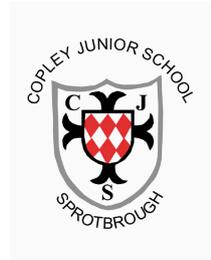




Copley Junior School Newsletter



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Year 6 Parent Express

Thank you to over 70 parents/carers, relatives and governors who joined us on Thursday for the opening of the Copley Museum. Our highly organised Year 6 tour guides led adults around the different exhibits to showcase Year 6's project work about life in World War 2. This was an entirely pupil-led event, with the children deciding how to organise and present their learning. I am sure you will agree they did a fantastic job and it is lovely to see how confident our children are to share their learning.



A gallery of photos from the express event is available on the Year 6 class page of the website at:

<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6>

Thank you also for completing the parent comment sheets. The children always enjoy reading these. A selection of the comments is posted on the 'Parent View' page of the website at:

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

Parent/Carer Curriculum Workshops

Thank you to over 60 parents and governors who joined us for **Reading and Writing** workshop presentations this week. As well as sharing information about how we teach reading and writing at Copley, children in each year group shared teaching approaches in their year group. We hope you found the workshops helpful and very well done to the children involved, who presented with great enthusiasm and confidence.



CSA News

Christmas Fair - Our Christmas Fair is at 3.35pm on **Thursday 7th December**. As always, we

appreciate your support with donations for a range of stalls - children's tombola, raffle prizes, children's chocolate tombola, filled jars of goodies etc. Thank you very much for the donations already sent in on our non-uniform day on Friday. Cakes on the days are very much welcomed and if any parent/carers can support with helping with a stall on the day for an hour or two please let



us know by contacting the school office or Mrs Hauser, CSA Secretary.

Santa's Grotto

Thank you to everyone who bought a grotto ticket to see Santa at the Christmas Fair. This year you will have noted that the ticket your child has come home with is coloured, which represents the colour of the school house your child is in. At the Fair we are hoping to ease any queuing by calling one house at a time to visit Santa. Don't worry if you miss your child's house being called the first time round, it will be called again. It will be Santa's helpers calling out house colours so please listen out for them. They will also have a list of children's names (and siblings) who have bought a ticket so if your child's ticket is misplaced then please don't worry, your child will still get to see Santa.

Christmas Fair

Arrangements

On Thursday 7th December, children will leave school at the end of the day as usual. We hope you will meet your child and then come into the Fair together through the main school entrance. **This arrangement will ensure that we can check that all children entering the Fair are accompanied by an adult that they will then leave school with, in the interests of pupil safety.** Thank you, in anticipation, for your support in this matter.



Eco Council Photography Competition

Thank you to all children who entered our Eco Council photography competition. We have some highly creative entries so the judging process will be tricky. The results will be announced in due course!

We would love to share some of the winning photographs on the Eco Council page of the website. We have received some entries

electronically and would like to ask parents to send in your child's entry by email if at all possible. Please email your child's photography competition entry to: admin@copley.doncaster.sch.uk

Short Story Writing Competition

Miss Wright has launched a national short story writing competition, 'The Change I Want to See'. All children have been invited to enter and have taken home the letter and writing sheet. A copy is also available on the 'Letters' page of the website. Children's entries must be no longer than **200 words** and must be returned to school by **Thursday 7th December**.

Diary Dates

We have a very busy three weeks ahead of us:

Monday 4th December - Opal class visit to St Mary's Church for the 'Christmas Experience' workshop 1-3pm

Wednesday 6th December - Pearl class visit to St Mary's Church for the 'Christmas Experience' workshop 1-3pm

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Fair from 3.35pm

Friday 8th December - Parent Forum meeting 2.15-3.15pm

Tuesday 12th December - Year 5 and 6 Concerts, starting at 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - Aquamarine class visit to the Methodist Church 1-3pm

Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 and 6 Concerts, starting at 1.30pm

(Year 5 children have taken home a letter about the simple costume requirements for their concert. As always, a copy is available on the 'Letters' page of the website.)

Wednesday 13th December - Emerald class visit to the Methodist Church 1-3pm

Thursday 14th December - Final Bikeability session for Group 3

Thursday 14th December - Christmas disco from 3.30-5.00 pm (details below)

Friday 15th December - Year 3 express event at 2.45pm. We hope parents/carers and relatives will be able to join us for this.

