



Copley Junior School Newsletter

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Cross Country Success - Doncaster Finals

Well done to our cross country team, as they competed this week at the Doncaster Cross Country Finals. There are over 100 primary schools across Doncaster and, as champions of two pyramids, our pupils competed against over 400 pupils in 23 teams at the Doncaster Finals.

The results were as follows:

Year 3 / 4 girls - 3rd place

Year 3 / 4 boys - 3rd place

Year 5 / 6 girls - 7th place

Year 5 / 6 boys - 7th place



Before the race...



and relaxing afterwards!



The Year 3 / 4 girls' and boys' teams will now compete at the county finals in February.

We are very proud of our sporting success at Copley as we are now competing at county level in three areas - cross country, gym and cricket.

Club News

Our Gym and Cooking clubs both start on Tuesday 10th October after school. Children in Cooking club need to remember their apron and a plastic tub to take their cooking product home at the end of the club session. Football club is running as usual on Monday 9th October.

Harvest Festival

Parents/carers and relatives are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church.

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

The children in **Hawking (Red)** and **Darwin (Yellow)** Houses are celebrating Harvest at 2.15pm on Tuesday 10th 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 on their Harvest Festival day 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.



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evening appointments. We greatly value your support and are delighted that we met with nearly every parent/carer. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you require an alternative appointment.

School Development Updates



We have weekly spelling sessions in school and children have weekly spellings to learn. We greatly value the home-school partnership as you help to support your child to learn their spellings at home.

We have many useful documents on the school website to support spelling:

- **Spelling Scheme of Work** - this shares the programme of study for each year group
- **Guidance for Parents/Carers: Supporting your child at home with spelling** - this has lots of handy hints for how you can support the learning of spellings at home in a fun way
- **Spelling Mats** - these show the Y3/4 and Y5/6 statutory National Curriculum spelling lists. All children have their own laminated copy of the appropriate list to support their writing in class.

The documents above, together with details of our annual Spelling Bee competition, can be found at:

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

CSA Annual General Meeting - Our next CSA meeting is important and we would greatly value as many parents/carers attending as possible as we elect roles for the year and plan fun events for the children. Our AGM is scheduled for 6.45pm on Wednesday 25th October.

Match funding - We are saving up for more new laptops in school. Do you know a company that can match fund our Christmas

Fair? Many companies and organisations are interested in charitable giving through match funding - do you work for one that can help us? The CSA is asking if you can find out if the company you work for has a match funding scheme and, if it does, if it would be prepared to support our Christmas Fair. The CSA can work with the company to provide the information it needs to facilitate match funding.

A letter from the CSA provides more details and is available on our website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/csa>

Young Shakespeare Company - On Monday 2nd children in Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a performance and workshop session of 'Romeo and Juliet' led by the Young Shakespeare Company. This provided children with a very engaging experience of Shakespeare. Thank you to the CSA who contributed to the costs.



Our School Council 2017-2018

The election for the School Council this year has been completed. Well done to the following children:

**Chair of the School Council - Abbie W,
Year 6**

Year 3

Pearl - Jacob T and Jessica S
Opal - Izzy A and Isobel L

Year 4

Emerald - Eric B and Eden M
Aquamarine - Annabelle R and Isaac H

Year 5

Diamond - Omar K and Amelia R
Topaz - Afreen N and Asim S

Year 6

Amethyst - Grace M and Billy J
Jet - Jamie W and Isabella K

School Council minutes and projects will be shared via their display board outside the hall and also on their website page at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/school-council>

Year 4 Visit to the Methodist Church

We have a valued link with the 'Godly Play' team at Sprotbrough Methodist Church. Their visits to school and our visits to the Methodist Church greatly enhance our delivery of the Year 4 R.E. curriculum. On **Thursday 12th October** all Year 4 will be visiting the Methodist Church from 1.15pm, returning to school for 3.10pm. This visit is covered by the general 'Local Visits' consent form signed by all parents/carers in school. Please ensure your child has a coat in school on Thursday 12th October.

Our Eco Council 2017-2018

This week elections for the Eco Council took place so well done to the following children:

Year 3

Holly G and Finley J
Henry C and Eve M

Year 4

Eve C and Darcy C
Callum McK and Evie L

Year 5

Domas L and Jessica F
Jamie T and Amelia F

Year 6

Husayna A and Torin A
Shanna W and Dylan R

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All applications for our Sports Council need to be returned by Wednesday 11th October.

Parent Forum

Thank you for the expressions of interest already returned. We have received interest for every year group, but would still appreciate expressions of interest from parents/carers of the following classes:

Opal, Aquamarine and Amethyst. Please contact the school office or return the form (available on the 'Letters' page of the website) by Tuesday 10th October at the latest.

'10 Day Active Travel to School' Campaign

Last week we sent a letter home about the '10 Day Active Travel Campaign'. Children in school have been surveyed about how they usually travel to school each morning. For ten days starting on **Monday 9th October** we will record how children have travelled to school. If you live a distance from school please remember that park and stride (if you are walking for at least 5 minutes) also counts. Children will collect stickers if they travel actively to school each day and there are small prizes to be won if active travel is achieved for the full 10 day period.

As always, copies of all letters sent home are available on the 'Letters' page of the website.

Parking

Please support us by parking with great care around the school site and also if you use the parking area opposite the Country Club. A concerned parent contacted me this week to share that there have been two near misses, as cars have pulled out when children were walking along the pavement. Please observe the two dropped kerbs to access and exit the Country Club parking area safely. Please drive with extreme caution to help keep all our children safe.

Move it for Money this Guide Dog Week

Thank you for supporting the bun and cookie sale organised and led by Isabella K, Emilia K, Jenny, Rachel H and Lexie. They had a great response and sold out on Wednesday. They want to keep the total they have raised for the Guide Dogs Appeal secret until after the next (and final) sale on Wednesday 11th October. If your child would like to make a purchase, please send £1 in a named envelope on the day of the sale.

Another very busy and enjoyable week at Copley!

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