the letter is on the 'Letters' website page.

**Thank You from the Office Staff** - Thank you so much for your support of our new online payment system. Apologies for the delaying in responding to emails on Wednesday as there was a problem across all Doncaster schools. The problem has been

rectified and all emails now replied to.  
Thank you for your patience.

### School Development Updates



### National Curriculum Booklets

In order to inform parents/carers about the expectations for your child's group, we have produced a 'National Curriculum Expectations' booklet for each year group. These are the standards we will be teaching to. Children's progress and attainment are maximised when the teaching in school is supported at home and we greatly value the productive partnership we have with parents/carers. We hope you will find the National Curriculum booklet helpful as you support your child's learning at home.

The National Curriculum expectations for each year group are available to view, or download and print on our website at:

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

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

We will be offering Assessment parent information workshops again in the spring term.



### Parent Survey

At Copley we value the partnership between home and school and we actively seek and act upon parent views. In July we surveyed all parents about their views of the school and the full results are shared on the 'Parent View' page of the school website at:

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

As always, there is a quick link on the home page under the 'Latest Additions' section.

All comments are discussed with all staff and governors, as we strive to develop our provision further. Thank you also for the many positive comments received - these are greatly appreciated.

### Diary Dates

**Bikeability** - A letter was sent home last week regarding Bikeability lessons for Years 5 and 6 as we aim to provide cycle training every year. Please note the strict deadline date - forms must be returned by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Young Shakespeare Company** - On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we have arranged for the Young Shakespeare Company to come into school and work with the children in Years 5 and 6. We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child towards the cost of this project. Copley School Association has also very kindly offered to contribute towards the cost. The performance and workshop always provide children with an engaging and inspiring first taste of Shakespeare, pitched perfectly for the age of the children. Please return the reply slip as soon as you can.

### Parents' Evenings

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year are scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please return your reply slip to request your appointment and then your

child's class teacher will send a confirmation slip home.

### School Council

We offer many pupil leadership opportunities at Copley. A letter has been sent home about standing for the School Council. We will then be offering opportunity to stand for the Eco Council and Sports Council. Our children always have so many great ideas and the Councils make a significant contribution to continued school development. The School Council manages their own website page at:

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

### Cross Country

Following a trial this week, Miss Hull has selected our first cross country team of the year. We are competing at Sunnyfields Primary on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. **The lead at Sunnyfields contacted us on Friday to make some changes to the timings.** We sent another letter home on Friday.

As always, copies of all letters sent home are available on the 'Letters' page of the website, for you to refer to and print off another copy if needed.

### Harvest Festival

Parents/carers and relatives are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. We will be limited for seating, but there is plenty of standing room too.

Our theme this year is 'Colours of Harvest'.

The children in **Einstein (Blue)** and **Hodgkin (Green)** Houses are celebrating Harvest at **2.15pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

The children in **Hawking (Red)** and **Darwin (Yellow)** Houses are celebrating Harvest at **2.15pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

As siblings are in the same House, this means parents/carers and relatives are able to attend one Harvest Festival as a family group.

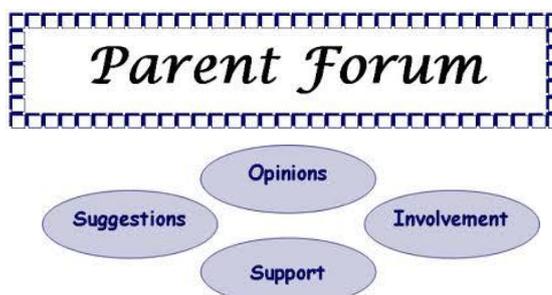
**All children are asked to bring in some fruit/vegetables, tinned or packaged food for our Harvest display.** You are also welcome to send in toiletries e.g. soap, deodorant, toothpaste etc.

After our Harvest Festivals, and St Mary's Harvest Festival Service, our chosen charity, Doncaster Food Bank, will then collect the items.



### Thank You from the Children's Society

I have been asked to pass on thanks to everyone for your support of the village Scarecrow Weekend. As well as many highly creative entries, an amazing £1000 was raised for the Children's Society.



### Parent Forum 2017-2018

We are keen to continue to offer parents/carers the opportunity to become involved in the shaping of continuous school development at Copley Junior School by joining our Parent Forum.

Our Parent Forum involves parents/carers meeting approximately once each half term at school to give their opinions, suggestions and support as we review and develop aspects of school life and approaches to teaching and learning. We feel that by discussing the proposals for the school with

parents/carers, and listening to your views, we will be able to ensure the best provision for the children.

Our Parent Forum makes a highly valued contribution to school improvement. Key areas for consultation have included our new Walking to/from School Arrangements and developing a Parent Forum 'At a Glance' guide to the Walking to/from School Arrangements; review of our Positive Behaviour Policy and a Parent Forum 'At a Glance' guide to our Positive Behaviour Policy; developing our annual report format; developing approaches to promote engagement in reading etc.

Meetings are informal and a genuine opportunity for open discussion. A Parent Forum invitation letter will be sent home next week, so please return the reply slip if you are interested in joining us.

#### **Sainsburys Vouchers - Thank You!**

Many thanks for sending in your supermarket vouchers. We are keen to support active play at break times and twice a year we replenish our stock of skipping ropes, soft balls, bats, ball scoopers etc. so the children have plenty of equipment to play with. As you can see from the photos below, the playtime equipment supports both active and creative play!



Skipping rope art sculpture!

P.S. Year 5 are planning a Design Technology project as part of their study of the Ancient Egyptians. They would greatly welcome any empty Pringle crisp tubes (other brands are available!), as these are exactly the size they need. Please send any in via your child if you can help.

From the end of September, we will no longer be able to accept the 'old' £1 coins. Thank you for your support with this!

**Lost Keys** were found opposite Sprotbrough Country Club. Please call into the school office.

Best wishes,  
*E.A. Crayton*