

# Copthorne C. of E. Junior

## NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 13th  
September,  
2024

## Welcome Back!

What a lovely start to the new school year. Everyone has returned with enthusiasm, ready to learn and I have enjoyed getting into classes and talking with the children. Welcome to all of our new children and families—it has been lovely getting to know you, both on the gate and around the school. Welcome too to our new staff—Miss Armstrong (Beech), Miss Gladstone (Chestnut), Mr Payne (Sycamore) and Ms Drake (LSA across the school).

At Copthorne we have an open door policy, and there are opportunities to have a quick word with a member of staff at the end of days. However, if you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss an issue or concern, then please email the teacher via the class email to arrange either a phone call or meeting. Please remember though that the email may not be seen until after the school day. If there is an urgent matter then contact the office so that a message can get to the teacher, but be aware that the teacher is in class and it may not be possible to call until the end of the school day. If needed, contact myself or Miss Ash directly.

If you wish to join our fundraising group, please contact me or the office and we will ensure you get an invite to our next meeting which will be in the next few week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

### Contacting your child's class teacher

To support parents communicating with class teachers, email accounts are set up for each class. Please use these if you have a specific query or information for the class teacher. Please continue to use the school office email for reporting absence and general enquiries. Emails will be responded to, if required, within 48 hours.



Year 3: Beech and Rowan

beech@copthornejunior.co.uk

rowan@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 4: Chestnut and Willow

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willow@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 5: Elm and Sycamore

elm@copthornejunior.co.uk

sycamore@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 6: Maple and Oak

maple@copthornejunior.co.uk

oak@copthornejunior.co.uk

If you wish to contact Miss Ash, our Inclusion Manager, please use sen@copthornejunior.co.uk.

### Office Updates

**Medical Updates and Communication** Please ensure that you inform the office if there are changes to addresses, phone number, emergency contacts or any medical details.

Please can we also remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please notify the School Office on the first day and on **every** day of absence before 9.30am. You can either call the School Office on **01342 712 372** or send an email to **office@copthornejunior.co.uk**.



**Changes to collection** If there are any changes to collection for your child please inform the office as soon as possible so that the message can be given to the teacher. Do not send to the class email as this may not be checked in time to ensure the message has been passed on.

**Naming property** Please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named so that they can be returned if found. This includes water bottles, lunch boxes and coats. We already have a number of unnamed jumpers which are clearly new.

**PE and Earrings** If your child has earrings, we expect them to either be removed or covered during PE. If you would prefer your child to cover their earrings, please send them in with some micropore tape to use. This can be kept either in their bag or tray.



## **Learner of the Week**

Each week, the teaching staff will award a member of their class with the Learner of the Week Award. These children will be rewarded by coming to afternoon tea with Mrs Denison.

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

This half term, the school value being focused on is 'Courage'. Each week a child in each class will be recognised for demonstrating this value during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to hang a bell, the symbol for Courage, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

## **Half-termly Award Celebration**

At the end of each half term we award the 'Star Learner', 'Excellence in English', 'Mastery in Maths' and 'Citizen' certificates. This celebration worship will be held in the church and parents of those receiving awards will be invited. Parents will receive an email in the previous week to invite them, and we ask that it remains a surprise.

### ***Week beginning 2nd September 2024***

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

Beech—Jenson  
Rowan— Harley  
Chestnut— Elle  
Willow—Ava  
Elm— Tyler  
Sycamore— Ronnie  
Maple— Abbie-Mai  
Oak— Bryan

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

Beech—Theo  
Rowan— Lisa-Marie  
Chestnut— Aidan  
Willow— Gurudas  
Elm— Alfie  
Sycamore— Camille  
Maple— Summer  
Oak— Lewis

### ***Week beginning 9th September 2024***

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

Beech—Finn  
Rowan— Chloe  
Chestnut— James  
Willow—Sabena  
Elm— Lola  
Sycamore— Stanley  
Maple— Henry  
Oak— Lilly-Jane

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

Beech—Lucy  
Rowan— Joshua  
Chestnut— Bobbie  
Willow— Hope  
Elm— Louisa  
Sycamore— Fleur  
Maple— Ava  
Oak— Grace

**Weekly certificate winners will be posted on the website—parent's tab/learner of the week and school value of the week.**

## Pupil Leaders

### House and Sports Captains

**I am pleased to introduce our new House and Sports Captains. These children are from Year 6 and chosen by all staff. They are expected to be good role models and responsible members of our school community as well as contribute to any school wide projects.**



#### Our House Captains 2024-25

Drake: Joseph and Zoe

Fiennes: Favian and Elsie

Shackleton: Robert and Miley

Thayer: Dexter and Amber



#### Our Sports Captains 2024-25

Drake: Louie and Laiyla

Fiennes: Frank and Sofia

Shackleton: Jack and Isabella

Thayer: James and Isla

### School Council

**Our school council act as a voice for our school by contributing to decisions, organising social events and fundraisers and promoting democracy.**



Our School Councillors for 2024-25 are:



