

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Monday 3rd
February, 2025

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

Can you believe we are in February already! This half term just seems to be flying past. The school continues to be busy, with lots of learning taking place. I have had queues of children, from across the year groups, desperate to show me their amazing work, and it just confirms what an exciting and progressive curriculum we have created.

At the end of last week, I spent two days with other West Sussex Headteachers at our annual conference. The theme was Leading, Learning and Living. We had some inspiring speakers, including Lauren Steadman MBE, the Paralympic gold medallist, who shared with us how she overcame her disability to excel in life and sport. There were also messages from across the two days about the importance of belonging and creating a culture for all to thrive.

Myself and Miss Singleton, from Fairways, have been working alongside the Copthorne Road Safety Group to try and continue our joint work on road safety. This group needs fresh people to take on the cause, and have asked me to seek out new volunteers. If you are interested in becoming part of this, then get in touch. At present, we have some ideas formulating to help to educate your child about the importance of road safety, as well as ways to support the on-going issues amongst the local community with inconsiderate parking, not using the one-way system and unsafe driving.

Have a fantastic week, lets hope it starts to warm up! *Mrs Denison*

Dates for your diary

Spring term 2025

- 4th February 2025—Zoolab visit for Year 6
- 7th February 2025 —Number day
- Week beginning 10th February 2025—RE week
- 11th February 2025—Safer Internet Day
- Week beg 10th February and 24th February 2025—Parent consultations
- 24th February 2025—International day of languages
- 4th March 2024—School class photographs
- 6th March 2025—World Book Day
- 7th March 2025—Girls biggest football event
- 11th March—Year 4 Viking Day
- Week beginning 17th March 2025—Book fair in school
- Week beginning 25th March 2025—Y6 Bikeability
- 2nd April 2025—Year 5 Greek Day
- 3rd April 2025—Easter Service (Parent welcome)
- 4th April 2025—Last day of term

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.2%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Every Day Counts....

When monitoring attendance this week, I wanted to celebrate the following...

28 children (13%) have 100% attendance

70 children (32%) have over 98% attendance

120 children (56%) have over 96% attendance

Well done to these children, and thank you!

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

Office Updates



Changes to pick up arrangements If you are planning any changes to normal pick up arrangements, especially in this new term, please ensure that you email the office. If you have a message regarding pick up on one day, then please can you call before 2.45pm, as the children collect the messages from the office at 3pm.

Clubs Please ensure that you inform the school office if your child is not able to attend a school-led club. If it is led by an outside agency, please remember to contact them too.

Coats Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, as we endeavour to go out for break and lunch playtimes as much as possible. We have many coats in lost property, so clearly name them.

Please park with consideration for our neighbours and local community. If there is no space, then park further from the school and walk. We will always keep your child safe until you can pick them up.

PLEASE PARK WITH
CONSIDERATION FOR
EVERYONE INCLUDING THOSE
WHO WALK, WHEEL OR CYCLE.
#THINKBEFOREYOUNPARK



Thank you to staff, governors and volunteers for escorting the Santa sleigh before Christmas.

This raised **£560** for the school!

Week beginning 20th January 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Jacob
Rowan—Aurora
Chestnut—Fletcher
Willow—Chloe
Elm—Giuliana
Sycamore—Fleur
Maple—Leo
Oak—Toby

School Value Award of the Week—Curiosity

Beech — Eleanor
Rowan— Daisy
Chestnut— Catalin
Willow— Harry
Elm— Kai
Sycamore— Theo
Maple— Henry
Oak— Britani



Week beginning 27th January 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Rhys
Rowan—Joshua
Chestnut—Mia
Willow—Eadi
Elm—Harvey
Sycamore—Alfie
Maple—Arthur
Oak—Lewis

School Value Award of the Week—Curiosity

Beech — Jamiul
Rowan— Jacques
Chestnut— Logan
Willow— Andi
Elm— Hugo
Sycamore— Izzy
Maple— Aasiya
Oak— Bryan

Achievements from outside school...



Laiyla (Maple) was awarded player of the match in a home game against Henfield. She achieved this for her relentless running and scoring 5 goals towards the teams overall score of 9-0. That is amazing, well done!

Hope and Ava (Willow) went to Drusillas Zoo for a Close Encounter with Lemurs. Both are very interested in the conservation and preservation of these endangered animals and found the visit interesting. During their encounter, they got really close to the Lemurs and them sweetcorn. What a special day!



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After weeks and weeks of rehearsals, Stanley (Sycamore) took to the stage to perform in the pantomime (Oh no he didn't, oh yes he did!!!) Well done, I'm so glad you enjoyed treading the boards!

We would like to celebrate your child's achievements and share these on future newsletters. Please email a picture and information to head@copthornejunior.co.uk

Sports News...

Well done to this group of year 5 pupils who participated in Mid Sussex Active basketball festival in Haywards Heath, the children were fantastic and put in maximum effort when learning new skills.



Congratulations to Leo (Elm) for running in the Cross Country finals. You ran brilliantly over a tough course.

Well done to the group of Year 6 boys who competed in the Mid Sussex cricket competition. In what was for some of the boys their first experience of competitive cricket matches, they demonstrated fantastic skills and teamwork, showing exemplary sportsmanship and representing the school incredibly well. Fantastic!



Year 6 Cross Curriculum Cup Success....

Our Year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in the Cross Curriculum Cup, hosted by the Brighton and Hove Albion Foundation and American Express and the AMEX stadium. Throughout the day, the children engaged in a variety of football-themed challenges that incorporated their literacy, numeracy and foundation skills. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to work collaboratively whilst competing against other schools across Sussex. Their exemplary teamwork, communication and problem-solving abilities shone through, culminating in a fantastic 3rd place finish out of 28 participating schools. What an amazing achievement!



An update from Mr Wood....

Mr Wood has continued to update me on his travels.



He spent Christmas Day on the beach in Melbourne and then watched an amazing Boxing Day test match. Having returned to Sydney for the New Year's fireworks, he then started playing again in the 40 degree heat!

The cricket playing is continuing to go well, but unfortunately the weather washed out the second week of a match, which they were going to win!



Mr Wood has really enjoyed exploring the Australian cities, which are all so different. He is now staying in Sydney until he flies home!

Mr Wood hopes that everyone is having a great start to the new year!

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DEMAND...

£30 PP

MAKE YOUR OWN SHARING GRAZE PLATTER!

WEDS 12TH FEB 2025 - 7PM FOR 7.15 START
@ COPTHORNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS



ENTRY PRICE INCLUDES STEP BY STEP TUITION AND TIPS TO
CREATE YOUR OWN SHARING PLATTER TO TAKE HOME, PLUS GAMES
AND MORE ON THE NIGHT

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If you would like to join our fundraising group, then please get in touch either by speaking to Mrs Hunter in the office or by emailing Mrs Denison on head@copthornejunior.co.uk.

