



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it's been a chilly one and an exciting one all the same. The highlight of the week for the majority of the children, I am sure, would have been the appearance of some snow above Portsmouth on Thursday. It was a delight to see the children outside playing and appreciating, what for some, was their first real experience of the white stuff! Not quite enough to build a snowman though! This week, Year 4 had an exciting visit from UTC to deepen their understanding of electricity. Meanwhile, the Year 1 Nativity rehearsals are well underway, ready for their performances in a couple of weeks. Next week, will continue on a Christmas theme, with Christmas Decoration Day on Thursday, children are allowed to wear their Christmas Jumpers in place of their Copnor Primary School one, there is no charge for this. I look forward to seeing all the Christmas sparkle appearing in and around the school!



Next Week

Date	Event
25 th	EYFS New Intake Open Morning 9.30 – 11am
26 th	EYFS & KS1 Flu Immunisations
	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
27 th	KS2 Flu Immunisations
	Year 1 & Year 5 Fire Safety Workshops
28 th	Christmas Decoration Day – Wear Christmas Jumpers
29 th	INSET DAY 2 – School closed for children

Reading in class continues...

Don't forget that 'Reading in Class' continues every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am**. It is lovely to see so many parents and children reading together. We look forward to welcoming you back in again next week.



Prime bottles



Please can we remind you that Prime is not an appropriate drink for your child to be bringing into school. We have also noticed that children are using the Prime bottles as water bottles, please can you avoid doing this too as it can create confusion for others thinking that they may have Prime in them and not water.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Christmas Jumper Donations

Please can you bring in any Christmas jumper donations into school by the **morning** of **Wednesday 27th November** as the PTA are hosting a preloved Christmas jumper and uniform sale on the **afternoon** of the **27th after school**. This has obviously been carefully time to coincide with Christmas Decoration Day the next day, Thursday 28th November! An incredibly exciting day for all involved!



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	91.86%	94.59%	91.02%	91.59%
KS2	94.84%	95.15%	96.39%	95.36%

Congratulations to Victory in KS1 and Alliance in KS2 who have won this week's house cup

House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	295	194	233	139
Total	3367	1908	2593	2068

Congratulations to Mary Rose who collected the most house points this week.

Congratulations to...

Pearl

Pearl was named 'Gymnast of the Month' at Portsmouth Gymnastic Centre after only beginning her gymnastic journey 5 weeks ago! What an amazing achievement Pearl – your family are really proud of you, as are all of your Copnor Primary School friends and teachers.

Pearl received an award for all her hard work. Well done, Pearl!



Kelly Simm Event Sponsorship Money

A week after our amazing day with GB gymnast athlete Kelly Simm, we have been busy counting up all the sponsorship money you have been collecting. We have been astounded by the current total of **£5658**, with still a large amount to be counted and added.



Monday is the final day for sponsorship forms and money as we need to send it off to receive our sports vouchers. Mrs Sinclair has been busy talking to children at lunchtime about what equipment they would like to use and she is hoping to get this ordered before the end of term.

We just want to thank you so much for your support and enthusiasm for this event which gave the children a fantastic day and will also continue to benefit them with all the fantastic new equipment and resources. Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for the final grand total and a sneaky peek at some of the new equipment on its way to the Copnor playgrounds.

UTC Workshop in Year 4

This week Year 4 had the chance to take part in a workshop delivered by Dr Geary from UTC. As part of this workshop, the children got to learn about how electricity is generated, how electrons travel around a circuit and even got the chance to experiment with building their own circuits. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of electricity following successful Science and DT units last half term as well as learn new and interesting facts about electricity and circuits.



Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Dove
	Hart	Miriam
	Donaldson	Taha
1	Adeola	Kayla
	Field	Maisie
	Gravett	Myah
2	Steadman	Niah
	Simmonds	Oscar
	Jenkins	Kaden
3	Adele	Amelia
	Sheeran	Gypsy
	Murs	Aria-Rose
4	Thompson	Aylo
	Rickman	Skye
	Elba	Bella
5	Peake	Taliah
	Hawking	Kia
	Franklin	Jesse
6	Hussain	Willow
	Roots	Grace
	Berry	Alfie

EYFS/KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as someone who works hard on their own personal goals.

Pompey Women's Football Fixture – Discounted tickets available!



Should you fancy watching some football, we are pleased to share that we have a discount code of 'CPS50' that applies to the **Pompey Women vs London City Lionesses** cup fixture at Westleigh Park on **Wednesday, 11 December, 7pm** kick-off. This code will provide a **50% discount** on all tickets.

