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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. Christmas has well and truly landed at Copnor Primary School this week with our school looking very festive following Tuesday's Decoration Day and today's school panto experience.

## Christmas Lunch

A final reminder that on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our Christmas Dinner at lunchtime. The deadline for ordering a hot school Christmas Lunch is close of school today as Caterlink need to know the number of meals that are being catered for so that they can order the food.

Please order your child a meal using their ScoPay account. Any child who does not have a hot meal ordered by the deadline will need to be sent into school with a packed lunch on this day.

## Hockey Tournament

Yesterday, Mr Whitlock and Miss Whittingham took eight Year 6 children to (a very cold and windy) Admiral Lord Nelson School for a Portsmouth Schools Year 5/6 Hockey Festival, and after earning points through Hockey skills, drill based activities and matches against the other schools, Copnor had earned 58 points in total, the highest points of the schools in attendance. We therefore were awarded the Year 5/6 Hockey Festival trophy which will be proudly displayed in our school trophy cabinet. Well done everyone a fantastic outcome.

## Government Announcement regarding Covid 19

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday certain COVID 19 restrictions have become mandatory once again. Whilst the guidance issued to Secondary Schools has changed this week, the guidance issued to Primary Schools currently remains unchanged, however as a result of Sunday's announcement all staff have gone back to wearing a face covering in communal areas outside of their classroom and when walking around the school building.

Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a face covering whilst on site, this week we have seen an increase in children testing positive on an LFT test and therefore are awaiting the results from a PCR test, I would strongly advise everyone whilst on site to wear a face covering for theirs and others safety. As a school we are also trying to keep our movements around the school to a minimum to ensure that where we have positive cases, the transmission to other adults and children is kept to a minimum with the Christmas Holidays only two weeks away.

## Christmas Fair – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Unfortunately, the PFA have made the difficult decision of cancelling the Christmas Fair. This was due to take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to parents/carers who have provided items for the fair. However, there will be some activities taking place that we hope you will support.

Guess the number of sweets in the jar, name the teddy and the raffle will still be taking place. The jar and the teddy will be in the playground after school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday

8th December. Each guess will cost 50p. The winners will be announced on the website on Friday 10th December 2021.

We will also be selling raffle tickets. The first prize will be a £30 shopping voucher and there are a number of other great prizes. Tickets will be 25p each or 5 for £1. The draw will take place on Friday 10th December and will be available on the school's website at the end of the school day.

## Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Jumpers will still be sold on Friday 10th December at the end of school. If you have a jumper you no longer want, please provide to the school by Wednesday 8th December 2021.

## Christmas EYFS Nativity

We are currently planning to complete the nativity, with the parents and carers seeing it as a class group of adults. However, this is something that we will need to review next week based upon the number of cases in Year R, the wider school and Portsmouth.

## Golden Child

I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children, they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
1	Banksy	Molly
	Goldsworthy	Leo
	Riley	Archie
2	Asher-Smith	Lola
	Farah	Amber
	Simmonds	Sophia
3	Adele	Grace
	Elton	Kathleen
	Sheeran	
4	Brunel	Frederick
	Callaghan	Ava
	Dickens	Michael
5	Dyson	Aiden
	Gilbert	Kaiden
	Newton	Peyton
6	Attenbrough	Vlad
	Churchill	Chase
	Pankhurst	
	Shakespeare	Mia

They have all been recognised as someone who understands when they have made a mistake and is able to say sorry.

For those of you like me who will be decorating your homes, I hope that the Elf on the Shelf does not decide to play tricks with the decorations and fairy lights!

Matt Johnson  
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