



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

One more half term until Summer! Time flies when you're having fun!!!! As the government roadmap allows an easing of restrictions, and a sense of normality is on the horizon, we shall be looking to reinstate some of our events going forward. Sports day is looking promising (no rain please) and we shall be celebrating the achievements of our Year Twos as they prepare for the next exciting step in their life! As always, everything planned is subject to change depending on government guidance and we shall try to keep you all as updated as possible.

Reports

In the coming weeks, your child's teacher will be finalising and sending out their annual school report. This report summarises your child's achievements and will also provide information on your child's next steps in their development. There will be an opportunity, for those who require it, to discuss the report, but I hope that the content of these reports will be sufficient to provide the key information you need to understand where your child's development currently sits.

Home learning

We would like to remind parents that every child still has a subscription for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. These are great resources to support ongoing learning at home. The National [Oaks Academy](#) continue to publish great, age specific resources and ideas, which can also be used at home. It has been announced that the National Oaks Academy will continue to publish learning over the Summer holidays as well, for those who wish to access it.

Parent questionnaires

Thank-you to all who have replied to our recent questions, these really do influence our thinking and planning. We will be discussing the results of the most recent question, around bubbles, at our next governing body meeting. Should we plan to change any of our current measures around bubble size, we will, of course, confirm this in writing.

Planned INSET days for 2021/2022

Term time cards are currently being printed and we will distribute them to all families in due course but here are the dates for next year's diary:

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 15th November 2021
Friday 22nd July 2022

God in Heaven
hear my prayer.
Keep me in
thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.

Take care and keep safe whilst enjoying the ability to spend time with friends and loved ones as restrictions start to lift.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bowen

Executive Headteacher

Foundation Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation governor, to join our committed governor body. If you, or someone you know would be interested in finding out more about this position, I would be more than happy to meet and talk through the important work undertaken by our governing body and discuss the commitment needed. Foundation governors play an integral part within our governing body, holding Federation leaders to account, working strategically together to further improve school standards, but essentially ensuring that our distinctive character, as C of E schools are upheld. Foundation Governor posts are subject to approval from the diocese. For more information you can read the Foundation Governor handbook https://cofewinchester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2019/10/Foundation_Governor_Handbook_-_2019-2020.pdf

Thank you

A huge thank you to The Basics Bank, run by Youth and Families Matter as part of Testwood Baptist Church in Totton. They provided a wonderful Easter food package for all of our Pupil Premium families and it was very gratefully received.



Welcome



We are delighted to welcome Nicki to our Copythorne family. She is working with Louise in the kitchen and is already a firm favourite with the children.

We are very lucky to have delicious food, freshly prepared on site .

Reminders

The school gates now close at 9.05 in the morning .

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day.

Please ensure your child has a book bag and water bottle every day.



Parking

A good number of schools have problems with car parking, but we are much more fortunate than most to have both the lay-by and the scout car park for daily use. We do pay for the use of the Scout car park, and we are very grateful to have the use of this facility which does then ease congestion at the lay -by car park.

However, can I remind you to please drive with extra care when using the lay -by car park. We have had a couple of 'near misses' lately due to careless driving including NOT adhering to the one-way system which operates in and out of the lay-by. Can I also remind drivers of overly long vehicles to park in the scout car park rather than the lay-by as space is very tight in the lay -by.



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:

Swallows News



The children in Swallows class have really enjoyed learning new cricket skills with coach Tom this half term. They have developed their batting and catching skills. They really enjoyed trying to knock down the stumps, all whilst practising their aim.



We have also been building models over at the Creation Station. The children designed a new ride for Paultons Park on the computers, and brought their ideas to life using different materials.

Lapwings News



Quilling in art:

The children have been practicing their quilling skills and enjoyed creating their new ride for Paultons' Park.



History timelines:

During our history topic the Lapwings made a time line of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. The children have been excellent history detectives and found out some very interesting facts about Queen Elizabeth the 1st and Queen Victoria.

The Lapwings have really enjoyed their Archery sessions with Jack and we have already seen a great improvement in their technique.