Monday 18th December - Year 3 and 4 Party (further details to follow)

Tuesday 19th December - Year 5 and 6 Party (further details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas lunch day and Christmas Jumper Day. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/casual clothes and to bring a donation for the 'Save the Children' charity

Thursday 21st December - Christmas carols and readings at St Mary's Church 2.15pm-3.15pm

Thursday 21st December - School closes

Friday 22nd December - Staff training day: all staff will be updating their first aid training

It always amazes me how much is packed into every week at Copley!

Christmas Disco

Our School Disco is **from 3.30-5pm on Thursday 14th December**. Tickets cost £2 and this covers the entrance fee, a drink and a bag of crisps. Sweets and raffle tickets will be on sale. Any contributions of items for the children's disco raffle will be very gratefully received.

Please note the starting time of the disco is new this year. We hope you will find this helpful as the children attending will go straight to the disco at the end of the day and will only need collecting by an adult at 5pm. This will save parents several journeys to and back from school.

We know that children enjoy wearing their own clothes for the disco so we have planned for this. Please look out for the disco letter, which will be sent out next week.

Salvation Army Appeal - Thank You!

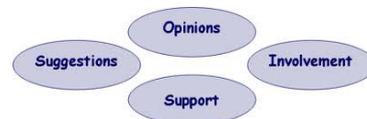
Thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting the Salvation Army Appeal, an initiative driven by one of our Year 6 pupils, Lexie M. A large number of gifts were sent into school and Lexie's mother has collected these and has taken them all to the Salvation Army, where they will be distributed to make a real difference to local families this Christmas. Lexie plans to update you and thank you personally for your support in next week's newsletter.

British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thank you for supporting this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £94.98.

Parent Forum



Our next **Parent Forum** meeting will be on **Friday 8th December** from 2.15pm-3.15pm. Agenda items will include review of the reading and writing parent curriculum workshops; planning the content of presentations for the spring term and raising the profile of physical activity and healthy lifestyles as we plan a focus active week in March 2018. Active travel to school and parking around school have been added as agenda items. If you have any suggestions, please speak to a Parent Forum member or, alternatively, you are welcome to email the school office.



Children's University Passport Count

Thank you to children who brought their passport to school on Monday for their extra- curricular hours to be counted. We presented a huge pile of certificates at our Friday achievement assembly. Every child who achieves at least 30 hours this school year will be invited to the Graduation Ceremony in July, along with other schools. This is always a special event and a great way to celebrate the learning that children do out of school. It is not too late to join - all you need to do is select the 'Children's University' tab on ParentPay and make a payment of £2.

Well done to everyone who received a certificate on Friday and a special mention to the following children who have completed over 200 hours of extra-curricular learning: **Alfie K (200 hours), Annabelle R (200 hours), Gracie D (230 hours), Neve R (265 hours), Matilda R (700 hours), Ella S (830 hours).**

Our Children's University certificates on Friday totalled an amazing 3535 hours of extra-curricular learning!

Magic Club Invitation to Parents/Carers

The last club session for the group is **Wednesday 6th December.**

Parents/carers are invited to join the club from 4.20pm onwards so the children can amaze you with their magic skills! Children are welcome to bring clothes to change into for their club presentation (home



clothes/cape and wand etc).

Streetdance Club -The club finale for the autumn term was a performance for parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended and well done to the children for their great performance.

Football Club - The final session of the term is on Monday 4th December.

Aromatherapy Club - The final session of the term is on Wednesday 6th December.

Archery Club, Art Club, Sand Art Club - The final sessions for these clubs is on Friday 8th December.

Letters will be sent out early in January about the next range of clubs available.

Bikeability Lessons

Well done to all children in Years 5 and 6, who have taken part in Bikeability lessons over the last three weeks. Our final lesson on Friday was postponed owing to the icy weather and will now take place on **Thursday 14th December.**

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now open and children are welcome to post their cards every morning, for the Year 6 post-elves to sort and deliver to classrooms. Please ensure the recipient's full name is on the envelope, and the name of the class they are in.



Coats in School - Please could you remind children to bring their coat to school next week! The weather is turning colder and we have outside breaks as much as we can to allow the children to have active play through the week.

Best wishes,
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher