

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th
November, 2024

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

As we draw to the end of November, excitement is building for our Christmas preparations. Thank you so much for all of your donations for our chocolate and sweet tombola and secrets room. If you still have any donations, please bring them in early next week. The silent auction donations are being collated, and then information about this will be sent next week—we have some fabulous gifts!

The trail will be going up on Friday 6th December, and trails can be purchased from the office during the next two weeks and at the Christmas Fair. All entries have to be in by the end of the day on Friday 13th December.

Today, I have sent out a letter from the police regarding traffic and anti-social driving/parking. I also have met with a representative of the Copthorne Road Safety Group, and have talked through some possible solutions. Mrs Garrard raised the issue with the school council, and this is becoming a project for them too.

I spoke with Fairways today, and the final bits are being put in place for the wraparound that will be starting there after Christmas. As soon as we receive the booking information, it will be sent out.

I know that many of you will be at the Christmas Market and tree lighting this weekend, so I hope you all have a wonderful, festive time.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

Creativity worship by our Worship Leaders

This week, Worship Leaders led worship on our school value of Creativity. They then followed this up with an class reflection session which challenged the class to think 'creatively' and 'out of the box' about the use of a range of random objects such as bricks, spoons, magnifying glass and paperclips. They also considered how creativity is used in the classroom to support learning. Ask your child about this over the dinner table!



Dates for your diary

- 3rd December 2024—Year 4 and Year 6 First Aid
- 6th December 2024—Decorations Day, Reindeer Run and Christmas Market
- 10th December 2024—Centre Piece workshop
- 16th December 2024—Christmas Dinner.
- 19th December 2024—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 20th December 2024—Last day of term

Attendance Matters



Attendance update...

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

Our attendance is starting to rise, which is wonderful to see. It is important, that if you keep your child at home when they feel a little poorly, if they start to improve, please bring them in. It is better for them to be in school for part of the day, than stay at home when it is not needed.

Week beginning 18th November 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Ayden
Rowan— George
Chestnut— Joey
Willow—Alex
Elm— Kai
Sycamore— Ethan
Maple— Scarlett
Oak— Ollie

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech — Oliver
Rowan— Jenson
Chestnut— Layefa
Willow— Sophia
Elm— Elayna
Sycamore— Charlie
Maple— Ava
Oak— Ludana

Week beginning 25th November 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Quinn
Rowan— Mashal
Chestnut— Emelia
Willow—Jack
Elm— Ella
Sycamore— Ellie
Maple— Jeddy
Oak— Isla

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

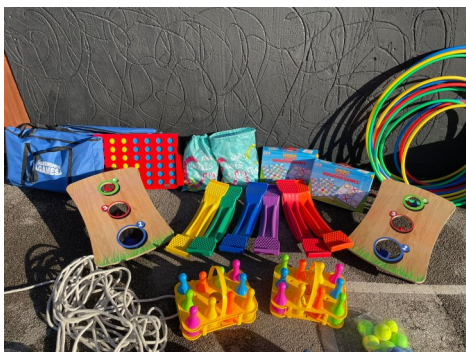
Beech — Jenson
Rowan— Piper
Chestnut— Adam
Willow— Alexa
Elm— Mila
Sycamore— Megan
Maple— Leo
Oak— Aina

Playtime improvements

Following our smarties challenge in the summer term, the Sports Captains met and alongside myself and Mrs Ivory put together a substantial order of new equipment and games to improve playtimes.

In addition, all of the schools LSAs received training from Mid Sussex Active on playground games and active play.

Over the next few weeks, all of the equipment and play cards are being organised ready for the big reveal in January. The Sports Captains and Sports Crew will be introducing this to the school and also support the adults during the playtimes.



Office Updates



Tissues, lip salve and throat sweets

As we are heading into the cold season, please provide your child with tissues if needed. Unfortunately we cannot allow children to have throat sweets or lip salve, as some of the ingredients contained are an allergen, and the throat sweets are choking hazards.

Chartwell Meals and Christmas Lunch

Please remember to order your meals at least 2 weeks in advance. As much as we possibly can, the school is giving at least 2 weeks notice of any trip or sporting event so that it gives you the opportunity to cancel any ordered meals. Don't forget to log on to Chartwells and order your Christmas lunch.

Asda Cashpot

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda app, supporting the 'Cashpot for schools' collection. We have raised £127.81 for the school.

Monster Kickabout Event

All children participated in a Monster Kickabout football event run by Mr Broad. The children completed activities to work on their shooting, dribbling and passing skills. Everyone demonstrated our school values throughout the day. Well done to all. Thank you also must go to Mr Broad who planned and ran this event with enthusiasm and expertise!



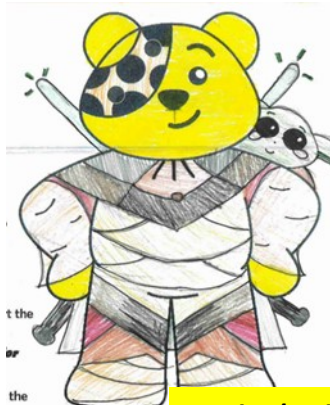
Children in Need—What's your gladiator superpower competition

The school council met this week to select the winners of the makeover competition run during our Children in Need day. The superhero created was supporting the theme of 'Making life lighter for children'.

