



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well after a long and incredibly busy first half of the Autumn Term, we have finally made it to the half term break! The children have coped brilliantly this week, as many of them are incredibly tired and in need of a short break. Taking a bus ride and exploring parts of Southsea, was a fantastic adventure for the children in year 4 this week. Well done to them all for representing Copnor Primary School so well. Thank you to all those parents that attended Parents Evening this week, a great chance for you to see how well your child has settled into their new year group and how things are progressing in their learning. Sadly, we did have a goodbye this week to one of our longest serving members of staff, Mrs Lines. Throughout her time here Mrs Lines has always been an advocate for children and ensuring that they are given the best chances in life, we wish her all the best in her retirement adventures. Below is the start of her leaving assembly.

Goodbye Mrs Lines

Good afternoon, everyone,

I am very sorry that I can't be there in person today due to meetings that I am having meetings offsite but the joys of modern technology means that I can still join in albeit virtually and share with you all today's special moment as we say goodbye to someone who has been a massive part of our school for a very long time. Mrs. Lines started working here in 2001, and today is retiring after many wonderful years of helping and supporting all of you, and the hundreds of children from Year R all the way up to Year 6 over the past 23 years.

Mrs. Lines has been with us for 23 years, which is an incredible achievement. If we think about it, that's around 276 months, over 1,196 weeks, and more than 8,372 days! That's a lot of time spent helping children with their learning, whether it was reading, writing, maths, or just being there with a kind smile when we needed it most. Mrs Lines first started working in Copnor Junior School with just KS2 children and then when the school joined to become one primary, she then had the absolute pleasure of working with everyone from Year R, all the way through to Year 6.

A fantastic fact for you all: Did you know that Mrs. Lines has even lived abroad? I will leave her to tell you about that in a moment as she always has lots of interesting stories to share, and she's always been so kind and supportive to everyone. We are really going to miss her, but we are also very thankful for everything she has done for our school. We know that Mrs. Lines has also enjoyed many wonderful adventures outside of school. For example, her daughter lives in Australia, and she has spent many great holidays visiting there, making memories along the way. I imagine she has already booked her ticket to go and get some Australian sunshine, I must say given the weather we have been having lately, I would be straight on that plane if I had the chance!

Now, after all her hard work, dedication to our school and support to all of our staff and all of you, Mrs. Lines is taking a well-deserved retirement. We wish her lots of happiness and fun in everything she does next, the adventures that are yet to begin and the places around the world she wishes to discover, we look forward to hearing all about them over the coming months and years.

So, let's all give a big thank you to Mrs. Lines. Thank you for all your kindness and the many wonderful memories. You will always be remembered here.

First two weeks after the half-term break

Date	Event
4 th November	Start of Autumn 2 half term Year 1 Spirit of the Wild visit
6 th	Reading in class 8.35 – 8.55 am
11 th - 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
11 th	Remembrance Day Boys' Football Fixture – Selected children
12 th	KS1 Author Visit
15 th	Olympian Visit 1:30pm 2025 New parents Open afternoon

Reading in class continues...

Thank you so much to all those parents that have been able to come into school on a Wednesday morning to spend time with their children reading in class. We know that the children have really enjoyed the sessions and hope that you have too. It will continue every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am** after the half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back in again then. Happy reading over half term!



Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for all your incredibly generous harvest donations. They will now be sent along with the donations from the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints to be distributed to those who need it. What a fantastic hoard we are able to share with them.



Caterlink Autumn/Winter Menu

There is a **new dinner menu** from **Monday 4th November**. A copy is attached and is also available to view on our website and via your child's ScoPay account. If you have already selected meals from the current menu for after half term you will need to re-order from the new menu. If your child has a special menu and you have not received this please contact the School Office.

GB Gymnast to visit Copnor Primary School

We are very excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete to our school, to put the children through their paces in a sponsored fitness circuit and then to hold an inspiring assembly for the whole school.

Kelly Simm will be visiting our school, on **Friday 15th November 2024**. The aim of the event is to help the school raise money for new sports equipment, improve levels of physical activity and wellbeing, and to inspire the children to be more active and follow their dreams. A letter has been sent home this week with further details.



House Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
Collected this week	189	228	190	145
Total	2564	1352	1921	1419

Congratulations to Victory who collected the most this week and Mary Rose who are currently in the lead at the half way point, all to play for in Autumn 2!

Congratulations to...

