



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the evenings get lighter and we see more of the sun, there is definitely a feeling of change in the air! It has been great to see all the children finish off this term back in school, learning together, with their friends (long may it continue!) Over the last three weeks, the teachers have been getting children moving on with their learning journeys and assessing the progress made over the Spring term. Next term, we will be supporting every child to continue moving forward with their learning, filling any gaps and building on what they know, as we have always done. For some children, this may involve more focussed learning on reading, writing or maths. For others, it will be about supporting the rebuilding of friendships and helping children in developing their understanding of challenge, attitude to learning and resilience. I have mentioned before, that for those who would like to hear more about our curriculum for the next term and our approach to supporting children in such unusual times, I will be holding some short update meetings. There will be a briefing for each of our schools and you are welcome to attend any of these (but I would advise not to attend all of them – as you might get a little bored by the third time!) These meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 20th April, 5pm – Copythorne

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79908022543?pwd=VWVVL05FTzU1WEx5RDhEZIR0QVliUT09>

Meeting ID: 799 0802 2543

Passcode: n8SQTZ

Wednesday 21st April, 5pm – SMAA, Lyndhurst

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Passcode: n8SQTZ

Thursday 22nd April, 5pm – Netley Marsh

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77210824580?pwd=ZTZ5SFpiR1FncVhJNTRJUmZkZU11Zz09>

Meeting ID: 772 1082 4580

Passcode: Wk0J0Y

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Over the next term, our curriculum will be changed and adapted, to suit the needs of our learners and we will be teaching children key next steps, through mini themes – focussing on core skills in the morning and the wider curriculum in the afternoons. Next term we will also be holding parent consultation meetings, to talk about your child's next steps and how we can work together to ensure that your child continues to move forward.

Covid Update

As restrictions ease and the rate of infection continues to drop, a sense of the old normality seems within our grasp! At the same time, it is really important that we continue to keep our guard up and ensure that we are all doing everything we can, in order to keep things this way. Please remember, that all parents and those providing childcare as part of a family's support bubble can now apply for Rapid Lateral Flow Tests, to regularly test yourselves for covid at home (you should have received a parent mail about this previously). Should any member of your household show any symptoms of covid, your whole household must isolate and seek a PCR covid test immediately.

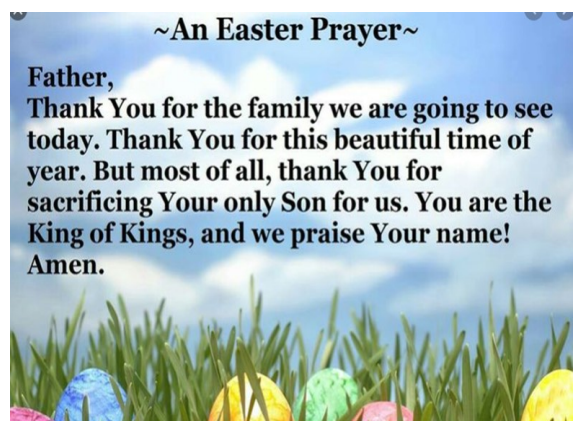
Track and Trace over the Easter Holiday

Should any pupil show covid symptoms in the 48 hours following the end of school on Thursday, and subsequently test positive, it is essential that you inform the school, so that we can trigger our track and trace response. If you find yourself in this situation, please email our Lyndhurst office on adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk. Please ensure you include which school your child attends in your email. (please don't email Netley Marsh or Copythorne, as these emails may not be seen until we return to school after the holidays).

I hope you all have a fantastic peaceful Easter, and get the chance to meet with another household – in the great outdoors, as we continue to move through this pandemic, to a brighter tomorrow!

Keep Safe!

Mr M Bowen
Executive Head
Teacher



Skoolkit

We are very excited to re-open our shops on Monday 12th April . It has been incredibly frustrating for us having to keep our shops closed especially after children returned back to school on 8th March. This created a surge in orders being placed through our website, so thank you for your patience while we worked through them.

Even though we are heading towards an ease in restrictions, upon returning to our shops on 12th April please be aware we will be still be observing all current government guidelines so there may be queues at times and service may take a little longer but we aim to move customers through as quickly and safely as possible.

- Please wear a face covering when entering our shop.
- Use hand sanitiser in-store.
- Use the one-way flow system to keep social distance.
- Unfortunately, still no use of fitting rooms.
- Please come prepared with size information. (refer to www.skoolkit.co.uk for size guides)
- 12th April is the governments current road map date for non-essential retail to re-open.



The new menu for school lunches has been sent to you via your Parentmail account.

Please note that we are now offering a picnic lunch option instead of jacket potatoes and that the Green option is now on the top line of the menu and the red on the bottom line.

Is your child eligible for pupil premium funding?

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim to boost their learning. This money is used by the school, to fund provisions with the aim of helping children in receipt of the pupil premium funding reach their best potential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit

and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

There are many benefits to your child receiving pupil premium benefits, including **free uniform items** and **funding for school trips**. For a more comprehensive break down of how the federation spends this money, please see the pupil premium strategy, published on the website.

