



Coplestone Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from Head of School:

With crisp mornings this week, winter seems to be fast approaching! We have some exciting events ahead look forward to this month.

Light up the Parish is on Monday evening, and I know many of you will be joining us as we celebrate Bonfire Night as a whole Coplestone community. The children have been learning more about this in assemblies this week and have been practising a song for assembly and for the evening event. A letter with the details and a reply slip has already been sent out explaining that, although we are meeting at school, the children remain your responsibility throughout the evening. I am sure it will be a very enjoyable event for the whole village.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the newly erected War Memorial in Coplestone village next week and laying a wreath on behalf of the school in remembrance of those who have served in conflicts throughout the world. At this time we also remember local people who lost their lives in the Great War and whose names are remembered at the War Memorial.

Children in Need is on the 16th and the School Council have been busy planning some activities for the day. They would like to have an own clothes and crazy hair day for a small suggested donation. The highlight of the day will be a cake sale that they would love to have your support with. More details are in the letter that has already been sent. There will be no celebration assembly that week, as the children will be doing some Pudsey activities together instead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards, Mrs Mackey



Spotlight:

This week's spotlight falls on Rainbow Class who have been enjoying their Forest School.



Author visit:

On Wednesday, pupils from Orange and Red class were visited by the author Emma Cox. Emma, who is the author of *Malkin Moonlight*, talked to the pupils about her journey to becoming a writer. We learnt how she was encouraged by her friend to enter a writing competition, which resulted in her winning the National Literacy Trust's New Author Prize.



Emma talked about where she took the inspiration for the story and talked with the children about things that inspire their own writing. Emma went on to show children the editing process she went through, as well as how she was able to direct the illustrator to ensure she got the pictures she felt created the right mood.

Emma read the opening chapter of the story and the children were able to ask her questions about the characters. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthused.

Here are some thoughts about the visit from children in Red Class:



'It was really good. I liked seeing how many times she had to edit the book – it was about 53 times!!! I loved how it was set in a recycling centre.' Grace

'I liked how the illustrator needed to change the picture to the story because he made a few mistakes. I liked how she read the first chapter to us, it was good.' Robbie

'Emma has inspired me to read and write. I love how she read the book and I think her life story is amazing. If her friend had not encouraged her then she would not have written that lovely book.' Nellie

'It was good to meet an author face to face and hear about her life story. I liked getting a book from her with a message, which most people won't get.' Finnley

'I liked the introduction of the story. I was amazed that she was a teacher as well as an author.' Kerri

A huge thank you to Crediton Community Bookshop for arranging the visit and to Emma for exciting the children about writing.

Lizzie Blake
(Literacy co-ordinator)



Certificate Winners 2nd November 2018

PTA:

Thanks to the CPTA who organised a really fun and well attended disco to celebrate half term. They raised lots of funds for the school which help us to enhance the children's learning.



A template for your children to design their own Christmas Cards has also been sent home this week. Please return to school, complete with your payment by Wednesday 7th November in order that the CPTA can place the order by the deadline date of Friday 9th November – thank you.

School Office:

Please can we remind parents to bring in appointment cards wherever possible for any medical visits to doctors, dentists etc. during the school day. This will enable us to authorise the absence.



All other absence requests must be submitted using the A2 Absence Request form which can be found in the foyer outside of the school office and on the School Website.

If you are dropping off any forms or envelopes, do please use the boxes in the foyer which we check on a daily basis – thank you.



Does your child qualify for a free school meal? If so you are eligible for a free lunch for your whole family during the Christmas Holiday. Please ask in the school office for further information.

Free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

Children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

How to apply:

Apply through the Citizen Portal. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Pre-School News

This week at pre-school, we have been enjoying lots of outside play, collecting up all the leaves in our garden and making mini (pretend!) bonfires. The children have also enjoyed rolling around, jumping and throwing the leaves together.

We had lots of fun at Forest School this week with Rainbow Class. This will be happening every Tuesday until the end of term.

Next week will be talking about the firework displays we have seen over the weekend and having a go at making some firework pictures using glue and glitter.



Tapestry is now up and running. Please check your emails and follow the link. Each week you will be able to see what your child has been learning at pre-school and also remember you can upload your photos and learning from home too! Any problems logging in to Tapestry, please come and see Mrs Carpenter.

The Pre-school Team 😊

Diary dates:

November

- 2nd Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- 5th Light Up the Parish event
- 6th Tempest School Photographs
- 6th Red Class and Purple Class laying wreath at Copplestone War Memorial 11am
- 6th CPTA Meeting 7.30pm at The New Inn, Coleford – everyone welcome
- 7th Purple Class Trip to Bovington Tank Museum
- 7th Red Class Viking Visit
- 9th Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- 9th Rescheduled Tag Rugby Tournament at QE
- 12th Anti bullying week
- 16th Children in Need (NO Celebration Assembly)
- 19th Blue Class Trip to Eden Project – letters have been sent home this week
- 23rd Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- 26th Red Class Learning Together 2.45pm
- 28th Bag2School Collection
- 30th Celebration Assembly 9.15am

December

- 3rd Bikeability – more information to follow
- 5th Flu immunisations – Reception, Y1, Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6
- 5th Blue Class Learning Together 3pm
- 7th Last Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- 14th Rainbow and Pre School Nativity performance 2pm
- 18th KS1 performance 2pm and 5pm
- 19th Christmas Lunch and Jumpers day
- 20th KS2 Carol Concert 5pm
- 21st Last day of term

24th December to 4th January Christmas Holiday

January

- 7th **Non-Pupil Day**
- 8th All Pupils Return



Tempest School Photos

Tempest will be in School next Tuesday, 6th November, to take individual and family photos. If you have children in both Pre-school and school, and would like them photographed together, please come to the school hall doors from 8.30am so they can have their photo taken before the start of the school day.

Siblings that are in school (Reception – Year 6) will have both individual and family photos taken during the school day.

Parent Questionnaires

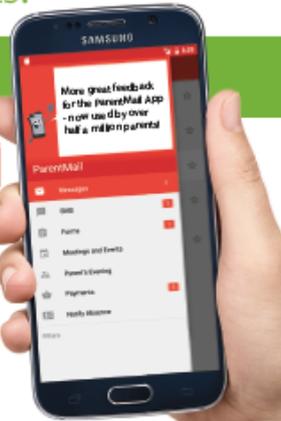
Parent Questionnaires have been sent home with pupils today. Please take the opportunity to complete to let us know your views and return to school by 16th November. Thank you.





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Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message

Eat Well For Less?

'EAT WELL FOR LESS?' IS BACK AND BBC ONE ARE LOOKING FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO TAKE PART!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop spiralling out of control?

- Perhaps you're desperate to save but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?
- Do your health requirements affect your diet? Are you in need of some new inspiration?
- Are you battling with fussy eaters, repetitive uninspiring meals and food shopping chaos?
- Or maybe you are just bored of buying and cooking the same foods every week?

We're looking for households who want to find out when to spend on food and when to save...

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