HAF Fun Pompey Christmas Activities



HAF a holly, jolly day with HAF Fun Pompey!

Our winter programme is back for the school Christmas holidays and it'll be full of festive fun and games!

As always, it'll be free for those aged 5 to 16 receiving benefits-related free school meals. Not sure if you're eligible? [You can check online.](#)

The programme launches **this Thursday, 21 November at 4pm** so set your alarms and gather the kids round and choose their activities together 🏈 🍌 🍌



Technology for All Case Study

"Technology for all" Narrowing the Digital Divide:

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**"Technology for all" Narrowing the Digital Divide:
A City-Wide Case Study (Autumn 2024)**



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.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE FINANCIAL SCAMS & EXPLOITATION

To date, nearly 43 million UK internet users have encountered a financial scam online; roughly 20% of those victims wound up at least £1,000 out of pocket as a result. The number of con artists plying their trade in the digital world has grown in recent years (a worrying trend which unfortunately appears likely to continue), and their methods have become increasingly creative. It can therefore be difficult to recognise an online financial scam – let alone to safeguard our children against them – but it's not impossible. Our guide offers a few pointers on what to look out for.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING SCAMS

Scammers often use deception to obtain personal and financial information from their target. They might pose as legitimate organisations, such as pretending to be HMRC and threatening legal action for unpaid tax unless the victim provides their National Insurance number. Their efforts have been getting more convincing recently, so be mindful of any unexpected or unusual emails.

IDENTITY THEFT

Criminals can manipulate someone into providing personal data, then use it to assume their identity online and commit fraud, make unauthorised purchases or engage in other illegal activities. Identity theft can be accomplished by tricking victims into downloading malware that scans their device for information; by figuring out passwords to social media accounts; or through phishing scams.

FRAUDULENT INVESTMENTS

Fraudsters might lure victims into offering their hard-earned cash for a "one-of-a-kind investment opportunity" promising high returns or quick profits – such as the many cryptocurrency scams currently circulating online. Some unscrupulous influencers have even used their status to tempt their followers into paying for courses which promise to help them become rich and more attractive.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

Many online sellers use false or misleading advertising to persuade consumers to spend money or supply personal information. Certain websites, for instance, have become notorious for using attractive images to advertise their products, promising to deliver an item for a fraction of its usual price – only for a cheaper-looking, poor-quality reproduction to arrive in the post instead.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Scammers use social media to manipulate or deceive victims, often by posing as a popular influencer and exploiting their audience – such as posting a link to a "giveaway" which actually siphons money or personal data to whoever is behind this false identity. This type of scammer commonly impersonates influencers with a younger fan-base, as children tend to make more naive targets.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE YOUR CHILD

Talk to your child about the risks of online financial scams and encourage open communication about their digital activities. Make sure they know the kind of ruses that are out there, and what to look out for when encountering a potential scam. Foster their critical thinking skills – and emphasise that if something they see on the internet seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Almost all devices that children typically use to access the internet have built-in safeguards like parental controls and monitoring tools. Stay aware of the options available to you, and make use of them to shield your child from possible exploitation as best as you can. This, combined with common sense and critical thinking, should go a long way towards keeping them safe.

STAY INFORMED

Try to keep your knowledge of current and emerging scams in the digital world up-to-date, so you can help your child stay safe. New methods of exploitation are developing all the time, but thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. There are plenty of sources – such as @NOS – that keep a record of online scammers' methods, plus lists of which sites or schemes to be wary of.

PRIORITISE PRIVACY

Teach your child to value their own privacy; that is, to respect the value of their personal data and be cautious about sharing it online. It's especially important that children know to safeguard their financial details and other sensitive data – and never to provide that information to anyone online, unless they're absolutely certain that it's safe, secure and for a legitimate reason.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Encourage your child to report any suspicious or potentially harmful online encounters to you or another trusted adult. Make it clear that they will never get in trouble for telling you about what's happened. Fraudsters often attempt to play on children's fear of getting into trouble, so cancelling out that notion robs internet scammers of one of their greatest weapons.

Meet Our Expert

Less Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 11 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now helps senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.

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After our brief interlude with some snow, it's time to batten down the hatches and find our raincoats this weekend to deal with incoming Storm Bert! Hopefully, you can still enjoy your weekends despite Storm Bert's potential visit! We look forward to seeing your children back in school on Monday.

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