

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th
November, 2024

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

Wow, school continues to be a hive of activity. I have seen so many 'WOW' moments and a constant stream of children showing me their amazing learning.

Thank you to all parent/carers who attending parent consultations. It was so lovely to see such a turn out, and the positivity within the hall. This week we also had our school open morning. So many parents commented on the calm atmosphere, focussed learning talking place, the politeness of children and the lovely feel of the school.

Please can I ask that you don't ask to speak to teachers on drop off unless it is an emergency. Staff are in classrooms greeting the children, and can't leave them unattended. Please use the class email, give a message to the office or talk to myself or Miss Ash on the gate.

Miss Singleton and myself met with the police this week to discuss possible solutions to some of the traffic issues. They are going to do additional patrols at the end of day, ask the speedwatch group to come and monitor speeding issues, and in addition liaise with the council regarding the signage. Remember, if you witness any issue, report it to Operation Crackdown (<https://operationcrackdown.org/>).

Please can I also remind you that at present there is no school crossing patrol on Brookhill Road. West Sussex County Council are hoping to find a temporary replacement.

Have a lovely weekend **Mrs Denison**

Attendance update...

Our attendance at present is **94.3%**. Our attendance has continued to drop. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Every child's attendance is monitored and if there are any concerns that this is raised with the parent/carer. This could either be through sending a letter or having a conversation. By raising these concerns, it enables a conversation to occur and if necessary support with barriers.

Duckling update!

Our ducks are now fully grown and looking fabulous with pure white feathers. They are enjoying their days splashing in water, digging holes and sitting in Mrs Corp's greenhouse. They also love to be sprayed with water and go quackers!



Dates for your diary

- 27th November 2024—Year 6 height and weight
- 29th November 2024—Donations Day & Lazee Graze fund-raising event
- 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



**BRICK CHURCH—THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER
3.30-4.30PM in the Church.**

St John's Church invites everyone to join them straight from school to build your bible story from Lego bricks. Stories and refreshments are free!

Week beginning 4th November 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Jamial
Rowan— Abigail
Chestnut— Elyse
Willow—Jack
Elm— Ava
Sycamore— Oscar
Maple— Ricky-Lee
Oak— Theo

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech — Jackson
Rowan— Aurora
Chestnut— Harriet
Willow— James
Elm— Bobby
Sycamore— James
Maple— Jack
Oak— Edie

Week beginning 11th November 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Sofia
Rowan— Daisy
Chestnut— Harry
Willow—Sienna
Elm— Owen
Sycamore— Archie
Maple— Jessica
Oak— Woody

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech — Daisy
Rowan— Caelen
Chestnut— Freya
Willow— Alfie
Elm— Guiliana
Sycamore— Izzy
Maple— Leo
Oak— Sofia

Remembrance Worship

As a school we remembered all those who have been affected by war in the past and present. Our worship was held in school and led by Father Wim. Gwyn, a member of the Copthorne Silver Band, played the Last Post and Reveille on the bugle whilst we completed the two minute silence.

Thank you to everyone for your donations for our poppy collection.



Gardening news

The children at Gardening club have been busy planting autumn bulbs and tidying the greenhouse. We have also collected seeds and propagated new plants from the garden. There has been lots of excitement about decorating the greenhouse to celebrate autumn in our garden. It is now looking fantastic with garlands of coloured leaves and smells of Rosemary and Lavender.





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 now raised £119.27 for the school. There are 314 days left. If you haven't downloaded the app, please do as this will add to the cashpot.

Lost property

Our lost property box is overflowing. Over the next few weeks we will be putting all lost property outside school at the end of the day. Please look. This is all unnamed—please name all belongings.



Wanted—Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers



If you have a pre-loved Christmas jumper that you can donate, please can you give this to the office. If you need a Christmas jumper in preparation for our Christmas events, then please contact the office and we can see if there is one available for a donation. Thank you!

Christmas Activities...

