



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our weekly round up of life at Copnor Primary School. It's been another wonderful week, with lots of Christmas cheer amongst all the learning. The children are all still doing extremely well at focusing on their learning, as well as the odd bit of Christmas fun. Every afternoon, the sound of Christmas song has been filling the school as the children rehearse traditional and more modern tunes. The fantastic singing has also been carried all the way to Cascades where the school choir serenaded the shoppers on Thursday morning and managed to raise some money for the Rowans Hospice too. Well done to all the children that helped to raise money for the school with our Great Athletes event. Today, they should have come home with their rewards for all their amazing fundraising efforts. Thank you once again for your support with this event. Later on in the newsletter, you will be able to see some of the exciting new equipment that will be arriving at Copnor thanks to all this funding.

## Next Week is Christmas fun time!

Date	Event
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Christmas Singing 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Christmas Singing to Parents 9am
	Year 6 North End Baptist Church Workshop
	Christmas Dinner
	December Party/ Disco Fundraiser pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumpers instead of CPS Jumpers Winning House Party Last day of Term



## Congratulations to the Junior Choir

Well done to the Junior Choir, who went to sing in Cascades on Thursday to help raise money for Rowans Hospice. They were amazing and really helped to spread a little Christmas cheer. From our 30 minutes alone, we helped Rowans to raise £90 which was double the amount they were expecting.



## 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 for the last session of the year!



## Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
<b>KS1</b>	80.51%	82.46%	91.86%	88.27%
<b>KS2</b>	93.94%	96.19%	91.03%	92.58%

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

## House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
<b>This week</b>	373	292	512	274
<b>Total</b>	4228	2808	3393	2945

Congratulations to Alliance who collected the most house points this week. Currently Mary Rose are leading the overall standings, with one week to go, will they be the autumn term House Champions?

## Great Athletes Fundraising – Where will the money be going?

Mrs Sinclair has had great fun consulting with the children and looking for new equipment that is suitable for all the different year groups in school.

For example, year 5 have an interesting request – hands! Years 1 and 2 like playing with toys so that they can create characters and take them on adventures in new worlds. There have been whole school requests for more balls and scooter ride ons.

Mrs Sinclair is also keen to introduce new equipment such as Swingball and cheer and dance sets. All designed for the children's fun and entertainment at break and lunchtimes.



## Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Tommy
	Hart	Poppy
	Donaldson	Penelope
1	Adeola	Freddie
	Field	Ayda
	Gravett	Obi
2	Steadman	Olivia
	Simmonds	Liberty-Rose
	Jenkins	Mayla
3	Adele	Calvin
	Sheeran	Penelope
	Murs	Skye
4	Thompson	Zayden
	Rickman	Evie
	Elba	Jessica
5	Peake	Darcie
	Hawking	Lincoln
	Franklin	Alexandru
6	Hussain	Zahra
	Roots	Grace
	Berry	Anaiya

EYFS/KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as someone who is generous within school.

## Winter Basketball Camps

Please see the attached flyer for information about Winter Basketball Camp on the 21-23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Booking is through Portsmouth Force directly.

**PORTSMOUTH FORCE**

**WINTER BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS**

**21-23 DECEMBER**

**7-11 YEARS OLD**  
9.00 AM-1.30 PM

**12-16 YEARS OLD**  
1.30 PM-6.00 PM

**ONE SESSION (1 DAY): £35**  
**FULL CAMP (3 DAYS): £85**

Sign up now using the QR code

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## Christmas Dinner & Disco

Our school Christmas Dinner and Discos will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. For anyone who has not ordered a school Christmas meal and in order to make sure that everyone gets into the festive spirit, please feel free to decorate lunchboxes and even wrap up those sandwiches! To save everyone from getting changed and leaving clothes at school, everyone can come to school dressed in their party clothes and wear their Christmas jumpers.

## A Christmas Wish event at the Royal Armouries

Please see the attached flyer about this event that is running over the Christmas holidays.

Booking is online: [www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org)

See the link for a short promotional film about the event: <https://bit.ly/3BdZeLu>

Enjoy!



**A Christmas Wish...**

**Saturday 23 November – Sunday 5 January**

Discover the magic of Christmas and join Santa's elves on a festive adventure at Fort Nelson. Follow the trail and have a go at sorting presents, preparing reindeer food, plus lots of other magical activities.

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Book your tickets now  
[www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org)

**ROYAL ARMOURIES**  
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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.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to build 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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

#### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

#### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chats is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

#### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

#### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be "pinged" with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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#### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

#### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

#### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave a group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

#### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details (like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely). Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

#### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

#### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

#### 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 sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Enjoy your weekends and any Christmas events that you may be attending. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday for their last week of school in 2024. It is going to be a busy one!

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