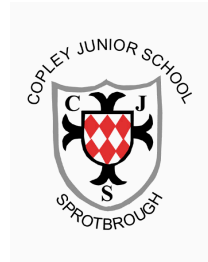




Copley Junior School Newsletter

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Bronze School Games Award

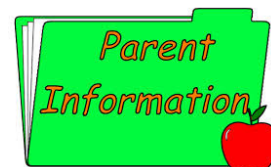
We are proud to share that we have been awarded the **Bronze School Games Mark**. School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme that aims to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

The accreditation assesses how many pupils engage in sporting activity, the number of competitions we have been involved with, how many pupils are involved in sports leadership (e.g. Sports Council, Playground leaders) and links with local clubs. The School Games Mark only takes account of games activities so the number of children participating in active clubs such as archery, street dance, gymnastics etc. cannot be counted for this award.

At Copley we strive for excellence in all areas so we are now aiming for the Silver School Games Mark. This year we have joined a new local sports network and this is providing more opportunities to get involved in competitions and our new football club has proved very popular. Many thanks to Miss Hull, Miss Keep and Miss Newton, who support our children at sporting competitions.



School Updates



School Awards - You can find out more about the school, local and national awards that Copley has by visiting our website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-school/school-awards>

Sports Competitions - You can find more about our school, local and county sporting success by visiting our 'Sports Competitions' website page. There is a quick link on the home page.

Express Events

At the end of each creative learning project studied, we give children opportunity to share (or to 'express' their learning). We call these our 'express' events. During the school year, children share their learning in a variety of ways including with the year group, with other year groups and on three occasions during the year we invite parents/carers and relatives to join us so children can share their learning with you. These are always lovely occasions to celebrate the children's fantastic work. We hope you will be able to join us for the following express events at 2.45pm:

Friday 26th October - Year 3 express

Thursday 27th October - Year 5 express

(a letter was sent home this week about arrangements and some simple costume requests - the letter is available on our 'Letters' page of the website).

Wednesday 15th November - Year 4 express

Thursday 30th November - Year 6 express

Diary Dates

Our football team is playing at the Doncaster Schools Football Championships on Thursday 26th October at Balby Carr Academy. The children have brought home a letter with the arrangements. We would be very grateful if parents/relatives could help with lifts to the venue.

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

We close for half term on **Friday 27th October** and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Monday 6th November**.

CSA News

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**. Everyone is welcome!

CSA Christmas Cards - This is a lovely CSA initiative - children can design a Christmas card that is then professionally printed in time for you to send to friends and family. Siblings who are not pupils at Copley are most welcome to join in too.

Coppers for Copley- All classes have a 'Coppers for Copley' jar. Children are asked to collect coppers until Easter. The CSA kindly double whatever is collected and then each class decides how to spend their savings.

Purple Vouchers- Thank you for your support; this venture raised £84 for our fundraising efforts.

Children's University- If you haven't yet purchased a Children's University passport (£2) there is still plenty of time to make it worthwhile. All school clubs and many clubs and activities outside of school participate in the Children's University scheme and it is a great way to reward children for their engagement in out of school activities. All parents/carers have a Children's University payment item on their ParentPay account in case you still wish to purchase a passport.

Individual and Family Photographs

On **Tuesday 24th October 2017** our school photographer will be in school to take the children's photographs. Each child will have a single photo taken of themselves. We are having the informal portrait taken again this year as parent feedback has been very positive. Class photos will be taken later in the school year. Your child might want to bring a brush/comb on the day for pre-photo preparation!

If you wish to have a family photograph taken with siblings who attend different schools could you please be in school for **8.00am** onwards. There is a slip for you to return to school if you wish to have a photo of siblings taken together.

Secondary School Admission September 2018

All parents/carers of children in current Year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place by the national closing date of **Monday 31st October**. You can apply online at www.doncaster.gov.uk/admissions and click on the 'Secondary Admissions' link.

All applications must be submitted by 31st October to ensure you have the best

chance of being offered your preferred school.

Parent Forum



Thank you to Parent Forum members who attended our first meeting of the year. As always, it was a very supportive and constructive meeting, with many suggestions and ideas to inform our plans for the year. I always have a list of things to consider and look into after each meeting! All agendas and minutes are shared via the Parent Forum page of the website at: <http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/our-community/parent-forum>

'10 Day Active Travel' Campaign

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Active Travel' campaign. If any children started the initiative a little later they can still continue next week to complete their 10 days of active travel. At the end of the week the Eco Council will consider the results and the impact of the campaign. They will total the number of children who achieved the target of 10 days active travel and we will send this to Sheffield LA, who are organising the distribution of a small prize to each child who has completed the challenge.

Wet Playtime Games

We have had a few rainy days this week. We have a small stock of wet playtime games, board games etc. to keep children busy if it is too wet to be outside. If any families have any board games that they no longer play with we would be very grateful for these to add to our stock.

Children's University Half Term Activities

Please find below details of Autumn half term activities available at High Melton.

October Activities

Tuesday 31st October
Cooking in the Forest
10am - 3pm
£15 per child
6 Year's & Over
(No packed lunch required)

Wednesday 1st November
Forest Family Fun Day
10am - 12.30pm
£7 per child

To book a place please call
01302 553522

Email: childrens.university@don.ac.uk

Doncaster Forest School
Woodland Learning Zone
Doncaster University Centre

Doncaster children's UNIVERSITY

Parking around School

Please support us in ensuring children's safety at the start and end of the school day. If you use the parking space opposite the Country Club, please let children walking along the pavement have the right of way. We recommend that parents/relatives do not start to drive over the pavement whilst children are walking past. Just a couple of minutes wait is all that it takes to help keep our children safe. Thank you for your help in the matter.

Best wishes,

E.A. Crayton
Head teacher