
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope that this newsletter finds you well and you have had a great Christmas and New Year break. Our new term has started off very well with every year group experiencing their new curriculum topics. Year 5 started their swimming lessons, Year 4 had a visit from a Viking man and Year 6 had an enterprise day where they had to become entrepreneurs and design a board game from scratch to make, market and sell. Despite the rise in national covid rates, it has been lovely that this week has felt normal in school and no additional restrictions have been imposed upon us.

Playground developments

For those of you who have children in Years 5 & 6 and have visited the back playground this week, you will have seen workmen on site and I am delighted to be able to share the news that phase 2 of Outdoor Learning Environment redevelopment plan is nearly complete and will be operational from Monday morning.

During this week, we have had a new 5 piece outdoor exercise equipment area installed, together with two new king squares, additional line markings to extend the running track and a solar powered stop watch so that the children can time themselves undertaking the course.

Nut Allergies

We are a nut free school so could I please remind parents to check the ingredients of food items sent into school to make sure they do not contain nuts.

After School Clubs

All Teacher led After School Clubs will resume from Monday 10th January. We will endeavour to cover these clubs as best we can, but we may have to cancel these at short notice if we do not have to the staff to run these due to COVID levels, thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Please note however there will be no clubs on Tuesday 11th January as the staff have an extra staff meeting.

House points

This week marked the launch of our new House system in school, the four houses are Alliance, Mary Rose, Victory and Warrior. These names represent the 3 ships that are based in Portsmouth's Dockyard and the submarine that is based in Gosport. These have been chosen as they link to both Portsmouth's Naval history and the history topics that will be studied throughout the different years at Copnor. This means at some point during the 7 years at Copnor, the children will have the opportunity to visit each of the four vessels when they learn about that historical topic, for example when learning about the Tudors, part of that topic will involve a trip to see the Mary Rose ship.

Every child has been placed into one of the four houses, with siblings placed in the same house, and will remain in that house for the time they are at Copnor Primary School. Everybody will earn house points in the same way that merits were earned, but now will contribute to weekly and termly house winners and these will be shared with you in each weekly newsletter.

Each house has a House Captain and Vice House Captain, and over the next few newsletters more information will be shared about the house system. Each House Captain and Vice House Captain is a member of Year 6, applied and was interviewed in the Autumn term for the post and will be responsible for leading the House during House events and collecting the weekly points.

| House | Captain | Vice-Captain |
|-----------|---------|--------------|
| Alliance | Frankie | Poppy |
| Mary Rose | Toby | Olivia |
| Victory | Lexie | Joshua |
| Warrior | Emily | Sophie |

This new system replaces the merit system, any merits that have been earned since September have been automatically converted into house points.

Golden Child

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

| Year Group | Class | Golden Child |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| R | Bright | Anaya |
| | Donaldson | Aana |
| | Potter | Lucy |
| 1 | Banksy | Aylo |
| | Goldsworthy | Nellie |
| | Riley | Evie |
| 2 | Asher-Smith | Xavier |
| | Farah | Miley |
| | Simmonds | Oscar |
| 3 | Adele | Alex |
| | Elton | Evie |
| | Sheeran | Alfie |
| 4 | Brunel | Connor |
| | Callaghan | Mason |
| | Dickens | Mila |
| 5 | Dyson | Poppy |
| | Gilbert | Aimee |
| | Newton | Samsom and Hunnie |
| 6 | Attenborough | Abuhurairah |
| | Churchill | Charlotte |
| | Pankhurst | Ismail |
| | Shakespeare | Oliver |

They have all been recognised for someone who has made a positive start to the New Year.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, keep safe and are ready for a full 5 day week of learning next week.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher