



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and you are not missing the sunshine too much after a summer of wonderful weather. It has been a fantastic first week back and your children have all been absolute super stars.

Welcome Back

As always, it has been wonderful to see both new and existing pupils back in school, looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and ready for the year ahead. I have been delighted to greet our children every morning and to see them settling so quickly into their new routines. We know that children can feel anxious or unsure about some aspects of transition to their new year group or new school, so we provided a comprehensive induction programme in the summer. This has proved to be very successful and our new school year has started positively for all of children in our care - thank you for your support with this. The school diary is already filling up with both our traditional events, such as Parents Evenings, newer events like our Work Celebration Drop-ins and school community events, and next week we will send out a new list of dates for the year for those events that have been confirmed.

Over the summer, much work has taken place in school, the most exciting being the new Reading Shed, flooring and wall art that can be found throughout the school. The children (and staff) have really enjoyed looking at and also being interactive with all the new art. In KS1, the children have even found new ways to travel in school guided by the artwork. In KS2, the children have been wowed by all the snippets of local information and quotes from famous figures. Photos of the new installations can be found on our Instagram page.

Office Hours

Our School Office is staffed Monday – Friday 08:00 – 16:00. Outside of these times, the schools answer phone is available.

Naming uniform and acceptable school uniform

To help re-unite uniform, coats, etc with its owner, please ensure that all your child's school uniform is clearly named, including lunch boxes and PE kits. If your child loses any uniform, please check the lost property which is kept at reception.

I appreciate that this week has been incredibly hot and unseasonably warm, however next week the forecast is due to return to what is expected in September. Therefore could you please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in appropriate school uniform, this includes what is and what is not acceptable jewellery.

Our Policy states:

Main Uniform

Black school shoes or black trainers. While a small logo is acceptable, trainers that have a mixture of colours or have soles with different colours are not permitted;

Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore;

Sky blue polo shirt with or without logo;

Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without logo;

Navy blue or grey tights or white socks (where skirts/dresses are worn). Where trousers are worn, the colour of the socks does not matter. Where shorts are worn, then white or black socks should be worn;

In warmer weather (or at the choice of the child) grey tailored shorts or a sky blue gingham dress may be worn.

Jewellery and Make-up

No jewellery other than stud or small sleeper earrings (under half-inch) may be worn in school for the majority of children. Small sleeper earrings will need to be removed for PE/games lessons or the child will need to be provided with appropriate earring tape to cover them. This tape needs to be applied by the child, wherever possible, independently.

Where a child wears a piece of jewellery for religious purposes (e.g. a crucifix), then this is permissible. However it will need to be removed for PE/games and where its wearing could be at the detriment of safety, for example, during DT lessons where a saw or other equipment is used.

No nail varnish or make-up may be worn.

Children who are wearing bangles, bracelets, rings etc (that are not for religious purposes) will be asked to remove them.

Communicating with Parents

As per last year, we are continuing to use Arbor to communicate with you, which includes an App. We know that many of you are already using this. As you are able to correct your personal information in the App we will no longer send out Data Collection Sheets. In order for us to contact you in an emergency, it is very important that you keep your contact details up to date on Arbor. If you do not have access to the App, please drop in to the school office with any changes to your contact details and we can do this for you.

Peanuts and other nut based products

Could I please remind parents that the school is a NUT FREE ZONE. We have some pupils with specific nut allergies, so please support us by ensuring that your child does not have any peanut butter or any other nut products in their lunch box. Many thanks.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are running a small number of extra-curricular activities which will start in the week beginning Monday 18th September. Details on how to sign up for clubs will be sent out next week.

School Photographer

Yellow Photographers will be in school on **Thursday 19th September** to take individual photos of all children in Year groups 1,2,3,5,6. Children in Reception, Year 4 and any absent children in September will be photographed on **Tuesday 15th October 2024**. Photographs will be available to purchase online only from Yellow on receipt of a proof card, which will be sent home with children approximately a week after they have been taken.

Sibling photos will also take place on **Tuesday 15th October**. For your children to be photographed together you will need to book in advance direct through Yellow Photographers website. Details on how to do this and the code required for our school will be emailed to parents nearer the time.

Year 6 and Year R Health Screening

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Friday 4th October to carry out height and weight checks for children in Year 6. On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February they will be in school for Year R children and any new to Year 1 and Year 2. This is part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Information about the programme and how Year 6 parents may withdraw their child from being measured was emailed to parents in June 2024. If you do not wish your child to take part in the NCMP screening, you will need to opt out by contacting the School Nursing Service either by email: portsmouthschoolnursingservice@solent.nhs.uk, or telephone: 0300 123 6629. Information for Year R and any children who joined Year 1 and Year 2 after September will be sent out at some point in September.

Flu Immunisation

The Solent School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting the school on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November to deliver the National Flu Immunisation Programme to all children from Reception to Year 6. Information on the National Flu Immunisation Programme will be emailed to parents nearer the time, along with details on how to provide your e-consent, so please look out for this information and the posters that will be displayed around school nearer the time.

Medication in school

Wherever possible, we encourage parents/carers to ask prescribers to prescribe in dose frequencies which enable the medicine to be taken outside of school hours. As an example, medicines that need to be taken three times each day can be taken in the morning, after school hours and at bedtime if the prescriber agrees this. Medicines will only be accepted where it would be detrimental to the child's health if it were not administered during school hours. Normally, such medicines will have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber.

Prescribed medicines will only be accepted when in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and when they include the dispensing label with the child's name and instructions for administration, unless there are exceptional circumstances which we will brought to the attention of the headteacher before the medicine is accepted.

Please ensure all medicines are handed in to the school office and the 'Parental agreement for school to supervise or administer medicine' form is completed. Without completion of this form we are unable to administer any medication.

Consents/Permissions

When your child joins Copnor Primary School you are asked to complete the following online forms giving/not giving consent for your child to take part in food tasting, local visits and special events, media consent. We refer to these consents throughout the time your child is with us and you can view or change your consent at anytime by contacting the school office.

Golden Child

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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
1	Adeola	Teddy
	Field	Anna
	Gravett	Dianna
2	Jenkins	Jaxon
	Simmonds	Scarlette-Marie
	Stedman	Amelia
3	Adele	Orla
	Murs	Bethany
	Sheeran	Albie
4	Elba	Lily
	Rickman	Eliza
	Thompson	Leo
5	Franklin	Reuben
	Hawking	Amber
	Peake	Theresa
6	Berry	
	Hussain	Aliza
	Roots	Lottie

KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as someone who shows they are always ready to learn.

It has been great to welcome our children back to school this week and I would like to thank all of our staff for their work over the summer. In addition to spending valuable time with family and friends, they have shown dedication and enthusiasm for providing the best possible learning opportunities for our children by making sure everything was ready for our children to start their new year of learning this week. I would also like to thank our Site Manager, Mrs Caruana, for her work over the summer in completing essential maintenance tasks while the children have been away. I look forward to sharing our collective successes with you as the year progresses and would like to thank you for your ongoing support. I hope that you have a relaxing weekend, I know that there are a few very tired young bodies after a long first week back. Please take care, rest and recuperate ready for another exciting week at Copnor Primary School.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher