

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. Thank you for your support this term, which has certainly been a very productive and happy one at Copnor. Despite the challenges we have faced over Covid, our curriculum offer has included where possible enrichment trips for our children which we know they have enjoyed, this week Year 1 have visited the Dockyard and Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 visited Harbour Church for the Easter Spectacular.

Today marks the end of our Spring Term and the School will re-open on Monday 25 April 2022 at 8.35 am. Next term the public examinations start for Years 1,2, 4 & 6, we have numerous excursions, curriculum enrichment and the Jubilee to celebrate, hopefully with warmer and drier weather to support.

Key Dates for Next Term

Important Information and Events for First Week Back - 25 th April 2022	
Monday	Start of Summer 1
	Portsmouth Book Awards - Year 1 & 5
Tuesday	Simmonds Class Trip to HMS Warrior
	Callaghan Class Trip to HMS Mary Rose
Wednesday	Dickens Class Trip to HMS Mary Rose
Thursday	Brunel Class Trip to HMS Mary Rose
	Asher-Smith Class Trip to HMS Warrior
Friday	Farah Class Trip to HMS Warrior

Date	Year Group / Class	Event
May		
2 nd & 3 rd	All	2 Day Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th	Year 6	SATs week
16 th – 20 th	All	Walk to school Week
17 th	Years 1 & 5	Fire Service Visit
17 th & 18 th	Year 6	Cumberland House Natural History Museum Visit
20 th	All	Inset Day 3
27 th	All	Last Day of Term

P.E Kits

Hopefully, your child will have returned or will be returning home with their PE kit. Please could you ensure that they return their PE kit on Monday 25th April with each item clearly labelled. If your child does not have the school's branded kit, we would rather see children in sports clothing than have no kit. Unless a child has an injury or medical condition that the teacher has been made aware of, then they will still participate in the lesson.

Easter Eggs

A parent who wishes to remain anonymous, has kindly provided 75 eggs for the children. These have been distributed via a raffle. This generous gift was very much appreciated by the school.

Year 4 Writing Outcomes

As part of Year 4's writing curriculum this term, one of their tasks was to write a letter all about Global Warming or a specific climate issue. One of the outcomes of this task was that these letters would be shared with our community in the newsletter. Each class has chosen a letter which is included below, but I wanted to say a huge well done to all of Year 4, whilst we have only included 3, every single one was well written and purposely constructed with real thought as to the language used. You should all feel very proud of your writing.

Dear our school community,

I am writing to you because I would like to tell you about Global Warming. Global Warming is where our planet heats up and it might explode. At this moment, this is happening. Will you help save our world?

Firstly, let's talk about pollution. Pollution has been in our planet for thousands of generations. I whole-heartedly believe it is hurting Earth. We have an invisible layer called the ozone layer. The ozone protects us from the sun and it keeps all the oxygen in. Right this very second, the ozone layer is beginning to break! The good thing about this is the ozone layer can heal itself. Pollution can come from factories, cars and electricity. To avoid this, we can use cars and electricity less. Therefore, the world won't get destroyed. Will you stop this dreadful crime?

Secondly, let's talk about plastic and animals. Plastic has also been in our lives for generations however, this is bad. Humans are throwing plastic in the sea. We must stop this scene. In the sea, the plastic turns into microplastic. Microplastics are shorter than 5mm long. They are so small, sea animals don't even realise they've eaten them. Every year, 100,000 fish die because of our selfish actions. It's not just the sea animals, it's the polar bears as well. The polar bears' ice caps and habitats are melting because of us.

In conclusion, we must stop these crimes. It's not too late to change our actions. Will you help save our planet?

Yours sincerely,

Amelie

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you because we want our world to be a better place. However, there are problems that we have and they need solving. We are going to help you.

We are throwing plastic away and it is ending up in our ocean. Sea animals are eating plastic because people are chucking plastic in the ocean. If you drink a plastic bottle, maybe reuse it or make something out of it. When shopping, we can use paper bags. Plastic bags are used around the earth every second. In fact, plastic is so popular in the UK today that it is almost impossible to imagine life without it.

We can stop air pollution by not using cars too much because it is causing destruction to the world. The busy cities are full of cars which are pumping toxic fume which fly into the atmosphere.

What we can do to fix it is take plastic out of the ocean.

Yours sincerely,

Perry

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to ask you to not use paper. Because, I am sure that paper is hurting our environment and millions of animals.

Also, trees are being cut down and orangutans are being kicked out of their home as the trees are being destroyed. For these reasons, can you please use less paper.

We must use other types of materials to recycle and to not waster the trees. For example, trees are their home and it gets wrecked. As you can see, some people know not to be selfish and you should too.

In other words, it is the same for the sea. Plastic pollution is terrible and so all the sea creatures eat them. In addition, once they eat it, bigger animals will eat the smaller animals. In this situation, 8 million tons of plastic goes into the sea every day.

Thirdly, it's time for the conclusion. In my opinion, all of this is madness and heart breaking. For all of these reasons, please stop or everyone could die from no oxygen, drowning or rising sea levels.

Sincerely yours,

George

Rocksteady Concerts

Following the cancellation of this terms Rocksteady concerts due to the leader testing positive for Covid, we have tried to rearrange these for next half term around our already very busy school diary and offered two dates where either testing, visitors or trips were not taking part and this is the reply that we have received:

In terms of rearranging the concerts, I spoke to my manager about the suggested dates of 24th and 25th May, and he said this probably wouldn't give us enough time to prepare for the next concert at the end of the summer term. He said the next best thing we could do is to record a video performance in the week or two following the Easter break, which can be sent to the parents of children in that specific band. This is something that I would be able to record, edit and upload, similar to the concert videos at the end of the summer term last year.

I appreciate that this is not ideal, however giving the situation that both us as a school and Rocksteady are in, this is the best arrangement that can be made at this time. We have asked that the summer concert is a must, even if that means that they need to provide another band leader for those days.

Maths Bingo Challenge

Every child will be bringing home a Copnor Maths Bingo Challenge to complete over the Easter break if they wish to do so. Please feel free to add photos of your child doing one of the activities into their homework book! Your child will earn one house point for completing as many as they can.

Have fun and enjoy!

Golden Child

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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
R	Bright	Ivy
	Donaldson	Hugo
	Potter	Harvey
1	Banksy	Joshua
	Goldsworthy	Kirsley
	Riley	Evan
2	Asher-Smith	Bobby
	Farah	Ismaeel
	Simmonds	Tobias
3	Adele	Willow
	Elton	Florence
	Sheeran	Oskar
4	Brunel	Cem
	Callaghan	Oliver
	Dickens	Callum
5	Dyson	Ava
	Gilbert	Ellie-Joe
	Newton	Bobby
6	Attenborough	Theodora
	Churchill	Lola
	Pankhurst	Frankie
	Shakespeare	Toby

The children have been recognised as someone who respects others' beliefs and celebrates their differences.

House Points

	Alliance	Mary-Rose	Victory	Warrior
House Points collected this week	221	428	223	266
Running Termly Total	10,101	7,319	8,517	7,645

Congratulations to Alliance on winning the first ever terms House Cup. Due to our current Covid levels we have decided for the safety of everyone across the school with Easter being next week, that we would postpone the House prize until the first week back as we are currently not mixing year groups.

Well done to everyone regardless of which house they are in, every single child has contributed to their house success this term and should be pleased with their personal achievements and success.

I hope that you all have a restful Easter holidays enjoy your time away, we look forward to seeing everyone back safely on Monday 25th April.

Take care

Matt Johnson
Headteacher