

# Copthorne C. of E. Junior

## NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 27th  
September,  
2024

Over the last two weeks, the school has continued to be busy with lots of new learning taking place. It has been such a shame that the weather has been so unpredictable. Unfortunately, the heavy rain has stopped us getting onto the field at playtime and lunchtimes. We are in the process of updating our playground equipment, and this should be in place before half term. This has been possible because of our Smarties fundraising event.

Our fundraising group met this week, and there are many exciting events to look forward to— watch this space. If you would like to join this group, please let me know.

I had the pleasure of spending time with our Year 6 at PGL Windmill Hill. It was great to see how they were challenging themselves and supporting their peers. The staff were very complimentary about the school and commented on their politeness, behaviour and teamwork. Thank you to all the staff that attended with the children and made this memorable experience possible.

At the Governors meeting this week, Anita Findon has taken over the Chair from Frances Strickley. Mrs Strickley has been instrumental in developing the school and supporting me on our improvement journey and I want to thank her both personally and from the school community. She is still on our governing board and will be supporting Mrs Findon as she begins her new role.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Denison

### ***Week beginning 16th September 2024***

#### **Learner of the Week**

Beech—Elijah

Rowan— Sienna

Chestnut— Adam

Willow—Ava

Elm— Younas

Sycamore— Theo

No Year 6 this week due to PGL residential

#### **School Value Award of the Week— Courage**

Beech—Lily

Rowan— Olivia

Chestnut— Gursikhya

Willow— Nancy

Elm— Myles

Sycamore— Brodie

No Year 6 this week due to PGL residential



### ***Week beginning 23th September 2024***

#### **Learner of the Week**

Beech—Amber

Rowan— Rosie

Chestnut— Mia

Willow—Sophia

Elm— Lewis

Sycamore— Honee

Maple— Ava and Laiyla-Paige

Oak— Zawar and Zoe

#### **School Value Award of the Week— Courage**

Beech—Rakib

Rowan— Lorisa

Chestnut— Imogen

Willow—Sienna

Elm— Bobby

Sycamore— Alfie

Maple— Miley and Joseph

Oak— Louie and Willow-May

### Office Updates



**Asthma inhaler and spacers in school** We would just like to remind all parents with children with asthma that have inhalers kept at school, that the recommended replacement period for the spacer is 12 months or sooner if used regularly.

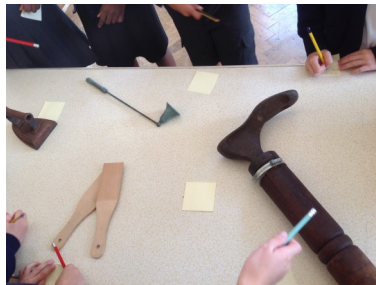
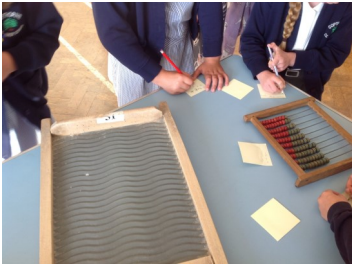
**Preloved uniform** All of our preloved uniform will be out in the hall on Friday after school. Please come and have a look. Donations welcomed for any items taken.

**Flu nasal vaccination** Please remember to complete the permission for the flu nasal vaccination. Please look at your email for information of how to do this, or alternatively the communications are on the school website (Parent/Letters)

**IQ Christmas Cards** Don't forget to send in your orders by Friday 4th October—if you have any questions, please contact the office.

### **Year 4 Victorian Artefact Morning**

Year 4 spent the morning exploring a range of Victorian artefacts. They used these to extend their learning about how the Victorians lived and what each artefact was used for. They were excited that the artefacts were really used by The Victorians!



*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.*



### **Save the date...**

**Christmas Market— Friday 6th December, 2024**

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

**More information to follow about these and other events ....**



# What's been going on in Year 6 ...

## Circus Skills

Year 6 had a fantastic time learning a range of circus skills and tricks. After learning a variety of difficult moves, which built up their resilience and confidence, Year 6 performed their new skills in front of an audience. It was so lovely to see how they demonstrated great teamwork, creativity and resilience with their performances. Well done to all of year 6!



*"It was good. I liked balancing and doing tricks with the peacock feathers. I enjoyed working in a team." - Bryan*

*"I liked the juggling, peacock feathers and the cycles. I had fun!" - Zawar*

*"I found some of the activities really tricky at first, but I continued until I was able feel confident enough to perform" - Jessica*

## Rainbow Theatre – Evacuee Day

Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity to understand what it was like to be an Evacuee. They were visited by the Rainbow Theatre Company from London who put on a special show. They were immersed in what it was like to be an evacuee in at the start of World War II. Year 6 all had different roles and all participated in scenes from evacuation, The Blitz, rationing, and the end of WWII which also included singing the songs 'We'll meet again' and dancing the Lambeth walk.

*"It was funny and exciting. I was glad I got to be a part of it." Lewis*

*"I really liked how we were all involved in the story – even the teachers!" Ava*



## PGL – Windmill Hill



Year 6 had an exciting and unforgettable experience at Windmill Hill - PGL. They were met with lots of adventurous activities such as - abseiling, archery, survival and den building, raft building, sensory trailing, and the giant swing. Everyone challenged themselves and developed greater confidence in each individual challenge. We were so proud how you all showed how well you work and support each other to ensure team collaboration and success. Well done year 6! We are so proud of you!



*"I really enjoyed the building the rafts and all working together to keep afloat" Miley*

*"I really liked the survival and den building as I could show how to light a fire with a steel and flint" – Leo*



## Attendance update...

## Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.8%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

As explained in previous communications, the new DFE statutory guidance for Attendance is much harsher due to the national attendance problem. We, at Copthorne CEofE Junior School, are seeing first hand the increase in holidays/other absence request, and this is having a huge impact on learning as well as additional pressures for the children on return due to missed sessions.



Our updated Attendance and Absence policy (following the introduction of the new guidance) is on the website, and so is a brief guide to Fixed Penalty Notices. Please take the time to read the policy carefully, especially the section on penalty notices and how the severity of consequences of unauthorised absence increases, including when certain thresholds are met how it moves immediately to the magistrates courts.

A few highlights (which are common issues at Copthorne):

- No holiday requests can be authorised.
- Registers close at 9am and after this, lateness is recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- No request for leave of absence can be granted retrospectively so in such circumstances, leave would be unauthorised.
- If the absence of a child is found to be different to the reason given by the parent/carer (i.e. illness when the child is on holiday or on a day out) then the headteacher will change the absence to unauthorised.
- Parents should try to arrange medical, dental and other appointments outside of school time .

## Dates for your diary



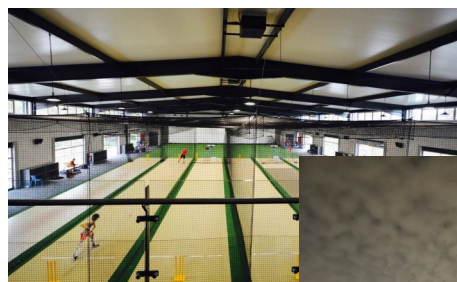
- 1st-2nd October 2024 — Year 5 Lodge Hill
- 9th-10th October 2024—Year 4 Preston Manor
- 14th October 2024—Flu nasal vaccinations
- Week beg 21st October 2024—Parent consultations
- 28th October—1st November 2024—HALF TERM
- Week beg 4th November 2024—Parent consultations
- Week beg 4th November 2024—RE 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
- 6th December 2024—Decorations Day, Reindeer Run and Christmas Market
- 19th December 2024—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 20th December 2024—Last day of term

## Mr Wood update...

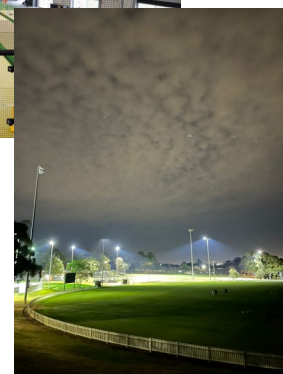
Mr Wood has sent his first update to share with you all. He has arrived in Australia, spending his first week swimming, walking and getting acclimatised to the weather following his very long flight.



He has been training in the \$7 million facility and had his first game this weekend.



More to follow...

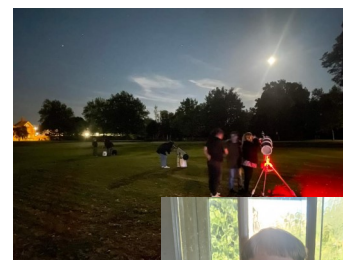


## Achievements from outside school...



**Eleanor (Beech)** received a distinction in her Modern Dance exam—that is amazing! Well done!

**Henry (Willow)** took part in the International Observe The Moon Night. He came first in the Children's quiz and this year given the special role of being in charge of the moon quiz and helping to keep a telescope aligned on the moon. Not only was the moon in view, but so was Saturn and one of its moons, Titan! What an exciting night Henry!



**Sophia (Willow)** was unanimously voted parent's Player of the Match at a recent match with her team—Crawley Down Girls Football Club Under 9s. They had their first win of the season, beating Ashington 3-2. Her coach praised her for her hard work on the left wing, getting really involved in the game and committing to winning the ball. A real achievement—brilliant!

**Dexter (Oak)** had a really successful swimming gala, achieving 6 Golds and 3 Silvers—a medal for every race he swam. Next stop Olympics Dexter—fantastic!



**Willow Belle (Chestnut)** participated in a dance show at The Hawth with The Little Sparks Dance Academy. Not only did she dance her heart out, but she also won a trophy for her continuous effort and lovely kind nature to those around her. What a proud moment—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](mailto:head@copthornejunior.co.uk)

A Big **THANK YOU**



**For your Harvest donation**

**and for supporting East Grinstead foodbank.**

**Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.**



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Thank you for all of the Harvest Donations. In total we collected 105.9g of goods—this is a huge amount and was gratefully received by the East Grinstead Food Bank.

The school all went to St John's Church for our Harvest Festival Service, where we all had the opportunity to thank God for all that we have and think about others who are less fortunate than us.