



# Coplestone Chronicle

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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happy  
new year!

A warm welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and have rested and recharged.

The term has got off to a busy start and the children are full of enthusiasm for their learning.

We have already spent some time thinking about our new school value for this half term; Community, and what this means to us here at Coplestone.

We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning this term.

Mrs Urquhart, Head of School



## Our School Attendance

Target is 96.6% and 0 Late Marks.

Whole School Attendance for 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

December was **93.42%** and **4** late marks.

18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December was **91.44%** and **3** late marks.

## Events coming up...

National Vision Screening Program (Rainbow Class) Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – information has been sent home

Rainbow Class Stay & Learn Session Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 2.50pm

CPTA Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January @ 3.40pm in the Pre-School Building – everyone welcome!

Spring Term Census Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – **change to dinner menu** – see below for more details

Yellow Class trip to We The Curious Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – letter coming home today!

Parent/Teacher Interviews Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 3.45-6pm

Bag2School Collection Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Green Class & Yellow Class Multi-Skills Event Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – more details to follow

Parent/Teacher Interviews Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.45-6pm

Parent/Teacher Interviews Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.45-6pm

Half Term Break Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February inclusive

All Pupils Return to School Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Blue Class trip to Buckland Abbey Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – more details to follow

Year 5/6 Football @ Lords Meadow Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4-5.30pm

Book Week Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – more details to follow

Rainbow Class Stay & Learn Session Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 2.50pm

World Book Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – more details to follow

Rainbow Class Stay & Learn Session Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 2.50pm

School Nurse Drop-in Session Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm

Sport Relief Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – more details to follow

Rainbow Class Stay & Learn Session Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2.50pm

Last Day of Spring Term Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

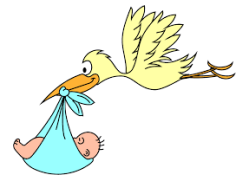
All Pupils Return to School Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

*Please see attached Diary Dates for your information.*



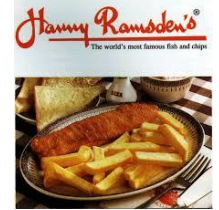
## Baby News!

We are delighted to announce that both Mrs Holding and Mrs Hooper have both had bouncing baby boys 😊  
I'm sure you will join with us in wishing them both many congratulations!



## School Census Day – Change to Dinner Menu – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Bag Meals

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January is School Census Day and we would like to encourage all of our children to have a school dinner on this day. Michelle is going to be serving a Bag Meal of Harry Ramsden Fish and Chips and Home-made Custard Biscuit for pudding, which is a change to the published menu. The vegetarian option will be Veggie Burgers.



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January Michelle will serve Hot Dogs (West Country Sausages and Vegetarian Sausages), Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce with Chocolate Cracknell for pudding; also served as a Bag Meal.

The School Census is used to determine our allocation of funds for 2018/19 from Devon County Council and school dinner uptake is a major indicator for these funds. If we can encourage as many of our pupils as possible to have a school dinner next Thursday this will impact our schools financial position and ultimately benefit our pupils.



Are you entitled?

Our school funding is also greatly influenced by the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals. This is a separate funding pot from the Universal Infant Free Meals that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive. Free School Meals (FSM) generate Pupil Premium income for our school, again a valuable additional fund which benefits the whole school. Families eligible for FSM can apply on-line (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>) or complete an application form which can be found in the school lobby. Your child may qualify for FSM if you get any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit Universal Credit.

**Please consider applying for FSM if you believe you may be entitled as it really does benefit our school.**



## Parking

May we please remind ALL parents/carers that **free parking** is available on the Copplestone Recreational Ground and also in the public carpark towards the bottom of the hill. **Please do not park in the bus bay or alongside the hedge** opposite the school entrance as during the busy drop-off and collection times the road becomes very congested. It is becoming increasingly dangerous to put pupils on the school bus at the end of the school day due to the movement of traffic around the bus bay. This would be much safer if there were no vehicles parked alongside the hedge allowing more room for traffic on the road. The safety of the children is paramount and we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## Contact Details

Please ensure you inform the school office if you make any changes to your address, mobile number or other contact details. It is vital that we have the correct details for you in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

## Asthma Inhalers

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that a spare inhaler is given to your child's class teacher where it will be kept in a safe and accessible place in the classroom.

If you could please ensure the inhaler is labelled; ideally in the original box with the prescription label, stored with the caps on. Also, please check the inhalers regularly to make sure there is plenty of medicine in them, and to make sure they are in date.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## School Absence

Wherever possible, could all parents notify the school office by 9.15am if your child is ill. A brief description of the reason for absence is also required please. You may report any absence by calling the school office on 01363 84265; by emailing [admin@copplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@copplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk) or by using the Absence Reporting Tool on the Parentmail App for Mobile Phones.

May we also remind parents/carers that children must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.



## Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will continue to take place on Mondays at 3pm. If your child is going to receive an award you will be invited along to celebrate with them. Class Work Share Assemblies will take place throughout the year and parents and carers will also be invited to these.



## CPTA Bag2School collection – Monday 5th February

Time for a post-Christmas clear out!

Please look out for the Bag2school sacks that will be coming home with the children soon. Collection will be made on the morning of Monday 5th February so please bring your bags in and leave them under the shelter in the KS1 playground.

This is a great fundraiser for our school and in the Autumn Term we raised £60 so it would be great to top that!

YES PLEASE to men's, ladies and children's clothing; paired shoes; handbags; hats; bags; scarves; ties; jewellery; lingerie; belts and soft toys.

NO THANKS to duvets; bedding; blankets; linen; pillows; cushions; carpets; rugs; mats; curtains; towels; wet clothing; corporate clothing; workwear; textile off cuts; yarns or threaded material.



## Residential Payments

The third instalment for Purple class residential is due on **26<sup>th</sup> January** and the fourth is due on **23<sup>rd</sup> February**. The preferred method of payment is by Parentmail but payment is also accepted by cash or cheque (payable to Devon County Council). Please ensure money sent into school is in a clearly marked envelope.

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance with setting up your Parentmail account.





## CPTA

We are next meeting on Wednesday 17th January, straight after school in the pre-school building (children welcome!). Please come along – everyone welcome.



## Christmas Wishes Tree

Thank you to all the families who sent their Christmas message via our Christmas Wishes Tree and donated to ELF – a total of £50.60 was raised for the charity.



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**10 - 11.30am**  
Saturday 23rd September  
Sunday 19th November  
Sunday 10th December  
Sunday 21st January  
Sunday 25th February

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