

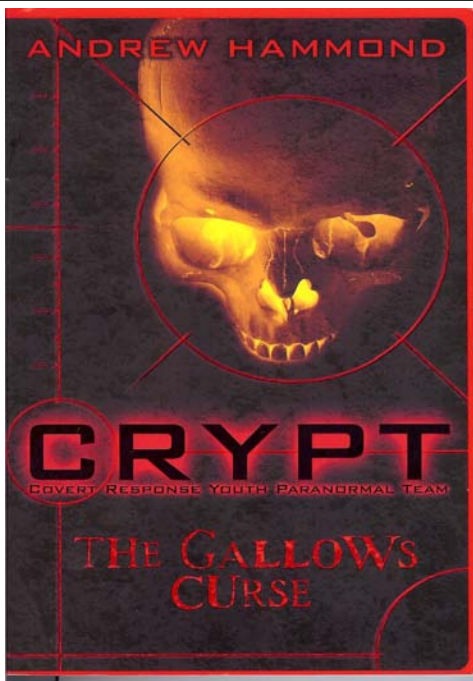


Internet Awareness Evening for Parents Tuesday 20th September 7.00pm – Rendall Room

Parents of Prep School children are very welcome to come along to this free session to understand the complexities of ensuring that their children are using the internet and social networking sites (Facebook etc.) sensibly and understand all the safety precautions they and their children need to be taking.

The year 7 & 8 children will have a session with the same trainers in the afternoon, but there are many aspects of modern technology that parents probably need to be aware of to encourage their children to be internet aware!

The trainers are a group of computer expert Hurstpierpoint sixth formers who have set up a “Young Enterprise Group”, accompanied by a Senior member of staff.



BOOK SIGNING! TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER IN THE LIBRARY FROM 4:30 PM

GET YOUR VERY OWN SIGNED COPY OF
ANDREW HAMMOND'S FIRST NOVEL
THE GALLOW'S CURSE
(SUITABLE FOR AGE 10+)

ANDREW (EX– COPHTHORNE DEPUTY HEAD/HEAD OF ENGLISH) WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER SIGNING COPIES OF HIS BOOK.

BRING YOUR OWN COPY OR YOU MAY PURCHASE ONE ON THE DAY!
CHEQUES/CASH ARE BOTH ACCEPTABLE!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

PENCIL CASES YEARS 5–8

Please can parents check that children have a pencil case containing the following items:-

Pencil, sharpener, eraser, ruler, fountain pen or handwriting pen (blue ink please and no biro's), geometry set, colouring pencils/ felt pens.

Children in Year 6 will need a dictionary and Year 7 & 8 children will also need a scientific calculator.



Some children seem to have 2 or 3 pencil cases to store all their stationery which may be a little excessive!

LOST PROPERTY

Occasionally, children pick up games kit belonging to other children and this arrives home in their kit bags on a Friday. Please can you make sure that this kit is returned to school on Monday (laundered or not) so that it can be returned to the rightful owner!

Thank you.



SKI TRIP - 31 MARCH – 8 APRIL 2012

Mrs Jones and I will be arranging yet another school ski trip to Italy in the first week of our Easter holidays in April 2012. All children from Year 3 and above are welcome to join irrespective of skiing ability but sadly, parents are not invited! More details have been sent by email to all parents and are also available on the website or from the Office.

Please do speak to me if you need to be convinced of the benefits for your children. Last year we took a party of 45, (36 children and 9 adult staff), all of whom had a magnificent time and returned intact!

FORM CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following pupils for being elected as Form Captains for this term

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| Year 8 | Andy Easton & Oliver Clarke |
| Year 7 | Ian Browne & Joshua Persad |
| Year 6 | Ben Kinnear & Evan Penlington |
| Year 5 | Liliana Pasquini, Zillyan Rustom & Matthew Hannah |
| Year 4 | Ellie Burchett, Natasha Jones & Adam Smith |
| Year 3 | Nura Kroeger, Harry Beckley-Bannerton & Toby Hendrikse |

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following pupils for being elected House Captains

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| SALE | Abigail Ratoff & Ryan Singleton |
| NEWTON | Hannah Westwood & James Delaney |
| RENDALL | Morgan Webb & Francesca Smith |
| WORKMAN | Jamie Meldrum & Amber Flavin |



PARENT AMBASSADORS

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be Parent Ambassadors for their Year Group.

