



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well following Christmas Decoration Day, Christmas is most definitely here at Copnor Primary School! It was a delight to see the children (and staff!) having a fantastic day of fun yesterday. The school is most definitely full of Christmas sparkle now! The classrooms look amazing. Well done to all those involved.

Year 5 had a successful visit to Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday, a chance for real life immersion into their Tudor Topic. Finally, the Girl's Football Club had an incredible session after school yesterday, when they were visited by Portsmouth Football Club's Ella Humphrey. She came along to watch their training session and then to share her inspiring journey into professional football. Another great week here at Copnor Primary.



Next Week

Date	Event
3 rd December	Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop 1-3pm
4 th	Rocksteady Autumn Term Concert
5 th	Harbour Church Christmas Extravaganza – KS2
6 th	EYFS Panto Trip

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.



Fundraising Grand Total

We are very excited to announce that the final total of money raised from the circuits.... when Kelly Simm visited is an absolutely incredible **£9,297.28!** Wow! That is absolutely amazing.

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful children for stepping up to the circuit challenge and to all our parents, their relatives and friends that sponsored the children so generously.

Mrs Sinclair is currently very busy ordering the new equipment, that we are sure the children will love and benefit from hugely during their break and lunchtimes.

We will keep you updated about the new equipment arrivals!



House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	167	243	186	338
Total	3534	2151	2779	2406

Congratulations to Warrior who collected the most house points this week.

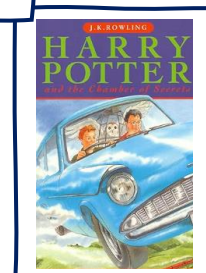
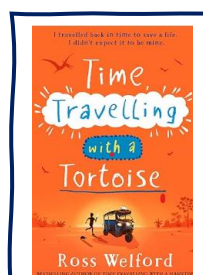
Meet our Reading Ambassadors – Part 1

Hi! My name is Taliah, but some people call me Cup of Tea. I am one of Copnor's reading ambassadors. I love reading, which is why I applied for the job, but I also love sausage dogs (Stories with sausage dogs are the best!) I love the Harry Potter books, written by J.K. Rowling, and also Ross Welford's stories.

My favourite genres to read are mystery, horror and adventure. My favourite book at school was The Iron man because it is an exciting text and also because I have fond memories of my friend writing lolly instead of lorry, which is how she got her nickname! At the moment, I am reading Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, which I am enjoying very much.

When I read, I like to lose myself in a dream land. Ross Welford is a very good author and often makes me feel this way when I read his novels.

Thanks for reading about me.
Taliah



Golden Child

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



Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Primrose
	Hart	Lia
	Donaldson	Zakariyya
1	Adeola	Darcie-Bleu
	Field	Ivy-Rai
	Gravett	Tove
2	Steadman	Fred
	Simmonds	Finley
	Jenkins	Matilda
3	Adele	Molly
	Sheeran	Violet
	Murs	Jax
4	Thompson	Kendra
	Rickman	Bella
	Elba	Ivy

5	Peake	James
	Hawking	Crew
	Franklin	James
6	Hussain	
	Roots	Teddy
	Berry	Beth

EYFS/KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as someone who is always prepared for their learning.

Nico's Charity Event to raise funds for



Nico will be putting on a Charity event where you can meet Santa and the elves, all the money raised will be going to his chosen charity - Sophie's legacy. This will take place on **Friday 6th December** from **4.30pm-7.30pm**. He would love to raise as much money as he can!

Please spread the word! If you would like to attend this will be taking place at 83 Copnor Road, PO3 5AB.

Anything we have left over, Nico will be taking to the children's ward at QA hospital, so no child misses out on the magic of Christmas. There will be hot coco, home-made cookies, magic reindeer food and more.



Governor Vacancies

We are looking for several co-opted governors to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school. School governors have three main roles.

- **Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.**
The governing body helps to set long-terms plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.
- **Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.**
The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.
- **Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.**
Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available, and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend six full governing body meetings per year and six committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more, please email clerk@copnorprimary.co.uk for an application form.

To be eligible for this role you must be the parent of a child at Copnor Primary School or be caring for/have cared for a child at the school.