Beech - Dorothy and Quinn

Rowan - Chloe and Parker

Chestnut - Freya and Zachary

Willow - Jack and Jack

Sycamore - Camille and Ollie

Elm - Mila and Lewis

Maple - Leo and Farrah

Oak - Lilly-Jane and Florence

### Worship Leaders

**Worship leaders help discuss, create and lead pupil-led collection worship and organise the prayer and reflection areas.**



Our Worship Leaders for 2024-25 are:

Beech - Jacob Rowan - Piper Chestnut - Catalin Willow - Alexandra

Sycamore - Alfie Elm - Ella Maple - Arthur Oak - Edie



### Autism Ambassadors

**Autism Ambassadors help themselves and their peers develop an understanding of the impact of having Autism Spectrum Disorder**



Our Autism Ambassadors for 2024-25 are:



Britani, Amelie, Jessica, Ollie, Summer, Honee, Fleur, Kai, Stanley, Harriet, Jacob, Hope

## Improvements to our school...

Over the summer, Mr Felton, our Premises Officer, has been working hard to help improve our school environment.

He has co-ordinated the removal and laying of our new carpets in our entrance area, Year 3 corridor and Year 5/6 corridor. A huge thank you has to be given to Neil Whitney (a parent at the school) of Copthorne Flooring Ltd for donating the carpet. Neil's generosity really enabled us to update all of the old carpets in all of the corridors. Everyone within school, as well as visitors, have commented on how smart it looks!

In addition, Mr Felton has been decorating the upper corridor and Year 6 working area as well as the boarding outside the top of the school.



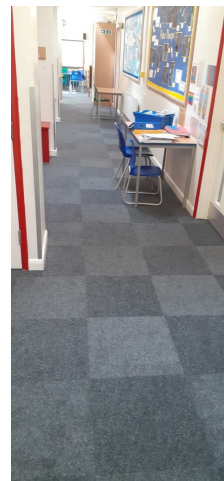
The front of our school looks so much smarter with our new windows fitted by Foremost Window Solutions. This should also help keep the heat in school once the cold weather arrives.

Mr Felton also painted our PE shed, using special whiteboard paint on the lower sections. It now looks fantastic!

Mrs Denison has updated all of the photographs that are displayed around the school, and the Copthorne Map, which our school council helped with, is displayed at the entrance to the Year 3 corridor.

There are more improvement plans in its early stages and should take place over this academic year.

**I look forward to you coming into school to see all of our improvements for yourself!**





## Dates for your diary



- 16th September 2024—Year 6 Circus skills
- 18th-20th September 2024— Year 6 PGL
- 24th September 2024 —Harvest Festival (school only)
- 26th September 2024—Year 6 WW2 day
- 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)
- 15th November 2024—Children in Need
- 6th December 2024—Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 19th December 2024—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 20th December 2024—Last day of term

## Celebrating birthdays

Recognising how important birthdays mean to children, we at Copthorne want to celebrate this by there being a special birthday treat of coming into school in non-uniform for the day.

If their birthday falls on a weekend, then they may come into school either on the Friday or Monday in their own clothes. If it is during a school holiday, they may choose either the first day back or the last day of school before the holiday.

If your child has already celebrated their birthday since returning this term, then they can chose a day next week to wear non-uniform if they haven't done so already.



Congratulations to Mrs Huxley for passing her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL). She has been working towards this qualification for the last eighteen months, and because of her hard work and dedication, she has been successful.

## Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 24th September, the school will be taking part in our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St John's



Church. This gives us the opportunity to give thanks for all the good things that God gives us.

It also allows us to share with others who are not so fortunate. This event unfortunately is only for the children.

We would welcome donations of non-perishable food—please see the poster from the East Grinstead Food Bank stating the items that they are needing. These items can be brought into school from Monday 23rd September.



## PE Days 2024-2025

Year 3—Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Monday and Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday



On PE days, your child is to come to school dressed in full school PE kit.



## *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.*

## Achievements from outside school...



James (Maple) had a fantastic summer of cricket, playing amazingly for both his club Three Bridges and for the Sussex U10 team. The season ended on a high with his Three Bridges team winning the Sussex U11 cricket festival—James took 3 key wickets! Well done James, What great achievements!



Stanley (Sycamore) auditioned alongside his big sister for the Sleeping Beauty pantomime in Crawley Down and has been offered a role in the chorus. Wow—that's fantastic!



Alexandra (Willow) achieved her summer reading challenge - she has a real passion for reading! 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)

### 100 club Draw



This week we had the draw for July and August months of the 100 club.

Congratulations to our July winners:

1st J Broadway-Mann

2nd R Andrews 3rd C+H Menniss

Congratulations to our August winners:

1st M Rudisser-Street

2nd J Shaw 3rd J Searle

Contact the office if you would like to participate!

### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

#### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

We have already had a lot of requests for absence despite the new regulations coming into place. Please do not book holidays within school time.



Over the summer, Mrs Denison's nephew captured the school and its grounds beautifully using a drone — these will be on our website soon!



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# Harvest Appeal

No fresh foods please



Use by dates must be 2025 or longer



Tinned tomatoes, Christmas biscuits  
Christmas chocolates, Pringles, Tinned meat,  
Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit,  
Tubs of chocolates

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**THANK YOU** for all your support