All parent ambassador information has been updated on the Parent Contact Information of the Parent Zone.

CONTACT LISTS on Parents Zone

– a number of parents have not given us permission to put their details on the Parent Zone ... if you would like to be contactable by other parents, please email headspa@copthorneprep.co.uk and you will be included.



MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

Please could parents return their medical consent forms or updates as soon as possible. If anyone has not received one could they see a matron. Thank you.

WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - FROM 10 am

I am organising my third annual event for Macmillan Cancer Support "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning".

Sweetwoods Park Golf Club, Cowden, Edenbridge, TN8 7JN

It would be wonderful to have as many people as possible attend the event.

All enquiries to Cherry Persad 07548 607078



LOST PROPERTY

Rick Ghosh has lost a jumper (named) missing since last week and hasn't turned up – could parents check labels of their child's jumper please. Many thanks.

SCHOOL SHOP – NEXT WEEK

THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. HOWEVER IT IS OPEN EVERY MORNING AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

NURSERY & PRE-PREP NEWS

Lost Kit - Various items of clothing are going missing. The children are getting better at putting their clothes on their own pegs and in their own bags, but please could you help by checking whatever comes home does actually belong to your child – and returning those items which do not!



Currently the following items are missing:

- Liban Abdulle's blue Nike swimming bag, complete with trunks, towel and goggles
- Bea Chappell's school cardigan

Found Kit! - In the office, we have the following items

- a small brand new red blazer – unnamed
- a small brand new black coat – unnamed
- a small second hand cardigan – unnamed

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED!



Lost Fiver! - We have found a £5 note in the playground ... if anyone knows they dropped it, please come into the office. Otherwise it will go into the charity box.

YEAR 1 - have been doing close observations of their faces, and painting self portraits starting with skin tones. Later they will be making versions of themselves in clay and looking at family resemblances.



NURSERY - The children in the younger Nursery have been looking at lots of yellow things this week. They have made sparkly yellow stars and painted lemons as well as cooking yummy yellow star biscuits. Next week the colour is red so look out for red playdough and red circles.

The older Nursery children have been talking about the letter 'f' this week and have drawn pictures of their families and finger painted with lots of different colours.

We have also been making good use of our new waterproofs and been into the woods twice, singing songs around our (pretend) bonfire and collecting leaves and cones to take home. While examining the undergrowth and looking for bugs, Lewis shouted '*I found nature on this stick!*'



YEAR 2 - have been having fun with a crazy alphabet, drawing lovely pictures and writing some fun rhymes about their chosen animals:

'Kangaroo jumps all day, Do you think he will know the way?' Susannah
'Jay birds are cool, they've got claws and no paws' Jaye
'Mammoth is so big, That's why he's wearing a wig' Jacob



SPORTS RESULTS

U9A Netball v St Christopher's - Lost 6-7

Today was sadly not to be the U9s day. Having arrived at the netball courts on Brighton Seafront to the sight of 10 foot netball posts instead of the 9 foot the girls should have been playing on; there was some very worried looking faces! Also the sight of the two giant U10s playing in the U9A team unsettled the girls from the start. However Copthorne held their own and after losing the first centre in the first quarter, the girls managed to turn the game over to their advantage and played well as a team despite some changes and absences this week. As a result of this at the end of the first quarter Copthorne were 2-1 up, helped by two great goals from Yelena Finnegan.

In the second quarter of the match Copthorne dominated the play and there was some fabulous defending and intercepting in and around the D from Madeleine Liu and Elise Fry in defence. Ellie Burchett and Hermione Ashbee worked hard as wings to get the ball up and down court, and Amalia Finnegan who played centre worked heroically on court both with her attacking and defending, gaining some fantastic interceptions. The shooters also added to the teams efforts in this quarter passing well around the D resulting in a further two goals being scored by Alice Renshaw putting Copthorne three goals up at half time.

