



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

The end of term has reached us again and, once again, I can't believe how fast the time has gone! So much has happened this term -building Bonfires, inter-federation Hockey competitions, Victorian day, cricket coaches, singing performances, church services, painting, writing and of course, lots of great books, to name a few things! The teachers have already plotted out the events of next term and have been working hard to make sure that everyone's next steps in learning are planned for and ready to start in the new Year.

Last Day

Our last day of term, this year, is Friday 17th December with our current end of day arrangements remaining the same. Please remember that Monday 3rd January is a bank holiday, so our first day back at school will be Tuesday 4th January 2022!

Parent meetings

Next term, we are aiming for parent meetings to take place during the week beginning 28th March, more information on this, will follow nearer the time.

Website

Our hope is for you all to enjoy quality family time, rest, relax, reconnect and share in the excitement and magic of Christmas.

As the children return to school, and learning starts to accelerate again, I hope you will all continue to make best use of our online platforms, such as reading eggs and purple mash. Please remember there are lots of learning games and resources on our website also, which are used in the class during learning time.

For those parents who are seeking a few more resources to support with home learning. These can be found on the main Oaks Federation page, under curriculum:

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/curriculum-resources/>



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Phonics

Due to the disruptions last year, the government have instructed for all Year Two pupils to take the Year One Phonics Screening Check, which is normally taken at the end of Year One. This is a simple check, consisting of 20 real and 20 pseudo words, which is aimed at identifying children who may benefit from additional phonic support. As a school we report our outcomes to the department for education and you will be (if not already) receiving a letter letting you know of your child's outcome before the end of the term. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about any of the information in the letter, please do ask them when is best to meet in the new year.

Facebook!

Have you seen our facebook pages for Copythorne and Saint Michaels? We regularly post updates and photos of things happening at school. You can find these via

<https://www.facebook.com/Copythorne1/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SMAA-Lyndhurst-104789861517103/>

Looking for a school place?

Do you know anyone looking to start school in September? Please let them know that we currently have virtual tours of our school sites, which allow you to virtually walk around all our schools and find out more information, on our school website. We are also happy to meet new families and talk them through how children learn in our setting. The closing date for application is 15th January.

Clubs!

Please remember to have a look at Team Spirits website to see what clubs are running next term.

<https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/after-school-clubs/>

Lunchtime supervisors!

Would you be interested in becoming a lunch time supervisor, we are on the lookout for fulltime, part time and casual lunch time staff to come and support our children with their eating and play. Please contact the school office for more information.



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Pupil Premium Funding

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding, which can offer a great benefits and support their learning in school. Find out more by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/pupil-premium-funding/>

Covid

Firstly, can I thank everyone who has acted so quickly when your child has shown any symptom and sought out a PCR and to those who have continued to use Lateral Flow Tests as a precautionary measure. Across all our schools within the Federation, there has been a high number of cases and thanks to everyone's vigilance and cooperation, we have been able slow the spread in our schools, when there have been multiple cases. As many of you will know, the spread of covid has also had a huge impact on our staff workforce, with a number of our team (including myself) having to isolate and recover when they have been ill, resulting at times in last minute changes of staff, combining classes and a huge amount of goodwill from all the team. My thanks to all the school staff, who have made sure the school can remain running - as much as possibly normal and ensure that all our children continue moving forward with their learning and continue to enjoy all which school has to offer.

Parent Volunteers

We are still really keen to have volunteers in school, to come in and work with our pupils. We ask for all regular volunteer helpers to come to a briefing session, to find out more about what volunteering involves and also to hear key safeguarding update information.

You are welcome to attend any of our talks at any school. The dates of our next talks are:

Thursday 6th January 9.00am @ Netley Marsh

Monday 10th January 9.00am @ Copythorne

Thursday 13th January 9.00am @ St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst.



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Welcome!

Although not knew to the Federation, I would like to extend a huge welcome to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Flynn, who will be working across all our schools over the next year. Mrs Thomas will be working with children, staff and parents across the federation as inclusion lead and Mrs Flynn will be working as deputy across all three schools.

We are also really excited to be hosting a teacher training student. Our student will be working alongside Mrs Macluirin to support teaching and learning and to learn from one of our expert teachers!

Finally, I would like to wish each and everyone of our school families a merry Christmas. I hope you all get a chance to make some wonderful memories and hopefully get *some* sleep on Christmas eve!

