

Message from Head of School:

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our Christmas performances over the past few days. It has been lovely to see you all there to join us in celebrating the festive season. Thanks to the CPTA for their support with the refreshments and raffle, and for organising a visit from Father Christmas!



We really enjoyed our Christmas lunch – thank you to the team in the kitchen who cooked us up a wonderful feast!

It has been a busy time, with some classes out on trips this month. The children enjoyed the opportunity to learn beyond the school gates. I particularly enjoyed my day out to the Eden Project with year 3 and 5 – being in the tropical rainforest was a treat during the recent cold weather! My thanks go to all the fabulous staff who go above and beyond to help support the children and provide them with so many rich experiences. Thanks also to the non-teaching team who help with the smooth running of the school, always with a smile.

Next term we welcome Mrs Kirsty Redstone to the team as a Pre-School Practitioner. I hope she will enjoy working at Copplestone with our youngest children. We also say 'goodbye and thank you' to Miss Elaine Short. Elaine has been completing her final teacher training placement with us and I am pleased to say she has passed with flying colours! I am sure she has found this experience rewarding and we wish her every success in her future teaching career.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas break. This is a very special time of year, and I am sure there will be some very early morning risers for you on the 25th! Enjoy this special family time and the magic of Christmas.



The children return to school on WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023

Warm regards,
Mrs Mackey, Head of School



Spotlight:

Our spotlight this week falls on the children in Rainbow Class and Pre-School who took to the stage for the first time this Christmas!



Certificate Winners and Hot Chocolate Awards

Certificate Winners – 9th December 22

Creativity - Ella-Grace - Rainbow Class

Challenge - Oliver - Green Class

Challenge - Mya-Louise - Yellow Class

Challenge - Esme - Blue Class

Challenge - Millie - Orange Class

Curiosity - Summer - Red Class

Challenge - Archie - Purple Class

Hot Chocolate Awards – 9th December 22

Rainbow Class – Ava G

Green Class – Ruby

Yellow Class – Lolita

Blue Class – William J

Orange Class – Myles

Red Class – Lillie-Blue

Purple Class – Lydia-Rose



Pre-School:

This week at Pre-School we have been reading lots of different Christmas stories at Carpet Time which the children have enjoyed. They have been busy making Christmas cards, calendars, decorating pine cones and doing lots of Christmas colouring and painting. The children have enjoyed exploring our Pre-School garden looking at all the snow and ice. They enjoyed walking on the snowy grass and listening to the crunching sound that it made.

Each afternoon we have played some Christmas games such as musical bumps, musical statues, pin the nose on the Rudolph, the Okey Kokey and farmers in the den.

The children have also enjoyed playing with glittery play dough and have made lots of creations with it.

We are looking forward to Mrs Kirsty Redstone joining our Pre-School team in January and we look forward to seeing the children return on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

All the ladies at Pre-School would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Merry Christmas

Free School Meals:

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals (UFSM). 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.



From Year 3 onwards, 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).
- *Income Support (IS).
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *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 HMRC, 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).

*School children living on their own (16-19 year olds) who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

How to apply:

Apply through the Devon Citizens 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.

Achieve4All:

Achieve4All After School Clubs for the Spring Term (1st Half) are currently ready for booking. See the details below:



Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

KS1, Year 3 and Year 4 Archery and Multi-Sports - Starts Tuesday 10th January 2023

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Football and Multi-Sports - Starts Thursday 5th January 2023

You can book these sessions by going to www.achieve4all.co.uk, scrolling down and clicking on **BOOK NOW**





CPTA News:

Events this year have been harder for us than ever with the amount of illness circulating and trying to keep costs as minimal as we can.

Thank you so much for all of your donations to the Christmas Hampers. We were able to make 5 big hampers and the winners were drawn by Mrs Mackey at the end of the KS2 Carol concert on Wednesday evening.

Our Winners were:- Becky Friend, Anne-Marie Potter, Katy Manns, Julie Banbury and Chloe Stevens. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the raffle by buying a ticket; we raised a brilliant £475.

By serving mince pies, non-alcoholic mulled wine, hot and cold drinks at all the school performances; we made a profit of £99.64. Thanks to everyone who helped at these events in any way including Claire, Kealley, Tally, Natasha, Harriet, Katy, Beth, Helen and Gill - help is always greatly appreciated and we wouldn't be able to run events without it!

We had a great response from the Christmas cards earlier in the term, so thank you to everyone who took part this year. 56 families ordered 144 personalised items, and our estimated commission is £276.80 which is fantastic.

Father Christmas paid a visit to all children at school and Pre-School and gave a small gift purchased by the CPTA. Many thanks to Claire, Kealley, Helen, Tracy, Gill, Nikita and Mark for their help with this. If your child/ren are not in school, their gift will be kept safe until they return to school in January.

On behalf of the CPTA we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

January 2023

3rd NON-Pupil Day

4th All Pupils Return

11th Red Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10.30am

13th Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

18th Red Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10.30am

20th Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

24th Chinese New Year Special Lunch Menu – details to follow soon

25th Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am

February 2023

13th - 17th HALF TERM

20th All Pupils Return



**Merry
Christmas**