



Copythorne CE Infant School Newsletter February 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Christmas seems to be a distant memory, but the excitement of Easter is on the horizon. This is one of my most favourite times in school, as the mornings start to get brighter, the children know their routines and pace of learning continues to move forward.

Half Term Holidays

We hope that you all get some time to build great memories over the half term Holiday Mrs Thomas has found a great link titled 33 free things to do in Hampshire over the holidays!

<https://thingstodoinhampshirewithkids.co.uk/half-term-activities-in-hampshire>

Covid

Thank you to all those who continue to test regularly and inform us when action is needed. Due to the size of our schools (being comparable to one year group at Bartley) we will continue to send out warn and inform letters when there has been a positive case of Covid within the school. This ensures that everyone is able to remain vigilant and act accordingly.



Sporting Stars

As you will know, on a Friday, we celebrate a variety of achievements in worship! If your child has been awarded a certificate, trophy or medal for a sporting achievement, which they are really proud of, please do send it into school on a Friday, as we will be asking children to share their sporting successes as part of this celebration! (Please make sure it has a name somewhere!)



Facebook

Our Facebook following is growing! We are using this platform to share the wonderful work of all the schools within the Federation and with the wider community! We have recently relaunched St Michael and All Angels page, following a few technical issues and you can find our Facebook pages using the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lyndhurst-SMAA-CE-Infant-School-106380328598721>



<https://www.facebook.com/Copythorne1/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Netley-Marsh-CE-Infant-School-102244492368424>

Tapestry

As a school, we continue to use Tapestry to post information regularly and keep you all informed of what is happening in our classes. We are aware of a few people who have not been receiving updates – if this is the case, please do let the school office know and we will try our best to rectify this.



Contact information

It is vital that we have the most up to date contact information possible, in case we need to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed your phone number, address or place of work (therefore a different work number), please do pass this on to the office, to ensure that we can make contact if we need to. This is really appreciated as it ensures that we can contact you in the quickest time possible when needed.



Book Looks

As always, if ever you have concerns about your child or want to discuss your child's progress, please do ask your teacher at the door at drop off/pick up. Alternatively, you can phone the office and ask for a convenient time to meet or talk with your class teacher.

We will also be holding parent consultation meetings at the end of March. For these meetings, we ask parents to avoid bringing children along to the meeting, so that teacher and parents can have open and honest conversations about their children. However, we would love your child to be able to share their best bits of work with you, so we would like to invite you into school, to sit with your child and look at their books/work on Thursday 24th March at 2.45pm. Sadly, this may be subject to change, depending on the most up to date Covid guidance at the time or should we have a spike in cases, where we would look to rearrange.



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Team Spirit – Afterschool clubs

Team Spirit will be launching their next unit of clubs after half term – please make sure you visit their site and sign up for our next round of clubs for the next half term.

<https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/>



The Queens Jubilee!

Copythorne Parish are looking ahead to the Queens Platinum Jubilee and have formed a working party to make sure that the celebrations go off with a bang! The committee is looking for volunteers to help organise celebrations. If you would like to get involved please contact Kara Conroy Hawks via karachawks@icloud.com to put yourself forward!



Thinking of Volunteering?

Have you ever thought about volunteering in school, but not sure what it involves or how much time you may need to commit to? We are hosting a number of volunteer induction talks (lasting about 30 minutes) to go through what helping in school involves, including what tasks you may be asked to do and also what are your responsibilities when working in a school with children (including health and safety and safeguarding). You are welcome to attend any meeting at any of our schools across the Federation, to find out more. Dates include:

9.00 - Thursday 3rd March @ St Michael and All Angels

9.00 - Friday 4th March @ Netley Marsh

2.30 – Wednesday 9th March @ Copythorne



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Staffing News

Mrs Biddlecombe will be retiring this year and will be launching into retired life at Easter. Mrs Biddlecombe has led phonics across the Federation and is currently one of our governors as well! She will be greatly missed and I would like to thank her for all her hard work at Copythorne Infant School. For the children in Year One, a familiar face will be returning – Mrs Greenall will be returning from Maternity Leave and filling the gap for the remainder of the year, making sure that learning continues with a familiar face.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains our highest priority at school, which is why we insist that everyone volunteering and who works in school regularly, attends safeguarding briefings at least once each year. With our school we have three designated safeguard leads – Myself, Mrs Flynn and Mrs Thomas. It is our legal responsibility to act on concerns raised and to ensure that every child is safe from harm. We would also say, if ever you have a concern about a child's welfare, please do let us know. We treat disclosure confidentially and small concerns can often add to a bigger picture in a child's life, which helps us to understand what support may be needed.

More information on safeguarding can be found on our [website](#) including our [safeguarding policy](#).

Our Designated Safeguard Leads



A shared prayer

Loving God,

We pray for all children.

We pray that they know and feel the security that is their right.

We pray that they know and feel the love that is theirs through you.

**Guide all who are a voice for children and young people to speak loudly
and clearly**

**so that security and safety, love and hope might be the experience of all
your children.**





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| Friday 18th Feb | | Last day of term |
| Monday 28th Feb | | School returns |
| Monday 28th Feb to Friday 4th March | | World Book Week activities |
| Thursday 3rd March | | World Book Day — special lunch menu |
| Thursday 3rd March | 8pm | PTFA online AGM meeting |
| Wednesday 16th March | 9.15am | Family Worship. St Mary's Church Copythorne. All welcome |
| Friday 18th March | | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 18th March | | Year R trip to Longdown Dairy Farm |
| Thursday 24th March | 2.45pm | Bookshare. A chance for your child to show off their best work. |
| Tuesday 29th March | | Year 1 trip to Testwood Lakes |
| Tuesday 29th March | 3.30—6pm | Parent Consultations - Face to Face |
| Wednesday 30th March | 3.30—6pm | Parent Consultations - Zoom or telephone call |
| Thursday 31st March | am | Praizin Hands Puppets |
| Thursday 7th April | 2pm | Easter service at St Mary's Church Copythorne. All welcome |
| Friday 8th April | | Last day of term |
| Monday 25th April | | School returns |

Term Dates for 2021/22

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| 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) | |