Friday 29th November—Donations Day for the Christmas Market

The school would appreciate a donation for the Christmas market for either the chocolate/sweet tombola or a present for the 'Surprise Gifts' - candles, toiletries, mugs etc for either mums, dads or other special adults. On this day, children can wear their own clothes as a thank you for their donation—remember Year 4 and 6 still have PE.

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.

Sponsorship forms and information about the just giving page will be sent out next week.

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!



Year 5's visit to Hever Castle

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful day at Hever Castle. The children were fascinated by the history of Anne Boleyn's home and surprised by the beautiful gardens, water fountains and lake.



The tour around the castle made our history topic come alive. We were able to look around Anne Boleyn's bedroom, Henry VIII's dining hall and climb up the stone spiral staircase to see the brightly coloured tapestries and the famous 'Book of Hours'.



As part of the day, the children attended a workshop where they dressed up in Tudor costume and played Tudor games. It was a busy and exciting and a fabulous experience for everyone .



Year 3 Copthorne Village Walk

This Tuesday, the children of Year 3 walked into history, exploring the village as part of their Copthorne Detectives topic.

They compared pictures of the past (some dating back to Victorian times!) with what the village looks like today, standing in the exact spots the pictures were originally taken!



Thank you....

For Children in Need we raised
£295.91.

Thank you to Mrs Garrard and the School
Council for helping to organise this
fundraising day!



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

RE week

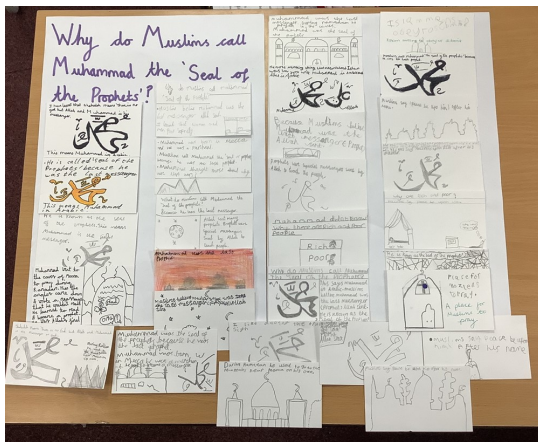
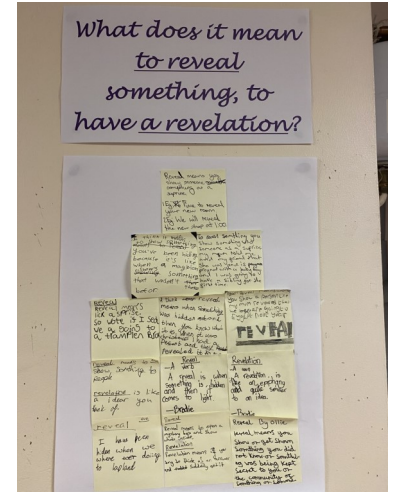
Last week the whole school studied key questions related to Islam.



Year 6- created a community cube which reflected the values of the Muslim faith. They expressed their knowledge about and Tawhid and how it creates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community.



Year 5 have been considering the meaning of revelation.



Year 4 have been reflecting on why Muhammad was known as the seal of the prophets.



Year 3 produced clay figures showing a Muslim's submission and obedience to Allah.



Achievements from outside school...

Willow Belle (Chestnut) represented the Brownies in the Remembrance parade and service by carrying the Brownie flag. She has very proud about being asked to be part of this important day. What an honour Willow Belle!

Imogen (Chestnut) ran a dog, named Eazy, at an agility show at Fisher's Farm. Following many months of practicing with her dog Ludo, she had the chance to be part of a display team. Imogen showed a huge amount of courage, demonstrating her skills in front of an audience. Wow, what an achievement!



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

Fundraising events and activities...

Christmas Trees at Doves Barn Nursery

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!



Personalised Reindeer Christmas Tree Ornaments, produced by Oakiepops are on sale, with £1 of every decoration ordered being donated to the school. All orders have to be in by Friday 22nd November. Order forms are in the office or have been emailed.



Graze Platter workshop is taking place on Friday 29th November, run by Steph from Lazee Graze. Booking forms are available in the office or have been emailed. A percentage of takings will be donated to the school.



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!