I am pleased to announce the winners from each class.



Kai (Elm)



Amelie (Oak)



Aurora (Rowan)



Alfie (Willow)



Willow (Chestnut)



Aasiya (Maple)



Ella (Sycamore)



Lucy (Beech)

The website will be updated with these winning designs and the description of how they will help others.

Christmas Activities...

Friday 6th December—Decorations Day



During this day, all children will be creating decorations to make our school look festive. They also will be taking part in the Reindeer run .

Children are invited to wear their own clothes with a Christmas/ Winter jumper. As they will be taking part in the sponsored run, please ensure they wear appropriate clothing and trainers.

Please sponsor your child using either the sponsorship form

(emailed out, on the website or copies in the office) or via the Justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cophorne-junior-school-1732101302910?newPage=true>



Other days for Christmas/Winter jumpers...

Monday 16th December - Christmas Dinner day. Christmas/Winter jumpers with school uniform or PE kit.

Friday 20th December—as its our last day, everyone can wear their own clothes and Christmas/Winter jumpers for one last time!



Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church

On **Thursday 19th December**, we have our Christmas Carol service. So that we can fit everyone in the church we will be having 2 services, one for Year 3/4 and the other for Year 5/6 during the afternoon. The Year 3/4 service will start at 1.30pm and the Year 5/6 at 2.15pm. We look forward to you joining us!



If you have any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers or any curriculum dressing up outfits (for example Victorian, Greek, World War 2), please send them in so that they can be in our pre-loved sale at the Christmas Market.



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.

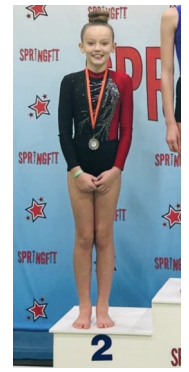
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Achievements from outside school...



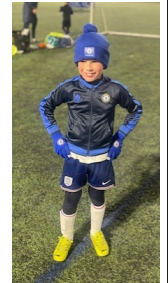
Harley (Rowan) competed in her first gymnastics competition since joining her new squad group. She did a 4 piece routine—beam, bars, floor and vault, and won a gold medal! Wow, what a wonderful achievement.

Miley (Maple) competed in the Grade 4 Springfit Gymnastics Winter Competition. She was the youngest in her age category and came 2nd. Well done, everyone is so proud of you!



Freya (Chestnut) took part in a gymnastics competition and won 2nd place, receiving a silver medal. Well done, this is amazing!

James (Chestnut) was chosen as a player of interest to take part in the trials for the Chelsea development programme by his coaches. He was selected for the development programme and so far has undertaken his first couple of training sessions and is loving it! That is fantastic news—well done!



Daisy (Rowan) played basketball for Storm U11 and stepped up to U12. She scored 20 points and loads of assists, helping her team win 3 matches. She was then approached by Basketball Sussex and BB England. This is an incredible achievement especially as Daisy is only 8!

Ruban (Sycamore) and Kai (Elm) participated in a karate competition. They did a Team Kata together and finished second. That is amazing—well done!



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...

Congratulations to Leo (Elm) who has made it through to the finals of the cross country competition. This is a fantastic achievement.

A group of Year 3 and 4 attended the Inclusion festival where they had the opportunity to have a go at Boccia and New Age Curling. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed learning the new sports.

Football League results from 20th November:

Year 6 Boys Team:

Baldwins Hill v Copthorne **0 6** Copthorne v Halsford Park **3 0** West Hoathly v Copthorne **2 2**

Girls Team:

Copthorne v Halsford Park **0 1** Copthorne v Escots **0 2** Copthorne v Crawley Down **0 6**

Well done to all those who played in these league matches.



Football Finals

Congratulations to our Year 6 boys football team who competed in the next round of the Football Finals at St Pauls College. They played brilliantly, winning 3 matches and losing 2. Overall they ended in 2nd place. Mrs Huxley and Mr Broad commented on their excellent teamwork and great play—well done boys!

The school have just received a trophy from England Football to congratulate us on being an 'Equal Access School' for Girls' Football. This is a real achievement!



Fundraising events and activities...

Doves Barn Nursery have kindly again offered to donate 10% of all Christmas Trees sold to the school. All you have to do is take a **paper voucher** with you when you purchase your tree, which go on sale from 25th November. Paper vouchers are at the office. If you would like one sent home with your child, let us know!

DOVES BARN
NURSERY

Festive Centrepiece workshop is taking place on Tuesday 10th December, run by Flowers and Such. A percentage of takings will be donated to the school.



Copthorne Christmas Trail



Take part in our **'12 Days of Christmas Movies'** trail around the village for your chance to win a filled **Santa Gift Bag** from the North Pole.

- ♦ Trail sheet/map available for £2 – w/c 2nd Dec from the school office and Christmas Market.
- ♦ Hunt for posters around the village to decode the 12 Christmas Movies – **starting 6th Dec.**
- ♦ Hand in trail sheet for the prize draw at school during Celebration Worship – **by 12th Dec.**



Copthorne CofE Juniors

Christmas Market

Friday 6th December 2024

3.30-5pm

Browse the many stalls from local businesses

Secret present room

Silent auction

Sweet and chocolate tombola



It's
EASEL
If You Try!

& much more!

