Awards!
*Achievers, MOWs & WOWs*

Well done to all the children who have received MOW’s and WOW’s Awards.
We also welcome our new Year 6 Prefects!

*Attendance*

Over the last two weeks the attendance cup has been won by Blue class with attendance of 100% and Orange class with 100% - excellent!! Very well done!

*House Trophy*

Dragon and Pheonix have won the House Trophy for the last two weeks – well done!

**Our School Attendance Target is 96.6% and 0 Late Marks.**
Whole School Attendance for 8th – 12th May was 96.82% and 7 late marks.
15th – 19th May was 96.20% and 8 late marks.

**Events coming up…**
- **Half Term Break** *Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive*
- All Pupils Return to School *Monday 5th June*
- CPTA Cream Tea Event (ELF fundraiser) *Monday 5th June @ 3pm – see below for more details*
- School Nurse Drop-in session *Monday 5th June from 3pm onwards*
- Family Thrive Session *Tuesday 6th June @ 2.15pm*
- Chulmleigh Academy Drop-in session *Thursday 8th June from 3.30pm onwards*
- Tempest Class Vista’s to be returned *Thursday 8th June*
- Purple class Workshare Assembly *Friday 9th June @ 9.15am*
- CPTA Movie Night *Friday 9th June @ 3.45pm*
- Year 1 Phonics Screening *w/c Monday 12th June*
- Orange class Ancient Egypt Workshop *Tuesday 13th June – a letter has been sent home this week*
- Rainbow class parents lunch *Wednesday 14th June @ 11.45am – an invitation has been sent home this week*

**Tempest Class Vista’s**
The proof’s for the recent Class Vista photographs have been sent home this week. Please return to school by *Thursday 8th June*. Thank you!

**Sun-Hats and Sun-Cream!**
With the warm and sunny weather upon us, we would like to remind everyone to bring in their sunhats and suncream each day and also to ensure the children always have a drink bottle in school.
May we also remind parents that sun-cream does have an expiry date and NHS recommendation is approximately 2 years once the bottle has been opened. Could we also ask that any suncream that is in school is clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Thank you.
Sickness & Diarrhoea
We have had a number of cases of sickness and diarrhoea reported into school over the last couple of weeks. Therefore we would like to repost this information that was shared in a Newsletter back in November. Please remember, if your child has had any sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last incident. Thank you for your co-operation.

Norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools and childcare settings. However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home within one or two days.

Norovirus is easily transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects.

If you are developing symptoms of norovirus, please help avoid spread by following this advice:
Children and staff with symptoms of norovirus should:
Stay away from work or school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours and avoid contact with others where possible.
Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated.
If symptoms persist (more than 48 hours), phone the GP or the NHS non-emergency number 111 for advice.
Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food.
Alcohol hand gel is not effective against norovirus.
Do not visit friends or relatives in hospital or residential care homes as there is a real risk of introducing the infection to the establishment.
Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for at least 48 hours.
Exclude ill children and staff from school trips and residential trips, consider postponing during an outbreak.

Environmental decontamination:
Clean then disinfect frequent contact surfaces such as toilets at least daily and when contaminated, using a chlorine-releasing product that is active against viruses e.g. Milton.
Increase frequency of environmental decontamination during outbreaks.
Wash soiled clothing and fabrics on the hottest wash the material will withstand.
Avoid sand and water play during outbreaks.

Fidget Spinners
Unfortunately the new craze for Fidget Spinners has been having an impact on learning in our classrooms and also causing issues in the playground at break and lunchtimes. Therefore, we have taken the decision to ban them from school.
Any children that use fidget aids to support their learning and concentration will continue to be provided with school resources to facilitate this. We thank you for your support and co-operation.

Site Safety
It has come to our attention that some parents and children have been climbing over the fence at the front of school and running up the bank towards the recreational ground carpark. Please can we ask that everyone uses the school gates and pathways. Thank you.

Forest Schools
A reminder that Blue and Orange classes will be having their Forest Schools sessions after half term. Blue will be on a Tuesday afternoon and Orange will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will need to bring long trousers, wellies and sunhats to change into for the afternoon. It may also be advisable to pack a waterproof coat in the event of inclement weather. Thank you.
**Science and Technology Week**

What an amazing week we have had!
Here is a brief outline of things we have done...