Oscar & Riley

Well done to both boys for their debut performance in the Mini and Junior Great South Runs last Saturday - fortunately the weather played nicely for these events! Riley ran his 1.5km race in a fantastic 8 minutes and 30 seconds and Oscar ran his 2.5km race in an amazing 11 minutes and 33 seconds! Brilliant running boys once again!

The boys really enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere of the day and were really proud to have been part of it. They were also very proud to be representing their club and running in their club vests.

Thank you for sharing another wonderful achievement with us boys! Keep up the awesome running! We await news of your next adventure!



Madison

Last night, Madison received her Gold Award at Brownies. This is the highest award Brownies can achieve and has involved taking part in lots of activities and completing lots of badges at home. What makes this an even more amazing achievement, is that Madison is the first brownie in her unit to ever receive this award. Wow Madison! That is fantastic! I can see that you had to put in a lot of hard work in order to achieve this award and that you must have been very committed to your challenges.

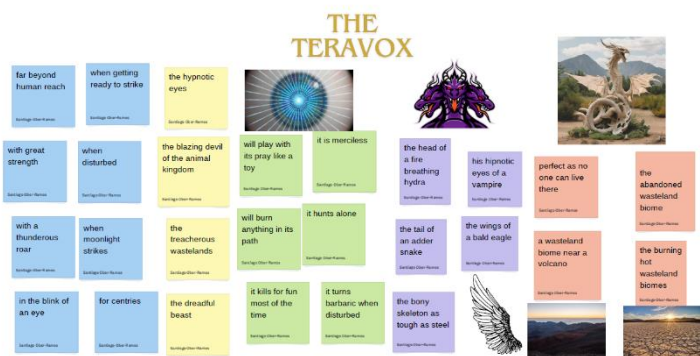
Here at Copnor, we are super proud of her and the hard work she has put into achieving this award. Well done Madison!



The Introduction of Canva – Year 6 English



We are currently introducing Canva in school to support the children's learning in several different ways. Year 6 have used it this week in their writing with fantastic results. Using the AI tools in Canva have helped to create their own mythical beast and to collect vocabulary in a mind map, they have then written a non-chronological report about their newly created creature. I think that you will agree that the outcomes have been very impressive. Watch this space as we explore and use Canva further in school.



Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Florence
	Hart	
	Donaldson	Rhiannon
1	Adeola	Anna-Maria
	Field	
2	Gravett	Oakley
	Steadman	Myla
	Simmonds	Jackson
3	Jenkins	Blossom
	Adele	Eliza
	Sheeran	Tyler
4	Murs	Toriana
	Thompson	Ethan
	Rickman	Talha
5	Elba	Clark
	Peake	Oscar
	Hawking	Narcia
6	Franklin	Charlie
	Hussain	Maria
	Roots	Oluwatofunmi
	Berry	Phoebe

The EYFS & KS1 children have all been recognised as someone who is kind and respectful towards others.

KS2 have all been recognised as someone who shows respect to others' beliefs and ideas.

Basketball Club and Half-term Basketball Camp



As promised in last week's newsletter, here are the details of the after-school club for year 5 & 6 children. If you would like your child to take part in this club then please complete the form below from Portsmouth Force Basketball Club:

<https://forms.gle/dQs4DtvNSbbX9twRA>

All details are on the link. Payment and all further communication will be sorted directly with Portsmouth Force Basketball Club.

Please also see the flier below with information about a half term Basketball Camp too. If your child is interested in attending this, please scan the QR Code on the flier for further information and to sign up your child.

Individual Skill Development
Footwork and Agility Training
Ball Handling Mastery
Shooting Techniques and Drills
Teamwork and Game Situations
Mini Tournaments and Competitions

28TH OCTOBER
PORTSMOUTH FORCE BASKETBALL CLUB

DISCOUNT
10%
For siblings

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

BASKETBALL CAMP

Age Range: Boys and Girls ages 7-11

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Camp Head Coach
Daniel Fatomide
Portsmouth Force Men's D3 Head Coach

Come join us for an unforgettable basketball experience, meet new coaches, a guest speaker, and a conditioning coach—just here for you! Don't miss the chance

www.portsmouthforce.com

Keeping our children safe online

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WakeUpWednesday, National Online Safety. Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience; these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give content will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULT PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called 'Family Mode'. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 8 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 8+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and surfing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Thank you for all of your support over this half term, it has been lovely to share all of your children's achievements this week and we all hope you enjoy your half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 4th November**.

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