

# Coplestone Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Message from Head of School:

Welcome back to everyone! It is lovely to see the children back in school and there is a wonderful buzz around school as the children get to know their new teachers and embrace new challenges. A warm welcome to all of our new children and their families, I am sure you will all soon feel very much part of our school community. We welcome Ms Anna (Green class) and Miss Blake (Red class) to the team and hope that they enjoy working with us at Coplestone. We also welcome back Mrs Holding and Mrs Hooper from their maternity leave. Our new SENCO, Mr Parsons, also joins the team. All teachers will soon be holding informative 'meet the teacher' sessions - see the diary dates for details.

You will notice that parts of the school have had a 'refresh' over the holidays and the learning environment is looking very inviting. In particular it has been lovely to see the old pond area starting its transformation to the new quiet garden space.

The 'new building' and 'garden' need new names to give them an identity and I will be asking the children for their ideas in choosing names, so get your thinking caps on.

Our first whole school initiative is the launch of our new Golden Rules. I hope that this simple and clear set of school rules will reinforce high expectations at school. It would be even more effective if you can support this initiative by talking to your child about it over the next few weeks. All classes will be working on recognising 'Golden Behaviour' and this will be celebrated in assemblies and in classrooms.

Celebration assembly will now be held on Friday mornings at 9.15am and in addition to certificate winners, all parents and carers will be invited to attend. It might be a bit of a squeeze and possibly 'standing room only' but it would be lovely to see you there. (You have to join in with the singing though!) This will start on 14th September and further dates are listed in the diary dates section of the newsletter.

Finally, over the coming weeks I hope to get to meet many of you and introduce myself in person. I am delighted to be the new Head of School and am looking forward to working with the staff, children and families to make Coplestone a successful and happy school. Please do come and say hello!

Warm regards, Mrs Mackey





### Spotlight:

This week's spotlight falls on our first 'hot chocolate' group! Well done to Rose, Oliver, Ryan, Ruby, Josh, Esther and Ollie for going 'above and beyond' expectations for effort and conduct this week.



### Uniform:

The children are looking very smart at the moment and we value your support in ensuring they wear the correct uniform throughout the year.

Our uniform requirements are:

Bottle green sweatshirt with Copplestone logo or cardigan

Plain white polo shirt, shirt or blouse

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

White, black or grey socks / grey, green or black tights

Smart black shoes, not trainers

PE Kit: It is ideal if the children can have this in school all week.

Green t-shirt

Black shorts or tracksuit trousers for colder days

Trainers or plimsolls (not for Reception children at the moment)

Children with pierced ears may wear one plain stud in each ear lobe. These should be removed or taped for physical activities. No other jewellery is permitted unless for religious reasons. Nail varnish should not be worn. Hair ornaments should be in school colours, and all long hair should be tied back.

### **School Absence:**

Wherever possible, please notify the school office by 9.15am if your child will be absent from school. 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.

### **Contact Details:**

Please notify the school office as soon as possible if there are changes to your contact details, e.g. mobile numbers, addresses etc. It is very important that our records are kept up-to-date in case we need to contact you during the school day - Thank you.



### **CPTA news:**

#### PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September @3.40pm in the School Hall

There will be refreshments and activities for children. Please do come along; as parents and families of children attending the school, you are an important part of the PTA.

#### PTA Vacancies

We are very much in need of a new treasurer and a new secretary. Below is a description of the roles. If you think you might be able to fulfil one of these for an academic year, or are willing to share the responsibilities, please get in touch with Claire Glover or come along to the AGM.

Treasurer (for more information please ask Jen Palfrey or Emily Armitage)

- Ensure PTA members are aware of their financial obligations
- Regularly report the financial position at PTA meetings (balance sheet, cash flow, fundraising etc.)
- Ensure proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures and control are in place (cheque signatories, online banking and petty cash/floats)
- Appraising the financial viability of fundraising plans and requests for money from school

Secretary (for more information please ask Megan Naylor)

- Advertise meeting dates
- Take accurate minutes (or ensure another minute taker is available) which accurately record decisions and actions and report on the progress of actions at the next meeting
- Be responsible for communication, writing letters/emails as agreed at PTA meetings, keeping the FaceBook page up-to-date and organizing information for book bags



### Attendance matters:

Every day of learning is important and 100% attendance gives your child the best possible start in life. Arriving on time also ensures that children can make a smooth start to their day.

The attendance cup will be awarded in assembly time to the class with the highest percentage of attendance.



## 'TIMID TO TIGER' COURSE

Starting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September for ten weeks

9.15-11.15

At Copplestone Primary School

Graham Harry (Youth Worker for Copplestone Methodist Church) will be delivering the Timid to Tiger course at Copplestone Primary School this term. The course runs for 10 weeks for 2 hours each week and will start on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This is a supportive group intervention for parents/carers of children of primary school age with anxiety. The programme was developed by clinical psychologists and has been evaluated in use with children with a range of primary anxiety disorders including separation anxiety, social anxiety, generalised anxiety, panic, agoraphobia and specific phobias.

The topics covered will include:-

- Securing the parent-child bond through play
- Understanding children's anxiety
- Using praise to build confidence
- Using rewards (including how to avoid the pitfalls!)
- Setting limits on anxious behaviour
- Using withdrawal of attention
- Managing children's worry
- Managing really difficult behaviour

If you think you would be interested in attending the course Graham will be happy to have an initial meeting with you prior to the course to conduct a short assessment. This is to ensure the course would be an appropriate intervention for yourself and your child.

**Please contact the school office if you are interested and we will then be in touch to organise an initial appointment with you.**

### Forest School:



With Autumn in the air we are looking forward to getting active in the Forest School with our Forest School leader Emma Byrnes. The first two classes attending between now and half term are :

Orange class – Mondays from 10<sup>th</sup> September

Rainbow class – Wednesdays from 12<sup>th</sup> September

The children need suitable warm, weatherproof clothing including boots /wellies, waterproof coat and/or trousers, comfortable trousers, jumper etc. – things that you don't mind getting muddy and wet! Please ask the class teacher if you have any further questions.

### After School Sports – Achieve4All:

Achieve4All will be offering some after school clubs this term.  
Please visit their website to make bookings and see further information about activities: <https://achieve4all.co.uk/>



The free clubs that are on offer to the children are:

KS1 Thursdays – starting 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.30 – Multi-Skills

KS2 Fridays – starting 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.30 – Street Surfing/Archery

### Diary dates:

**Meet the teacher sessions: This is a presentation given by the teacher to all parents about routines and expectations.**

Rainbow – 3pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Green – 3.30pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Yellow – 3.30pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Blue – 3.30pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Orange – 3.30pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Red – 3.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Purple – 3.30pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September



### September

12<sup>th</sup> CPTA meeting 3.40pm

14<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

21<sup>st</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

25<sup>th</sup> Vision Screening Programme - Rainbow class

25<sup>th</sup> Head of School – welcome forum 2.15pm – an informal chance to meet and talk

28<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Assembly - information to follow about gifts

5<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

9<sup>th</sup> Parent/teacher consultations

11<sup>th</sup> Parent/teacher consultations

12<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

5<sup>th</sup> Light Up the Parish event

9<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

12<sup>th</sup> Anti bullying week

16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need (no Celebration Assembly)

23<sup>rd</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly 9.15am

### December

5<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations

7<sup>th</sup> Last Celebration Assembly 9.15am

14<sup>th</sup> Rainbow and Pre School Nativity performance 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> KS1 performance 2pm and 5pm

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Jumpers day

20<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Concert 5pm

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

