

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. I am starting this newsletter off with a massive well done, congratulations and thank you to all of the Year 6 children, staff and parents. This week has been their SATs tests and I can honestly say that in 13 years as being a Headteacher I have never been as impressed as I have been this week with how everyone has approached the task in hand. We all have our own thoughts, views and opinion on them, (I will spare you mine, but let's just say after not doing them for the past two years, schools have not struggled to pass on accurate data at the end of Year 6) but every child approached every paper with a sense of determination and a smile. I know that each and everyone of them tried their personal best and to me, that is far more important, well done.

Next week

Important Information and Events for Next Week - 16 th May 2022	
Monday	SPAG SAT Paper 1 & 2 – Year 2
Tuesday	Natural History Museum Trip – Year 6 Fire Safety – Years 1 & 5
Wednesday	Reading SAT paper – Year 2 Natural History Museum Trip – Year 6
Thursday	Maths SAT Paper – Year 2
Friday	INSET DAY 3 – School Closed to all children

Fire Safety

As a reminder, there are fire safety lessons in Years 1 and 5 on Tuesday 17th May 2022 with the Fire Safety Team from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service.

Walk to School Week

As a reminder, from the 23rd May until the 27th May is our Walk to School Week. If you are able to support this by walking that would be great. Alternatively, parking further away from the school than you would normally do and then walking in is also a great way of participating. However, we appreciate that some families are unable to get involved and do not want to cause unnecessary upset to children who are unable to participate. Therefore, each day we will also be walking in school as well. Certificates will be sent home on the Friday.

To support the week, we will also be completing road safety lessons with the children between now and Walk to School Week.

Portsfest Selfie Station

Some of our Year 5 children will be invited to contribute to the school's Selfie Station artwork for Portsfest. We will be using the paint left over from the playground mural. Our piece of artwork will be on display from the 30th June until the 3rd July in a location in Portsmouth to be revealed nearer the time!

Once it is complete and we know more details, we will send you the information as it would be great to see children from the school having a selfie with our artwork during Portsfest!

Portsmouth's Year 1 Picture Book Award Celebration Event

On Wednesday 22nd June, the winning author for the Year 1 Picture Book Award will be attending Copnor Primary School for a joint event with the 30 Year 1 children from Gatcombe Park Primary School. He or she will be revealed as the winner. Hopefully the children will be very excited to find out who has won the prize for the best picture book for 2022 as voted for by hundreds of children in Year 1 across the city!

Year 5 Book Awards

This year, we have also been selected by the School Library Service to perform a poem at the King's Theatre for the Year 5 Book Awards. The children are working hard to write, edit and perfect their poem to perform to 20 other schools!

Anti-bullying Survey

If your child (Year 3–Year 6) previously completed the Anti-Bullying survey, they will complete the second part next week or possibly the following week. Any concerns please contact your child's class teacher.

School Uniform

Back in March (News 25) I wrote in the newsletter about the increase in cost of living that was occurring and ways that we as a school could support. One of the suggestions was to give you the option to buy white polo shirts when your child out grows their current blue one which was reported as often being cheaper and more readily available, the governors and I agreed that we could therefore give you the option to do this, this was not a change of school uniform as the blue would still be available to purchase. Following feedback from parents, it has been reported back to me that blue t-shirts appear to be the more popular option. This being because they are more cost effective with maintaining the uniform and stay looking fresh for a longer period. We will no longer be changing to the option of white.

Summer Weather

Despite the weather giving every indication to the contrary, we are in the summer term and hopefully the weather will start to warm up! Therefore, can I please remind everyone to make sure children are summer ready and come to school prepared with sun cream, sun hat and a water bottle. Children may also wear sunglasses during break times, however, the lenses must be plastic, and the children will be responsible for looking after them.

Advance Notice – Sports Day

I am pleased to announce that Copnor Primary School's Sports Day this year will be held at Admiral Lord Nelson School on Friday 8th July 2022. More details will follow nearer the time. However, some important information can be shared now.

Firstly, there will not be a reserve day. Both ourselves and Lyndhurst Junior School will be using ALNS that week so there are no reserve days available. Children from Years 3 to 6 will have

their sports day in the morning of the 8th July from around 9:30am before returning to school for lunchtime.

Years R, 1 and 2 will have their sports day in the afternoon after having lunch and will finish by 2:30pm.

Parents and carers are able to attend the sports day event.

Golden Child/House Points

Due to the Year 6 SATs, we have not held whole school assemblies so there is no Golden Child or House Points this week.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, enjoy the lovely sunny warm weather that is forecast and if you are in Year 2, remember next week will happen, please do not stress or worry about it, I know each and everyone of you will do your personal best. You are amazing and should be proud of everything that you have achieved this year so far.

Take care

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