



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter April 2022

Our School Vision

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Dear Parents,

The sun is starting to shine more and the evenings are getting longer! It is hard to believe that the Summer term is upon us. This coming term is always a busy one, but we hope an enjoyable one as well! The teachers, from across the Federation, have been working together this week, to look at what their children have achieved and plan next steps and there are lots of exciting learning opportunities in the pipeline.

Our Vision in action

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SIAMS Inspection

The words of love respect and compassion continue to feature heavily in the language we use within the school. We were thrilled to receive such positive feedback from our recent SAIMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) visit at Netley Marsh. The full report can be found by clicking [here](#).

Comic Relief

I would also like to extend a huge thank you for all the donations of cakes and the funds raised to support Comic Relief. We raised a grand total of **£150.02** to support this worthy charity.

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Inter-fed Competition

There have been lots of exciting work taking place over the three schools this term. Year One and Two took part in our second, inter-federation competition (this time it was dodgeball), which provided the children the opportunity to meet their peers from across our schools and also to put the skills they have learnt into action. Reports of good team work and respect were received on return from this event and congratulations to Copythorne, who won this term s Federation trophy again .

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Next term, ACE sports will be working with us and teaching 'multi-skills Olympics' for our next instalment of P.E fun!

Heartsmart

Thank you to all who have also responded to our survey about 'Heart Smart' which is our chosen scheme for how we teach relationship education. This will aid our thinking and support our ongoing evaluation of this programme of work.

Team Spirit

Team spirit will be asking children to sign up for the next round of clubs for next half term. Remember to sign up via the website <https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/>

Book Week

We were absolutely amazed at the amount of reading which took place over book week – both in school and out of school. Those who took part in the sponsored reading event – well done! We raised £600 which will be used to restock our current book supplies within school. All children who returned their sponsorship forms will be receiving a book mark as a well done for their efforts and as everyone did so well, all of the children will be able to help choose which books they would like to see in the school library.

Phonics Checks

Next term all Year One children, and those in Year Two who did not meet the phonics threshold, will be involved in the national phonics screening checks (the week beginning 6th of June). This is a short activity, undertaken with the class teacher on a 1:1 basis, which involves reading a series of words which can be 'sounded out' and words which need to be read at sight. If you would like any assistance on practicing phonics at home, please remember that reading eggs is a great resource to use. There are also multiple games on our website <https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/year-2-curriculum-resources/> or you could organise to discuss further with your class teacher.

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Developing Wonder

It is starting to feel a bit normal again. Year R had great fun on a trip to the farm and a visit from a tractor. Year One have visited Testwood Lakes and Year Two are preparing for a visit to support their up and coming unit of work, focussing on the Titanic. Next term we will also be celebrating the Queens Jubilee in school – which the children will celebrate a week earlier than the rest of the country – keep an eye on tapestry for photos of how we are celebrating!

Getting ready

Next term we will also begin to prepare the children for transition to year three. The year Two team will be starting to talk about their new schools and meeting new children. Dates of events for transition will follow next term.

School Dog

I have had lots of parents asking me about progress on a school dog, following our consultation earlier in the year. This is still very much an ambition of ours – and the more research we do, the more benefits we find. At the same time, as all those who have owned a dog know, dog ownership is a big commitment and there are still considerations which we need to explore further before making such a commitment. I shall endeavour to keep you all informed, but this venture will be on hold until the start of the next academic year at the earliest.

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We hope all who attended the Easter Services enjoyed joining in with our school worship. Family worship will be continuing next term with the dates of these being:

Wednesday 18th May and 15th June 2022

A Fond Farewell!

As you will know from our last newsletter, this week marks the end of an era and the beginning of new adventures for Mrs Biddlecombe, who is retiring this week. At school, we celebrated with tea and cakes and we know she will be greatly missed. Mrs Biddlecombe started working at Copythorne in September 2009 but started her career in 1979 (under the name of Miss Crisp). In her time, Mrs Biddlecombe has taught across the whole primary age range and taught in a host of schools across Southampton and Hampshire. While at Copythorne, she has played a particular role in leading our phonics and has secured high outcomes in this role, as well as stepping into the role of staff governor. Mrs Biddlecombe has also supported our staff in her role as union representative. We wish Mrs Biddlecombe all the best and hope that she is not a stranger to the school. I'm sure you will all join us in Thanking Mrs Biddlecombe for all the work she has done.

A warm welcome back!

I would also like to welcome Mrs Greenall back to school, who will be picking up the mantle for Year One and teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.





Governors Message to Parents

As we come to the end of term, signs of Spring are appearing everywhere in our schools. At Netley Marsh there has been the tree planting ceremony this month. St Michael and All Angels are now enjoying the facilities in their new playground area. The hatching of duck eggs is eagerly awaited, whilst at Copythorne at least one baby chick has made an appearance. The weather has not always been kind to us and Copythorne's small garden greenhouse was irreparably damaged during the recent storms. However, the local community came to the rescue and donations of pots, planters and a new mini greenhouse were gratefully received. These are just some examples relating to love, respect and compassion within the schools and their communities. As the holidays approach the Governors wish all staff, children and families a very happy Easter



Happy Easter!
FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TOTTON



TRASURE HUNT AT TOTTON PRECINCT, GOOD FRIDAY 1PM-3PM

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

ST. WINS

VICTORY SUNDAY, 11AM
92 SALISBURY ROAD, SO40 3JA

ST. MARY'S

SUNRISE SERVICE, 6AM
AT GOATEE BEACH

TESTWOOD BAPTIST

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30AM & 11:15AM

**ST. MATTHEW'S
NETLY MARSH**

HOLY COMMUNION, 8AM & 11:30AM

CHRIST CHURCH COLBURY

EASTER DAY 9:30AM IN CHURCH
EASTER DAY 11:00AM ON ZOOM

ST. MARY'S COPYTHORNE

EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION,
9:30AM

ST. ANNE'S

EASTER DAY HOLY
COMMUNION, 10AM

ST. THERESA'S

EASTER SUNDAY
10:30AM

SAVE THE DATE FOR TOTTON FAMILY FUN DAY
11TH JUNE, 1PM-5PM, AT TESTWOOD SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFO
ABOUT EASTER SERVICES
SCAN THIS QR CODE





Friday 8th April		Last day of term
Monday 25th April		School returns
Monday 25th April	All day	Titanic Dress Up Day — Year 2
Wednesday 27th April	am	Eco superstars Perform workshop
Monday 2nd May		Bank Holiday — School Closed
Thursday 12th May	am	Class Photos
Friday 13th May	All day	Sea City Titanic trip — Year 2
Wednesday 18th May	9.15am	Family worship, St Mary's Church Copythorne. All welcome.
Tuesday 24th May	All day	Environmental day at Bartley —Year 2
Friday 27th May		Last day of term
Monday 6th June		School returns
Tuesday 14th June		2022 New entrants evening
Wednesday 15th June	9.15am	Family worship, St Mary's Church Copythorne. All welcome.
Wednesday 6th July		Move up day
Thursday 7th July		Move up day
Thursday 21st July		Inset day and school ends for summer

Term Dates for 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)	