Christmas Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for a Christmas Club for your children, running on four dates over the Christmas holidays.

Booking is through the Active8 Minds website.



The flyer features a dark blue background with a starburst effect. At the top left is the Active8 Minds logo, which includes a stylized figure in red and green. The text 'Active8 Minds' is in white, with 'Sport & childcare specialists' in smaller white text below it. The main title 'CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says 'SPORTS ZONE, ACTION ZONE, CHILL ZONE, + FESTIVE ART AND CRAFTS & FUN!' in white. There are several circular inset photos showing children engaged in various activities like sports, art, and socializing. A red circular badge on the left says 'HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE'. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. At the bottom right, there is a Santa Claus character. The flyer lists dates, locations, age groups, and contact information.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

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MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER
THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

TARO CENTRE
WOODCROFT
HIGHBURY
ST JAMES
WICOR
HORIZON, HAVANT
SPRINGWOOD
BEDENHAM

AGES YEAR 0 - YEAR 7
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
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Friendly & Qualified Staff
Staff DBS
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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 GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK

Google Chromebooks were first introduced in 2011 as a budget-friendly alternative to Windows laptops. They have a cloud-based desktop operating system created by Google that performs internet-based tasks simply and quickly. Although primarily optimised for Google apps – such as Gmail and Google Drive – newer devices also support Android apps and offer a range of parental controls via the Google Family Link tool. Nonetheless, whilst these tools are comprehensive, there are some limitations which means there are a number of risks trusted adults should be aware of.

SETTING UP

SET UP FAMILY LINK

To do this, first install the “Google Family Link” app onto your smartphone to set up an account for your child. If you’re setting up a new account, it’s important you follow the setup process and sign in with your parent account, as this has access to special privileges. Once this is done, you can add your child’s account to the Chromebook.

DISABLE GUEST MODE

If “Guest mode” or the ability to add new users is available, your child may be able to bypass the Chromebook’s parental controls. To disable this, sign into the Chromebook with your parent account, head to “Settings > Manage other people” and turn on “Restrict sign-in to the following users” – from there, you’ll be able to turn off the “guest browsing” feature.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

In your child’s account, head to “Settings > People > Parental controls set up” to begin the process. This will confirm the child’s account you want to enable parental controls for and will list the devices that can be protected. You’ll then be asked to enter the email and password, before being prompted to ask your child to confirm the supervision via their password.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE, ALL THE TIME

As “internet-first” devices, Google Chromebooks are reliant on a Wi-Fi connection, with only limited support for offline tasks. This means your child has access to the internet at all times, with an enduring risk of being exposed to online harm, particularly as Family Link is only able to block most inappropriate content. Even if your child isn’t searching for inappropriate websites and information, there’s always the chance that they might see something that could upset them.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like most technology, laptops are addictive in nature, and you might find your child spending too long staring at their Chromebook – particularly given its support for Android apps, such as games and social media platforms. This could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks.

BEWARE OF MALWARE

Although Google’s Chrome OS features a number of built-in security measures, that doesn’t fully eliminate the risk of malware, which can be downloaded onto the machine via phishing emails or from downloading malware-laced content. This should be a particular concern if your child is taking their laptop into school, as the malware could find itself entering the school’s network and infecting other pupils’ laptops.

Advice for Parents & Carers

There are a number of safety features that you can enable to keep your child safe while using Google Chromebook:

- 1 Disable guest mode and control who can sign into your child’s Chromebook
- 2 Restrict or block access to apps from the Chrome Web Store and the Google Play Store
- 3 Disable Incognito Mode so you can always track what sites your child has been on.
- 4 Manage the websites your children can visit on Chrome
- 5 Limit your child’s ability to grant permissions to websites
- 6 Check Family Link to ensure the Chrome browser default is set to block sexually explicit and violent sites from being shown to children
- 7 Set bedtimes, screen-time limits, and lock devices when not in use

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 12 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Have a fantastic weekend, possibly bringing Christmas to your homes too – it’s that time to search out those Christmas decorations once more. We look forward to seeing your children once again on Monday morning.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher