

Copthorne C. of E. Junior Newsletter

Friday 4th April
2025

"Creating Confident, Curious Learners with God's love"

Message from the Headteacher

As we break up for the Easter holidays, I wish everyone a restful break and hope that you spend quality family time together. As always, it has been a busy Spring Term and the children have been involved in many different learning experiences.

This week, we had our school disco. The children's behaviour was impeccable and everyone had a super time, dancing and enjoying time with their friends. Thank you to the staff and fundraising group for making this event so successful.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the start of our summer term, and look forward to the sun shining and the warmer weather! Happy Easter!

Mrs Denison



Dates for your diary



- 22nd April, 2025—INSET day
- 23rd April, 2025—Start of the Summer term
- 29th April, 2025—Year 3 trip to the British Wildlife Centre
- 2nd May, 2025—Road safety shows
- 5th May, 2025—Bank Holiday Monday - no school
- 6th-9th May, 2025—Online safety week
- 12th-15th May, 2025 – Year 6 SATs week
- 20th May, 2025—Year 6 Chessington trip
- 26th-30th May, 2025 - Half term
- 2nd June, 2025— Year 4 Mayan Day and drumming and Y6 drumming experience
- 5th June—Ascension service (children only)
- 13th June—Year 6 Magistrates experience
- 16th-20th June, 2025—RE week
- Week beginning 23rd June, 2025—Sports days (dates TBC)
- 30th June, 2025 Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 7th July 2025—whole school photograph
- 2nd July, 2025—Transition day
- 9th July, 2025—Year 6 production
- 10th-11th July, 2025—Year 3 Copthorne Prep experience
- 19th July, 2025—Last day of term

Office Updates



After School Clubs also start in the second week after the holiday. If your child is participating in a sports club and isn't dressed in PE kit on that day, please ensure that the appropriate kit is brought in, and a changing area will be arranged for them. If your child is not attending a club for any reason, please ensure that you inform the provider. If the club is being led by the school, then contact the School Office and a message will be passed on to the leader.

Lost Property - We are finding an increased amount of un-named lost property in school. Please can you ensure your child's clothing and any items they bring to school are named so that they can be returned to the right person.

Contact details/medical information update - If any details have changed, please inform the office so that we can update the information.



Our school prayer

Dear God

Bless our school so that
by working together, playing together and
learning together, we may learn to serve you
and each other.

Amen



Week beginning 31st March

Star Learner

Beech— Finn
Rowan— Bibo
Chestnut— Aidan
Willow— Alfie-Jay
Elm— Arthur
Sycamore— Theo
Maple— Jessica
Oak— Lenny

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Lily
Rowan— Jacques
Chestnut— Mylee
Willow— Oliver
Elm— Bronson
Sycamore— Max
Maple— Ricky
Oak— Lilly-Jane

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Jackson
Rowan—George
Chestnut— Chloe
Willow— Patrick
Elm— Ava
Sycamore— Ronnie
Maple— Leo
Oak— Katey

100 club

Congratulations to our March winners:

1st B Chatfield 2nd J Dawson
3rd C Ansell



Week beginning 31st March

Citizen Award—Demonstrating all 5 school values at all times!

Beech— Theo
Rowan— Abigail
Chestnut— Joey
Willow— Gurudas
Elm— Harry
Sycamore— Ethan
Maple— Amber
Oak— Lewis

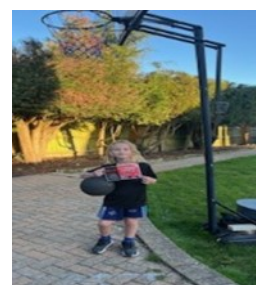
Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Confidence'. Each week a child in each class will be recognised for demonstrating this value during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to hang a Gold Star, the symbol for Confidence, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.



Achievements from outside school...



Alex and James (Willow) worked together to win the Cubs 'Egg Fling'. Fantastic team work!



Daisy (Rowan) helped the U11 Storm girls win The Spring Term BTM City League in Brighton. What an achievement!



Louisa (Elm) graduated to Black belt in Karate. The grading included a 10K run, showing 13 Katas, sparring and fitness drills. This is an amazing achievement—well done!

Please email your child's achievements to Mrs Denison at head@copthornejunior.co.uk or via the School Office. I look forward to celebrating more outside achievements in future newsletters.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.5%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Please look carefully at the term dates and INSET days for next academic year **BEFORE** booking a holiday. They can be found on the website—parents/term dates

A reminder of the new attendance fine rules:

Each parent will only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court. If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years, you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

What's been going on in Year 5....

Year 5 finished their Greek topic with a Greek Day. They had an Olympics, made Greek Salad and brought their term's learning to life! They all looked amazing in their costumes and the atmosphere was pure excitement. Also during this week, they finished their Greek clay pots—which look amazing!



Sports News...



Year 6 Get Active!

A group of Year 6 spent the afternoon trying all new activities and sports including basketball, martial arts, and disco. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Easter Hanging Decoration

Thank you to all those who made a hanging decoration for our Easter tree. All of the entries deserved a prize as they showed creativity and originality.



Easter at St John's Church

The school celebrated Easter by attending an Easter Service at the church led by Father Wim. Pupils from across the school contributed by reading parts of the Easter story and bible quotes.



Thank you to all the parents who attended too. The 'Open The Bible' team also joined us, acting the events on Easter Day. Every class created an Easter Garden, and these are on display in the church during the Easter period.



Message from the church:

"Join us for our Messy Good Friday Service at 11am on 18th April, with crafts and activities for all the family. Hot cross buns and refreshments at 10.30am."

Final update from Mr Wood...

As Mr Wood is preparing to fly back from Australia this month, this is his final update from Down Under. The school is really looking forward to welcoming him back in September, but he will be spending some days with us in the Summer term.

In the cricket, Mr Wood and his team won a string of games to end the season qualifying for the play offs. They beat the best team in the competition in the quarter finals, and won the semi finals. In the finals they ran out of time to win due to rain! These photographs show Mr Wood bowling and celebrating taking a wicket in the semi finals.

