



Copplestone Primary School

Newsletter



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Message from Head of School:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend ahead. We have continued to enjoy a range of lessons and learning this week and the children have been enthusiastic in their approach. We have welcomed back Mrs Holding to Blue Class and she is enjoying getting to know the children. We also welcome Mrs McLaughlin as a new teaching assistant; she will mainly be working in KS1 and has already been very busy with supporting in reading and phonics. Lastly we also extend a warm welcome to Miss Henty, a PGCE trainee from Exeter University, who will be on placement with Orange Class for the majority of the term.

Last Friday we all met outside in our separate class bubbles to hold assembly on the playground – this actually felt quite an emotional experience as it has been over a year since we have all been together. As long as the weather holds we will continue to do this as I feel it is important to begin to restore our sense of community and togetherness.

We are starting to fill up the calendar with some dates for trips and events. Hopefully these will be able to go ahead, providing the government and Devon County Council approve the next steps towards easing lockdown. We will keep you informed if anything changes, so please keep an eye on the diary dates and Parentmail.

We are starting up with some home learning activities again this term, and as ever, ask for your support with these. The most important thing is reading – we have noticed that many children are not reading as much as before so may need some encouragement from home.

Pupil equipment and uniform:

Thank you for providing your child's pencil case with the equipment they need, this really does help prevent sharing and having to sanitise stationery. They are still welcome to bring hand sanitiser to use. Can I please remind you that school shoes should be completely black in colour – trainers with colourful/ white parts are not suitable school shoes.

Finally, I would urge the children to have their say in the 'Big Ask'. This is a survey conducted by the Children's Commissioner for England and is seeking to find out the views of children on how their lives could be improved. The link to the survey is here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Mackey



Spotlight:

Our spotlight this week falls on our tree planters!



Certificate Winners Friday 23rd April 2021

Challenge

Charlie L – Rainbow Class: for working really hard on writing sentences on your own! Keep it up!

Lilly – Yellow Class: for challenging yourself with rapid recall of the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

Lillie-Blue – Blue Class: for challenging yourself to write more complex sentences.

Anabelle – Purple Class: for writing a brilliant final write story that I enjoyed reading and marking! You included interesting openers and a mature narrator voice.

Confidence

Freddie – Green Class: for coming back to school with lots of confidence and ready to learn.

Esmee – Orange Class: for super confident reading – well done!

Neve – Red Class: for giving all challenges and tasks your best and showing resilience when some parts were tricky.

Certificate Winners Friday 30th April 2021

Challenge

William – Rainbow Class: for working hard on writing super sentences especially in morning activity.

Leo – Green Class: for working hard and being able to create and equal groups in maths.

Saul – Yellow Class: for focusing on your handwriting presentation.

Ruby R – Purple Class: for trying hard to include passive sentences in your written work.

Caring

Ava – Blue Class: for thinking carefully and taking your time with your work to ensure it is the best it can be.

Archie – Orange Class: for always caring about your learning.

Joe – Red Class: for really showing care in all of your maths and written work.

Pre-School:

This week at Pre-School we are learning about mini-beasts. The children have enjoyed painting ladybirds, spiders, bees and a large hungry caterpillar. We have also been reading lots of stories about mini-beasts and learning how they grow.

We have been learning a couple of new songs about mini-beasts which has been great fun. The children have enjoyed playing outside and have been on bug hunts with their magnifying glasses looking for any insects or worms etc.



We are really pleased with how the 8 new children have settled in this term and are looking forward to a great Summer Term.

Informing us if your child is unwell:

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;
- ✓ emailing admin@coplestone-primary.devon.sch.uk
- ✓ using the Absence Reporting Tool on the Parentmail App for Mobile Phones.

KEEP KIDS HOME
FROM SCHOOL
for at least
48 HOURS
after a stomach bug ends



CPTA Update:

Thank you again for supporting our 2nd Hand Uniform Sale that we held on 22nd April. Please continue to send into school any items you have and make contact with Tracy Hookway or the School Office if you require any uniform.



A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Bag2School collection on Wednesday. The donations weighed in at a whopping 400kgs!

Also a big thank you to [Merry Go Round](#) for their generous donations. We will let you know in due course how much was raised.





Household Testing:

NHS Test and Trace announced on 27th February 2021, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing; rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

You can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)

Who this service is for?

You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them:

- secondary school pupils and college students
- staff of primary and secondary schools, nurseries and colleges
- households, childcare and support bubbles of nursery children, primary and secondary-age pupils and college students
- households, childcare and support bubbles of staff of nurseries, primary and secondary schools, and colleges

Children of primary school age or younger will not be asked to test at this time.

You cannot use this service if you go to university or a higher education college, or work in one. You should speak to your university or higher education college.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

May 2021

3rd **BANK HOLIDAY**

20th Summer Census – Special Lunch Menu

27th-28th Orange Class & Red Class Residential to Adventure Okehampton

31st May – 4th June **HALF TERM**

June 2021

7th All pupils return

16th Orange Class Trip to Toquay Museum

16th Green Class Trip to Paignton Zoo

22nd Red Class Trip to RHS Rosemoor

23rd New Reception Intake Parents Meeting @2.15pm

29th Sports Day

30th SEN Coffee Morning at QE

July 2021

5th Back-up Sports Day

5th Transition Evening at QE 6-8pm

6th Year 5 Hogwarts Day at QE

7th Year 6 Transition Day at QE

7th Reception to Year 5 Move-up/Transition morning

7th Transition Evening at QE 6-8pm

8th Yellow Class Trip to Belliver Forest

9th School Reports published

13th & 14th Year 6 Transition Days at Chulmleigh

19th - 21st Purple Class Residential to Skern Lodge

23rd **LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**

September 2021

6th **NON PUPIL DAY**

7th All pupils return



EH4MH
EARLY HELP & MENTAL HEALTH

'10 a day' choices towards balancing our mental health

- 1 Talk about your feelings
- 2 Do something you enjoy and are good at
- 3 Keep yourself hydrated
- 4 Eat well
- 5 Keep active in mind and body
- 6 Take a break
- 7 Stay connected to those you care about
- 8 Ask for help
- 9 Be proud of your very being
- 10 Actively care for others



HSC Public Health Agency

Coronavirus Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

CORONAVIRUS
PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

Golden Rules

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful

We listen

We are honest

We work hard

We look after property



And the Winners are...

KS1



1st

Mason. Yr 1, Witheridge Primary School.



2nd

Jacob. Reception, Witheridge Primary School.



3rd

Freddie. Reception, Morchard Bishop Primary School.

KS2



1st

Caitlin. Yr 6, Chulmleigh Primary School.



2nd

Agnes. Yr 6, Coplestone Primary School.



3rd

Edward. Yr 3, Coplestone Primary School.

Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners!
Prizes will be delivered on Friday to your school.

"David and I have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves being judges, they are all winners." Dawn Parkhouse, Morchard Bishop Parish Council.