



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy start to the year, with so many changes! However, it is starting to feel a bit 'normal' again, but as we know, for many of our children the 'old normal' is a bit odd! It has been fantastic to have whole school worship again, be back in church, eating together and to have play times as a school!

As we approach Christmas (yes, I did say that word!) the pace of learning will continue to move forward and the teachers across the Federation have been working together to plan an exciting curriculum for next half term!

Covid

I'm afraid I can't let a newsletter pass by without a mention of covid. Although things seem to be returning back to normal slowly, we are also very aware that covid still remains with us. Thank you to everyone who has informed us when your child has tested positive, as this has helped us take any action needed, quickly - including increasing the frequency of staff testing. Please remember, should you or your child show any covid symptom, please seek a PCR test. For those who are double vaccinated, you are able to carry on as 'normal' should a member of your household test positive, but please remember, that if you test positive on a LFT test, you will need to have a PCR test. We are also urging everyone to work as hard as possible to get your child into school, as children under 18 are also permitted to carry on as normal, should a household member test positive.

Volunteers

We are hoping to begin to have volunteers back in school after half term. There are a series of safeguarding talks we are asking all potential regular volunteers to come to (dates of which can be found on our [website](#)). You can attend any talk at any one of our schools within the Federation. Even if you are considering volunteering towards the end of the year, my advice would be to come now for a talk, to hear important key messages. If you are only considering helping on trips, these meetings are not as essential, as the main key messages would always be discussed as part of the trip briefing.

Tapestry

Over the pandemic, we have used tapestry as a platform for sending home tasks and work for those not in school. If your child is isolating, but well enough to work, please do let the admin team know, as we will then ensure that home learning is set on tapestry, to try and keep your child's progress moving forward. We have been exploring how we plan to use tapestry moving forward and you will hopefully have been receiving updates on tapestry over the past few weeks. If not, it may be that there is an issue with your account – if so, please speak with the admin team and we will try and rectify this as soon as possible.

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Mrs Coulson

As you will know, Miss Horton will now be working from home until her baby arrives! (We will keep you updated on any exciting news!) We are very pleased that Mrs Rose will be stepping in to the role of cover supervisor during her absence. We have also appointed a new member of staff to our team, Mrs Coulson who will be acting as class teaching assistant in the morning and supporting lunch time . We welcome Mrs Coulson!

Clubs

A letter will be coming out soon – if not already, regarding sports club for the next half term. For sign up you will need to visit Team Spirits websites

Prayer

We have talked in worship recently about our value of respect. We have thought about how by saying thank you, we are showing respect to others.

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head Teacher

Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the wonder of life
as you made it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the beauty of love
as you show it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the glory of presence
as you reveal it.
Thank you Lord,
for all that is,
for all that was,
for all that will be
of your creating.



It's all on



Please check your Parentmail account every day as this is how we send out all communication, including dates, forms for trips, parent consultation appointments and important notices.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I make sure I'm alerted to a new notification ?

You can change your notification settings so that you receive a notification instantly, or to receive a summary of your notifications. You can vary these settings for account notifications, email, SMS and form notifications, event reminders and more. To do this, select your name on the toolbar and select 'Notification Settings'. This will open a list of all the variables that you will receive a notification for, select whether you would like to receive an instant email or a summary email for each, and click save. These changes will be made instantly.

How do I pay online ?

If you have a notification, it means your school have invited you to pay for something, or have notified you of a new payment item which is now available for you to buy or pre-order. Once in Payments, you will be able to view items "To Pay" or visit the "Shop".

Can I see my answers once I've completed a form, I can't remember if I ordered a lunch?

Yes, if you check in the archive section in the drop down menu, it should be stored there, or call us and we can check.

What do I do if I've missed the deadline to complete a form / pay for a trip.

Contact the office and we can complete it our end.

Can I pay by card ?

Yes you can, either online or pop into the office.

There are no times showing for parent consultation on the day that I want.

This means that the times have already been booked by another parent.

Can my partner or a grandparent be added to my child's Parentmail account.

Yes no problem. We just need the person's name, mobile number, email and relationship to the child.

My computer / phone is broken, can I still complete a form?

Yes. You can pop into the office or telephone and we can input your answers for you.

Thank you

We are very grateful for all of the items you sent in for our Harvest Festival which have been donated to the Basics Bank at Testwood Baptist Church, they have been most gratefully received.

<https://www.testwoodbaptist.org/in-the-community/basics-bank/>



Copythorne Infant School are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to join our small team.

Hours are 12.00 to 1.15 daily (various days available), term time only.

Pro-rata salary £2,595 per annum.

We are looking for someone who is able to work as part of a team. Who will enjoy helping the children in the lunch hall and assisting with their play, who will promote and model positive behaviour and has a sense of humour!

If this is **YOU** please contact adminoffice@copythorne.hants.sch.uk or ring 023 80813340 for more information.



No Nuts Policy

As we have pupils in school with severe nut allergies please ensure that no items containing nuts are included in your child's packed lunch. Many thanks .



Communication

If you need to contact us please call 02380 813340, if we have called and you ringback/ 1471, this comes through to our fax machine and we are often not able to pick up the call.

Please could you also use the admin email, adminoffice@copythorne.hants.sch.uk.

This can then be accessed by both Karen and Elsa, which is essential if one of them is absent. Many thanks.



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 **uniform vouchers** 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:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Swallows Class



We have had a wonderful time, getting to know each other and learning to work as a team.



Lapwings Class



It was lovely to welcome parents into school again to celebrate with the children in Year 1.

The children were proud to talk about everything they have learnt about maps and to show the wonderful home learning houses.



Kestrels Class



Kestrels have enjoyed their woodland learning activities at Testwood Lakes. The children have been very busy developing their map reading skills and also learning about habitats. The children had a wonderful learning experience.





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| Wednesday 3rd November | am | Inter—Federation Hockey Festival at Bartley School. Year 1 |
| Wednesday 3rd November (every Wed for this half term) | pm | Chance to Shine cricket for Years 1 & 2 |
| Friday 5th November | am | Inter—Federation Hockey Festival at Bartley School. Year 2 |
| Monday 8th November To Wednesday 10th November | | Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 21st October | | School ends for half term |
| Monday 1st November | | School returns |
| Friday 12th November | 2.30pm | Book celebration. Parents to look at children's work with them |
| Wednesday 17th November | 9.15am | Family Worship |
| Friday 19th November | All day | Children in Need |
| Tuesday 23rd November | All day | Woodland Learning Day. Year 1 only. |
| Monday 6th December | am | Year 2 flu vaccinations |
| Thursday 9th December | 9.20am | Ukelele concert Year 2 |
| Friday 10th December | All day | Christmas Jumper day |
| Monday 13th December | 9.30am | Christmas pantomime—The Little Green Alien |
| Tuesday 14th December | | Nativity at St Mary's Church Copythorne |
| Thursday 16th December | am | Praizin Hands Puppets |
| Thursday 16th December | | Copythorne school Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 17th December | | School ends for Christmas holidays |
| Tuesday 4th January | | School returns for Spring Term |

Term Dates for 2021/22

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| 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 | Monday 15th November 2021 Thursday 21st July 2022 (amended) | |