Lapwings News Continued

Wombles of Copythorne School!

The Lapwings have started their litter picking in earnest, they worked as a team to tidy up the outside areas near their classroom and will venture further in the coming days to ensure all litter has been picked up and that we are taking good care of our beautiful school grounds.



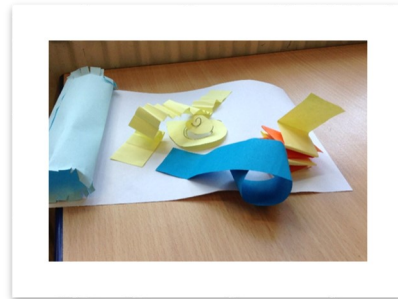
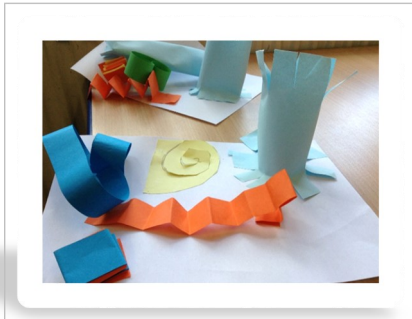
Kestrels News



Design a ride for Paultons Park

Kestrels had great fun designing a new ride for Paultons' Park to rival the Tornado springs.

We used art paper craft and learnt some quilling techniques which we practiced.



We then created our rides and named them as well as giving a brief description of what they were and what they were for – 1 metre and above!!!



Kestrels News continued



Kestrels have been very busy working in the school garden. We work in small groups (weather permitting). We have to work together to weed, plant and water, taking turns as well as working collaboratively. We thoroughly enjoy outside and love talking about the wildlife. It really makes us feel calm. As you can see things are **GROWING!**





The Copythorne Wombles did a marvellous job yesterday, picking up litter and keeping our school grounds looking clean and tidy. Don't forget to send us your photos of any litter picking you do during half term.





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| Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June | | Half term holiday, school closed |
| Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June | | Empathy week, with Empathy day on Thursday June 10th |
| Tuesday 8th June | am | Mrs Andrews from Bartley meeting Year 2 |
| Tuesday 22nd June | 6pm | Induction talk at Copythorne for new parents with children starting Year R in September 2021 |
| Wednesday 30th June | 9.15 at Bartley | Year 2 Collective worship and class activity, followed by a treasure hunt. Pick up will be at Copythorne as usual. |
| Tuesday and Wednesday 7th—8th July | | Move up days for all children. Details to follow. |
| Friday 9th July | | Year 2 Inter Federation Sports Day at Netley Marsh. Details to be confirmed but parents will need to drop off and collect their children from Netley Marsh School. |
| Wednesday 14th July | 6pm | Year 2 New parents evening at Bartley School. |
| Thursday 15th July | TBC | Copythorne Sports Day. More information to follow. |
| Tuesday 20th July | 2pm | Leavers service for Year 2, St Mary's Church, Copythorne. |
| Friday 23rd July | | School ends for summer |
| Monday 6th September | | School returns |
| | | We appreciate that it is frustrating for you not to have all of the exact timings for these events, but we have to wait for the further lifting of Government restrictions before we can finalise details. Thank you for your patience. |

Term Dates for 2021/22

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| Autumn Term 1 | Thursday 2nd September 2021 | Friday 22nd October 2021 |
| Autumn Term 2 | Monday 1st November 2021 | Friday 17th December 2021 |
| Spring Term 1 | Tuesday 4th January 2022 | Friday 18th February 2022 |
| Spring Term 2 | Monday 28th February 2022 | Friday 8th April 2022 |
| Summer Term 1 | Monday 25th April 2022 | Friday 27th May 2022 |
| Summer Term 2 | Monday 6th June 2022 | Friday 22nd July 2022 |
| Inset Days School Closed | Thursday 2nd September 2021 Friday 3rd September 2021 Friday 22nd October 2021 Monday 15th November 2021 Friday 22nd July 2022 | |