We have been learning about the River Nile, how wide it is and the depth of the river at different points along its journey. We now know lots of different words associated with the Nile such as – Tributary, Oxbow Lake, Source, Mouth and Delta.

We have also been a construction team and used pasta and elastic bands to make bridges. We put the tables 20cm apart and used 3D shapes with weights inside to test the strength of our bridge. We designed our bridges before we made them, however, we learnt that pasta breaks easily and the designs do not always work as planned. One of the bridges could hold a weight of 1.7kg which is an awful lot!

We have made lighthouses with our junk modelling and they look brilliant. We have a space for the light which we are going to make ourselves. They all look very real because we have made them using rocks, seaweed, sand and some of them are in the sea. However, a real one would be much bigger because a ‘Pringles Tube’ is quite small.

We have met the Sciencedipity team who are a couple of real-life scientists who have worked with us to make bath bombs, slime and toys. This has been really great fun!

We have learnt how to make a circuit to light a bulb and make a buzzer work. We also connected up a motor and used this to rotate a circle of paper to blend the colours. It is important to get the batteries in the right way and also to connect the crocodile clips properly!

We had a talk by Red Arrow Pilot Joe Hourston and Wing Commander Robert Johnstone. We learnt about the clothing and masks that the Red Arrow Pilots must wear to give them oxygen whilst they are flying. They have 2 teams of about 120 people to run the Red Arrows – Team 1 are the Pilots and Team 2 are the maintenance crew who get the planes ready to fly. You can only be a Red Arrow Pilot for 3 years. We learnt that the smoke that comes out of the back of the planes is the colours of the Union Jack – Red, White and Blue and is coloured using special food colouring. We also learnt an AMAZING FACT! When the Red Arrows fly as a team they must always fly in formation for the entire journey. When they are in formation, their wings are only 1.5 meters apart… they have to be so careful and it requires absolute trust between the pilots.

Some comments from the children:

“We have learnt how to make a bridge out of spaghetti as we are learning about the River Nile in Egypt. We had to as a team to make it strong enough to hold weights. It was really fun!” – Darcey and Beau

“I loved making slime because it was goooey.” – Ellen

“I liked the Red Arrows assembly because I thought I might take Daddy to see their show for his birthday in June.” – Ruby

“The slime was so slippery, it kept slipping out of my hand.” - Kyle
Blue and Orange Residential to Great Potheridge House
We held our residential assembly for Blue and Orange class parents last week where we were able to share some of the exciting things the children did during their stay. The children were given certificates for their achievements and we also had a slide show of photographs. All of the children and staff had a wonderful time and we are already planning the next one in 2 years time!

Purple Residential to Beam House
The Stay
When we got to Beam House the crazy instructors showed us to our rooms. There were two boys rooms and two girls rooms. Once we had unpacked, we had a tour of the whole building. The Beam House food was very nice and you could have a three course meal with soup as a starter and salad as a dessert. Overall the stay was joyful and funny – by Reece, Fin and Dan

Camp Fire
At our residential, in the evening, we had a camp fire with Hollie, James and Millie. James and Hollie were our instructors. They were crazy but they were the best! We sang lots of different songs such as David Hasselhoff, Mouse Alpaca, Rattle Snake, Head and Shoulders (around the world) and lots of other things like toasting marshmallows. We had a very nice time and we wish we could do it all again – By Lara-Rose and Daisy

Zipwire
One of the activities was zipwire, it was very fun. Unfortunately, William got stuck in the middle of the zip wire and the instructor had to get a ladder to get him. We all had to wait whilst Will was getting rescued – it took ages! We even had the chance to go backwards but we had to climb up a ladder first and it was very high. All of the class enjoyed it very much although it was scary – by William, Eleanor, Purdey and Alfie

Quad Biking
As you may know, Year 6 have recently gone on a residential to PGL. It was really good fun and we would love to share one of the activities that we enjoyed whilst we had our stay there. The speed we were going was terrific and we will never forget this activity. We wore helmets, gloves and goggles to protect our eyes, it was great fun drifting around the corners and going really fast! The best part about Quad Biking is that even if we failed at first we just kept practising! – by Cassidy, Eryn, Drew and Oliver