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head Teacher



Important dates

Family worship

19th January

16th February

16th March

Easter service

7th April 2.00pm at St Mary's Church, Copythorne.

Parent consultations – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy and at times stressful term at Copythorne Infants but the team and the pupils have risen to the challenge. A big thank you to all the parents that have sent us messages of encouragement. It really does mean a lot.

All of our pupils gave absolutely brilliant performances in 'Born in a Barn', and it was lovely to welcome parents and friends onto the playground to enjoy the children's amazing singing. I hope that when the recording is ready, you can enjoy watching it together.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone associated with the school. We owe enormous thanks to so many people who go 'the extra mile' in enriching the lives of our pupils. Particular thanks to: -

Our amazing PFA Team for their energy, dedication and enthusiasm

Our Governing Body who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support the school

The Reverend John Reeve, who gives of his time so freely

All members of school staff for ensuring the pupils at Copythorne Infants receive a fantastic education

'May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy - Have a very merry Christmas!'

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 4th January.

Mrs Jan Thomas

Head of Learning



**Thank
you!**

Thank you to Jenny and the PTFA for helping to raise money for our school. A huge thank you to all of you who support us and our charities.



£209.00 donated



£80.03 donated



386 vouchers



£93.00



Food and toiletries for YFM Basics Bank



£124.20 raised





We Need Your Help



Frits Ahlefeldt

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

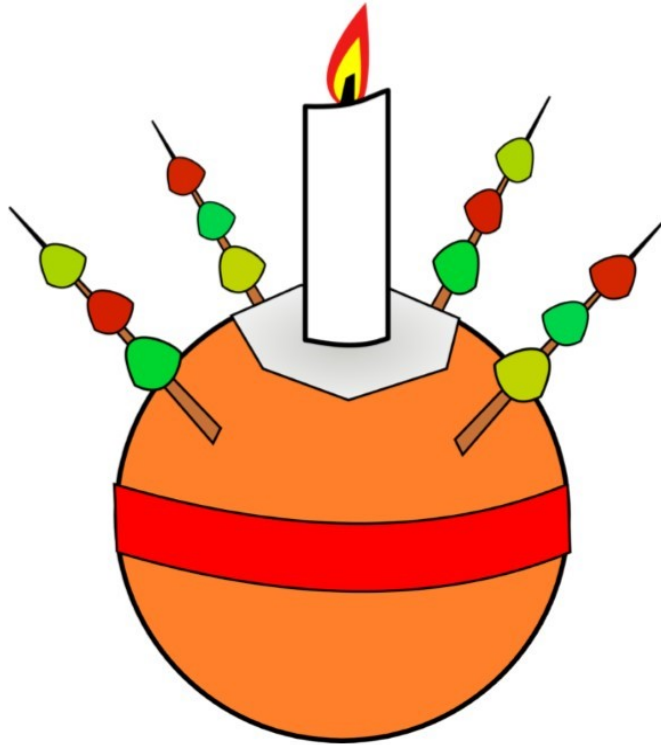
We are looking for someone who is able to work as part of a team. Who will enjoy helping the children in the lunch hall and assisting with their play, who will promote and model positive behaviour and has a sense of humour!

Hours are 12.00 to 1.15 daily, term time only, days to be agreed.

Pay is currently £9.25 per hour (pay award pending),

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

Children's Christingle



Friday 24th December 3.00pm
St Mary's Church, Romsey Road
Copythorne.

**A very special time where each child lights their
own Christingle candle.**

Please contact Revd John Reeve for further info
07341815617 / johnreeve6@aol.com



Tuesday 4th January		School returns for Spring Term
Thursday 6th January	9am	Volunteer talk Netley Marsh
Monday 10th January	9am	Volunteer talk Copythorne
Thursday 13th January	2.30pm	Volunteer talk St Michael & All Angels
Tuesday 18th January	Am	School Nurse Height and weight checks Year R
Wednesday 19th January	9.15am	Family Worship. St Mary's Church Copythorne.
Wednesday 16th February	9.15am	Family Worship. St Mary's Church Copythorne
Friday 18th Feb		Last day of term
Monday 28th Feb		School returns
Wednesday 16th March	9.15am	Family Worship. St Mary's Church Copythorne
Friday 18th March		Red Nose Day



Term Dates for 2021/22

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 21st July 2022 (amended)	