If you have any further questions, please speak with the school office team. They will be able to help you apply, or you can apply directly via the attached link and school will get notified if you are eligible:



Maritime &
Coastguard
Agency

With summer holidays predominantly being spent at our local beaches this year we could all do with a few helpful safety tips.

I am really excited to share with you the link to our new Colin the coastguard web page <https://colinthecoastguard.com/hm-coastguard/> which is packed full of important safety tips and a wide range of fun activities for children to do in the classroom or at home.

Please feel free to use this site yourselves and share far and wide. And most importantly enjoy!

Claiming Financial Support under the Track and Trace Support Payment Scheme

You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or you're the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate.

If you're eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you'll receive the £500 payment in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you receive currently.

Please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>



Comic relief

We saw some wonderful masks and listened to some very funny jokes on Comic Relief Day. We managed to raise a wonderful £87.00 and the children had great fun learning some 80's disco dance moves! Thank you.



Parent Consultations

We will be shortly be sending out Parentmail invitations for parent consultations which will again take place via Zoom. The dates are as follows:

Yr R - Monday 26th April PM, Year 1 - Tuesday 27th April PM, Year 2 Wednesday 28th April PM

All year groups Thursday evening until 6pm

In Memory of Simon Sinkinson

Simon Sinkinson was a Master Thatcher who lived locally and his children, Florence and Patrick attended our school. He designed and made the Thatched Cottage in the playground, coming back several times to replace the thatch with a smile. He died recently and unexpectedly, so we have put up a commemorative plaque to remember him.



Mrs Wood's Camino De Santiago Virtual Challenge.

Congratulations to Mrs Wood who had completed her 500km virtual challenge to raise money for our school to buy extra resources. So far she has managed to raise an incredible £700 and there is still time to donate if you would like by clicking on this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/melissa-wood-copythorne>

**Support with heating costs, for families
facing Winter hardship due to COVID-19
Information for Parents and Carers**

As part of the connect4communities programme, the Citizens Advice Service is helping families and individuals with energy costs over the winter period – gas, electric and water.

The COVID Winter Grant scheme has been extended to 16 April, meaning this help is available for a few more weeks.

Contact details for the local branch of the Citizens Advice Service can be found on this website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/.../contact-us/contact-us/>

Please note that the local branch will complete a quick eligibility check and refer parents and carers to the distributors of the grant and financial support will be provided to the family or individual seeking help.

The eligibility criteria for this support - to heat homes - is wide-ranging to ensure the money is as accessible as possible and is as follows:

Families with children:

- Families in receipt of benefits related free school meals
- Families including 16-18-year olds previously eligible for Free School Meals
- All children with a social worker
- All children open to Early Help
- All households with 2 - 4year olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium
- Households with a young carer
- Those who it is believed will struggle to afford to heat their home adequately and/or maintain a reasonable standard of living this winter

Households without children:

- Care leavers
- Households that have been identified as going into debt for the first time
- Households or individuals with no other way of obtaining funds, e.g. those who face choosing to pay either rent or bills (considered unmanageable debt)
- Those who it is believed will struggle to afford to heat their home adequately and/or maintain a reasonable standard of living this winter

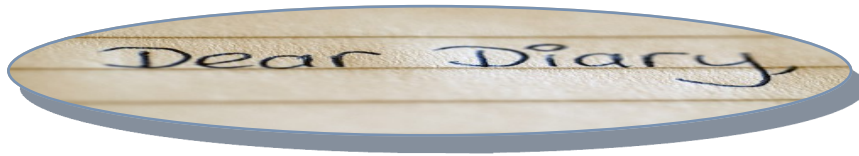
Support from this fund, distributed by the Citizens Advice Service, can take the form of:

- Pre-paid energy cards or the payment of a fuel bill on behalf of an eligible household

Other sources of welfare support

Local sources of other welfare support can be found through:

- The connect4communities online directory: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>
- Connect to Support Telephone Helpline: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>
- Connect to Support Online Resources: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>



Friday 2nd April		Good Friday, school closed
Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April		Easter Holidays school Closed
Friday 16th April	Midnight	Notifications of school places for Years R and 3 2021/22
Tuesday 20th April	5pm	Parents curriculum meeting - Copythorne
Wednesday 21st April	5pm	Parents curriculum meeting -
Thursday 22nd April	5pm	Parents curriculum meeting - SMAA Lyndhurst
Tuesday 11th May	am	Class photographs - Netley Marsh
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June		Half term holiday, school closed
Friday 23rd July		School ends for summer
Thursday 2nd September		Inset day school is closed
Friday 3rd September		Inset day school is closed
Monday 6th September		School returns

Term Dates for 2020/21

Summer Term 1	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 23rd July
Inset Days School Closed		Please note that the inset day for Friday 23rd July is now a normal school day, as the inset day was used on the 4th January as directed by the Government