Trapeze
On our residential we did trapeze and it was very exciting even though some people didn’t jump off or make it to the top it was still great fun! We had two turns on the trapeze, on my first go I made it three quarters of the way up and on my second go I just managed to reach the top but I didn’t jump off because I have a really bad fear of heights but the instructor said I did really well – by Lucy
We had a trapeze on the residential and we had an instructor called Caesar and he was really funny; he let us call him Caesar Salad! When you got to the top of the trapeze, it started to wobble and it was terrifying. The first time I jumped I didn’t reach it and the next time I jumped I touched it but didn’t reach it – by Eliza
When I first jumped I didn’t reach and I swung back and hit the pole (I hit myself a lot harder on the second go). It was fun going down because you were just floating, but we had to tell a joke to get down – by Katie
When we were on residential we had a great time but one of my favourites was trapeze. I really wanted to get down but with some encouragement I managed to face my fear and keep on going. I ended up really enjoying it and couldn’t wait to have a second go although I didn’t reach the bar on either one of my turns – by Abi

Aeroball
On residential we played a game called Aeroball – like basketball on a trampoline. There were 4 small trampolines separated by nets and a hole to score in each sector. At the start of the activity we had some time for a warm up to score as many goals as we can. Mr Wyatt got over 30! Then we split into teams of 2 and tried to score this time in the opposite persons goal. It was brilliant fun! – by Monty, Ethan and Sam
Yellow class Local Walk to The Plant Shed
On Tuesday Yellow class went on a walk linked to our topic of ‘Where my wellies take me’. We were sketching, spotting wildlife and learning about plants with James from the Plant Shed. The children were really well behaved and we all really enjoyed the experience. We also met a reporter from the Crediton Courier at the Plant Shed, so look out for us appearing in the paper.

Lizzie - “We saw animals, birds and strawberry plants. It was amazing”
Josh – “We saw trees. My favourite part was the picnic”
Olivia – “I liked going over the stiles because you step on one, then the other and step over.”
Agnes – “My favourite part was going through the barley because we could make waves in it and it felt like a maze”
George – “I liked the walk, especially the mud because it was wet!”

CPTA Update
It is with great regret that the decision has been made to cancel the May Madness event which was due to take place today after school. Unfortunately there wasn’t enough volunteers to help run the event. We are also sad to announce that Lisa Tarr and Emma Hobday will be stepping down from their Chairman and Co-Chairman roles on the PTA at the end of this term. We would like to thank them for all of the hard work that they have put in over the last year. We are therefore looking for a new Chairman, Co-Chair and Secretary. In order for the PTA to run successfully we need your help, please come and talk to us if you think you can help us in any way. Our children really do benefit from the money raised by the PTA and also by having these events to go to which does enhance their school experience.... WE NEED YOU...

Thank you for supporting our previous events – we still have other events planned for the remainder of this school year...
Movie Night – Friday 9th June @ 3.45pm – information coming home soon!
Cream Tea Event – Thursday 15th June from 3pm onwards (to raise money for Exeter Leukaemia Fund - elfcharity.org.uk) *Please note the rescheduled date*
Fathers Day Shop – Wednesday 14th June

We can only run these events with parent help! So please, if you can pledge 30 minutes we would really appreciate it.

As you will see above, Lisa and Emma are sadly stepping down from their Chair and Co-Chair roles on the PTA. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to them both for all their hard work and commitment. As a school we really value the support that the PTA gives us and the experiences that they help us to provide for the children. We really hope that this can continue and echo the CPTA’s plea... WE NEED YOU...

A copy of the newsletter is posted on our website each fortnight along with other useful information and links. Please take a look at www.copplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk
**Axe Valley Wildlife Park**

**Come Join The Fun**

**May Half Term**

Saturday 27th May – Sunday 4th June

Open 10am-5pm

A selection of activities every day including...

- Guinea Pig Feeding
- Animal Feeds
- Keeper Talks
- Animal Encounters
- Glitter Tattoo's (small charge applies)

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**Bag2School**

**collection**

**Thursday 13th of July**

Bag will be supplied in June.

Thank you very much for your support!

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**Family Stay & Play**

- **When?** Tuesday 30th May (Weather Permitting)
- **Where?** Coppstone Recreation Field
- **What?** There will be organized games and play equipment to use
- **Who?** Fun for all the family

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Check out our Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/copplestoneplayzone
for confirmation on the day or text
07713 123 542

We hope that this event will be a success that we can continue into the summer holidays.