

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th
October, 2024

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

This half term seems to be going very quickly, and over this last two weeks we have seen lots of trips and experiences. Year 6 had their World War 2 Rainbow Theatre immersive experience, where they became evacuees. Year 5 have been on their residential to Lodge Hill. I had the absolute pleasure of joining them. It was so lovely to see all challenge themselves and having an absolutely wonderful time. Thank you to all the adults that went with the children. Year 4 have had a very Victorian week—both visiting Preston Manor and having a Victorian school day at school. Again, I joined Willow class at Preston Manor where I was so impressed with both behaviour and enthusiasm for participating in the roles that they were applying for.

As a school, we value all of the experiences that are offered, which extends beyond the classroom. By bringing our learning to life through a range of activities, it enables connections to be made and key learning to be taught.

As the weather continues to be very changeable, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

Week beginning 30th September 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Rhys
Rowan— Jenson
Chestnut— Zachary
Willow—Grace
Elm— Tupence
Sycamore— Adam
Maple— Farrah
Oak— Frank

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech — Ayan
Rowan— Sary
Chestnut— Daniel
Willow— Gurudas
Elm— Charlie
Sycamore— Ethan
Maple— James
Oak— Charlotte



Week beginning 7th October 2024

Learner of the Week

Beech—Eleanor
Rowan— Lina
Chestnut— Jacob
Willow—Patrick
Elm— Arthur
Sycamore— Addie
Maple— Scarlett
Oak— Britani

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Jessica-Rae
Rowan— Mashal
Chestnut— Harry
Willow—Ava
Elm— Krista
Sycamore— Max
Maple— Amber
Oak— Ayeyi

Office Updates



IQ Christmas Cards All IQ requests have now been collected, and orders will be returned early November for distribution.

Parent consultations Thank you for completing your parent consultation request forms. Your time/date will be sent out next week (week beginning 14th October). If you still need to make a request, then please contact the office.

Jewellery Please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery to school. The only items that are allowed are simple silver/gold stud earrings, medical bracelets and religious bands (which have to be removed for PE).



**BRICK CHURCH—THURSDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 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!



100 club Draw for

September



Congratulations to our winners:

1st J Broadway-Mann

2nd H Ivory

3rd J Searle

Contact the office if you would like to participate!

Thank you to Mrs Armsby for capturing this image of our school with the Northern Lights overhead. What a wonderful photograph—one for our school's history books!

Save the date...



**'Lazee Graze' fundraising
event—Friday 29th November**

Christmas Market— Friday 6th December, 2024

**Christmas Trail around Copthorne Village — 6-13th
December**

**Festive Centrepiece workshop—Tuesday 10th
December (see poster)**

**Thank you to the Fundraising Group for organising
these Festive events. More information to follow...**



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

Dates for your diary



- 14th October 2024—Flu nasal vaccinations
- Week beg 21st October 2024—Parent consultations
- 28th October—1st November 2024—HALF TERM
- Week beg 4th November 2024—Parent consultations
- Week beg 4th November 2024—RE week
- 11th November 2024—Remembrance Service (school only)
- 13th November 2024—Open Morning for prospective Year 2 parents
- 15th November 2024—Children in Need
- 27th November 2024—Year 6 height and weight
- 29th November 2024—Lazee Graze fundraising 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

Attendance Matters



Attendance update...

Our attendance at present is **94.6%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

Our attendance has **dropped** since the last newsletter due to a lot of unauthorised holidays and lateness.

Please ensure that your child is in school before 9am, otherwise this will count as unauthorised absence.

There has also been an increase in requests for dental and medical appointments. Whilst we understand that hospital and other medical appointments are essential and have to be taken during school times, if arranging dental check-ups or routine doctor appointments, can these be arranged outside of school hours.

Sports News...



Football Finals

Both the girls and boys team competed fantastically in the football finals this week. The girls' team showed incredible teamwork and resilience to win 4 out of 8 games, finishing third out of 9 schools. The boys team demonstrated amazing determination and togetherness to win 6 of 8 games and amazingly won the overall competition to progress into the next round, Well done to all in both teams for representing our school so well.

Cross Country

Good luck to Felix, Fletcher and Leo who are participating in the Cross Country this weekend.



What's been going on in Year 4...



Year 4 enjoyed a memorable visit to Preston Manor, where they experienced what life was like for servants in a Victorian household. The children explored the laundry rooms, bedrooms, and kitchens, taking part in tasks that real servants would have done. They got hands-on with activities such as grinding spices, weighing ingredients, arranging flowers, folding napkins, cleaning windows, and making beds. They also set the grand dining table, ensuring the cutlery was polished and perfectly arranged.

The children looked wonderful in their costumes and had a great time throughout the experience.

On Friday, Year 4 became pupils in a Victorian classroom, practicing handwriting on slates, creating nature artwork, and learning traditional rhymes and games. The week wrapped up with Victorian dances and a taste of the Victoria sponges they made, filled with jam and cream. A fantastic week of learning and fun!



Year 5 Lodge Hill



The Year 5 residential trip to Lodge Hill was a super experience for everyone. All the children had the opportunity to try out different adventurous activities.

They challenged themselves on the climbing wall, concentrated on targets in Archery, searched out click points in Orienteering, worked as a team in Crate Building and whizzed through the air on the Zip wire.



It was lovely to see such a spirit of teamwork and cooperation amongst the children while we were at Lodge Hill, especially

how they were encouraging, cheering and supporting others. They showed a great deal of resilience.



Everyone enjoyed being together for meals, our evening quiz and sleeping in the dormitories. We came home tired but very happy.



At school, children took part in a project based on the 'Mary Rose' as part of our Tudor topic this term. They watched videos, debated and really enjoyed creating 'Mary Rose' ship models and puppets. It was fabulous to see all their creative and imaginative work.



Achievements from outside school...



Laiyla (Maple) was awarded Girl of the Match for her great tackles and constant running of the pitch, not giving up. Well done Laiyla!

Henry, Grace and Hope (Willow) all achieved their 9th KYU, 'second orange' belt' in Karate. Congratulations—great work!



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



TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Festive Centrepiece Workshop

Make a perfect centrepiece for Christmas whilst supporting a local school. **Flowers & Such** have kindly offered their services. Tickets are £20 per person (cash or cheque) and that includes materials and tutorial. You will need to bring a pair of scissors or secateurs.

Reserve your place at the Junior School office by 6th December.

Held at Copthorne Junior School
in the school hall.

17.30-19.30

