



Copythorne CE Infant School Newsletter May 2022

Our School Vision

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Summer 1 Newsletter

I can't believe that there is only one more half term until the Summer break! There is a growing sense that school is returning to the 'old normal' and so teachers are able to plan activities and events with a greater deal of certainty, that they will be able to go ahead. Although there is little more than 6 weeks of the year left, there is still lots of learning and fun to be had and we are all very excited for what is always, a very busy and action packed term!

Our Vision In Action

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Sports Day Competitions

Years One and Two have been working with ACE Sports & Education, doing 'mini Olympics' ready for our sports day events, this year. This will also mark the final of our inter-federation competitions. This exciting sporting event will be held at Bartley CE Junior School and spectators are invited to come and cheer on their child and their class!

If you are able to attend, Year One's event will start at 9.45am on 27th June and **Year Two's** event will start at 9.45am on 15th June – please check your Parentmail forms for details.

For our youngest learners in Reception, the school will be hosting their own sporting event. We are finalising the dates for this and will write to you shortly with more information.

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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://teamsprit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/>

Art's Week

Returning to school after half term, we will be holding 'Art's week', where we will be learning about a range of artists, styles and getting very creative!

Phonics Checks

During Art's week, teachers in Year's One and Two will be facilitating the National Phonics Screening. This is done with the class teacher on a 1:1 basis. All children in Year One and those, in Year Two, who did not meet the expected score will also take the test. Teachers will write to you in the weeks following the test to let you know how your child achieved. The phonics check is kept 'low key' and the children will have had a practice at previous challenges, before seeing the latest materials. For the majority of the children, they do not know that they have taken a test and the teachers are well equipped to ensure that children do not feel any worry about this.

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 click [here](#) or you could organise to discuss further with your class teacher.

School Places

We have been very excited to meet our new (and returning) families, as they bring in their information and accept offered school places. Across all of our schools, we still have a few places available and, sadly for us, have a few families relocating away from our local area. As always, we do accept children from outside of our catchment areas when there is space. We are always happy to show people around and should you know anyone who is still looking for school places – either from within or outside any of our school catchment areas, then please do suggest that they get in contact with our fantastic admin team.

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Year Two Swimming

Year Two will be starting swimming lessons after the half term break. If you have not yet replied to our letter about swimming, please do so as quickly as possible to ensure your child is able to get involved with this great opportunity.

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Getting Ready

Next term we will also begin to prepare the children for transitions. Your child's new school will now be sending you information regarding transition and we would ask that any children not attending Bartley to please let the school office know when your child's transition days are. For Year R and Year 1, they will be spending the morning working with their new teachers on Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th July.

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This term is always a term of change and we look forward to September and preparing our children for the next step in their education. We will be starting our induction for new starters over the coming weeks and for those in Year Two, we will be talking more about the children's next learning chapters, including talking about making new friends and meeting new people.

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head Teacher





Monday 6th June		School returns
Tuesday 7th June	am	Year 2 swimming lessons first session
Saturday 10th June & Sunday 11th June		Copythorne Carnival and Steam Rally
Tuesday 14th June		2022 New entrants evening
Wednesday 15th June	9.15am	Family worship, St Mary's Church Copythorne. All welcome.
Wednesday 15th June	9.45am	Year 2 Mini Olympics at Bartley Junior School (drop off at Copythorne)
Tuesday 21st June	9.15am	Year 2 collective worship at Bartley Junior School
Monday 27th June	9.45am	Year 1 Mini Olympics at Bartley Junior School (drop off at Copythorne)
Wednesday 6th July		Move up day
Thursday 7th July		Move up day
Friday 8th July		Copythorne Summer Fayre
Tuesday 12th July	am	Year 2 swimming lessons - last session
Tuesday 12th July	6pm	Year 2 New parents evening @Bartley Junior School
Friday 15th July	2pm	New year R (2022) Teddy Bears Picnic
Thursday 21st July		Inset day and school ends for summer
Monday 5th September		School restarts for years 1 & 2

Term Dates for 2022/ 23

Autumn Term 1	Thursday 1st September 2022	Friday 21st October 2022
Autumn Term 2	Monday 31st October 2022	Friday 16th December 2022
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Friday 10th February 2023
Spring Term 2	Monday 20th February 2023	Friday 31st March 2023
Summer Term 1	Monday 17th April 2023	Friday 26th May 2023
Summer Term 2	Monday 5th June 2023	Friday 21st July 2023
Inset Days School Closed	Thursday 21st July 2022 (amended) Thursday 1st September Friday 2nd September Friday 21st October Friday 10th February Monday 26th June	