In the third quarter of the match Copthorne lost their focus and momentum completely and silly mistakes due to careless passing occurred, giving St Christopher's the upper hand for the first time throughout the whole of the match. However in the fourth quarter Copthorne came back fighting and it proved to be a very tense quarter to umpire and watch, yet due to Copthorne's blips' in the third quarter St Christopher's just managed to pip Copthorne to the post with 7 goals to 6!

Although it was a loss today for the U9s they should be extremely proud of the way they played and conducted themselves both on and off court, and under different circumstances this match could have been very different and most definitely and deservedly should and would have gone in Copthorne's favour! I look forward to continue working with the U9s over the forthcoming term and I am sure that with the girl's already strong foundation in netball to build on, this team will do well and will be very successful. Once again well done girls and thank you to all the parents that came to support. TC

U9B Netball v St Christopher's - Lost 2-3

The U9B team had their first match of the season this week against St Christopher's, so we travelled down to Brighton to play on the sea front! the girls were all very excited not only just to play but to see the sea.

The girls took a while to get into the game and by the end of the first quarter the girls were 2-0 down. They were not disheartened by this at all and were even more determined to score a goal. The girls began to get into space and the second quarter saw some lovely linking play between Rebecca Moore-Williams, Holly Khambhaita and Clara Vincent. At half time Copthorne had closed the gap and the score was 2-1 to St Christopher's.

In the second half the girls continued to play well getting into space and getting back to mark their players. Good interceptions were made by Emily Workman and Emilie Lagrange in defence while Holly and Rebecca continued to link the ball well getting into down to the circle. In the circle Madeline Parker and Clara worked well together passing in and out of the circle and moving under the post. At the end of the second half the final score was 3-2 to St Christopher's.

The girls played with enthusiasm and determination and continued to fight for the ball. It was a lovely game and the girls should be very pleased with the result. Well done girls, keep up the hard work! HC

Under 10A Hockey v Great Walstead - Won 2-0

The girls started off really well this week on a totally different surface to what we played on at Ardingly last week. The girls were even more determined after having good focus in training leading up to the game today. They used the space and channels very well Charlotte and Alys played well up front, passing the ball accurately to each other and then making different runs into space. Harriet and Elizabeth made some strong defensive tackles to protect Loren in goal who was clearing the ball out to the sides and making lovely saves. Karina has yet again a good game in the middle of the field making some lovely passes with Lottie and Liliana to get the ball down to our attackers. Well done girls. Was a great game. Goals were scored by Alys and Charlotte. Player of the match Alys. LJ

Under 10B Hockey v Great Walstead - Won 1-0

Copthorne had the first centre pass and although both teams found it difficult at first to spread out there were several attempts at goal from Copthorne. There was some strong defending from both sides however our girls were keen to score. There was some great defending from Nina and Lily and our forwards Natalie, Zillyan and Jemima worked hard to get the ball to the D. There were some cameo performances from Georgina, Alice and Annalise who showed no fear when tackling. There was also some good passing from Zoe and Eloise. It was a good match as the girls showed some of the skills that they have been practising during lessons.

We still need to think about our spacing and ensure that our passing is consistently accurate.

Well done girls; another good win.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kashdan who very kindly transported most of the team to Great Walstead and to the parents who came to watch and support us. LD

Under 11B Hockey v Great Walstead - Lost 1-6

The U11B team were a little overwhelmed by the Great Walstead team, however they didn't stop fighting for the ball throughout the game, and huge credit to them all for not letting their heads go down.

Chloe managed to score the goal, Emily made some good tackles and we saw some great runs from Lucy, Harriet and Georgina up front but we lacked the finish to score any more goals.

Willow and Elly were kept very busy in the defending D and Eloise in Goal made some great saves.

Well done girls a good effort! MJ

Under 12/11 Hockey v Great Walstead - Lost 1-3

The scoreline doesn't really reflect on how hard the Copthorne girls battled in this game. All the goals were scored in the first half, ours coming from a great shot from Tori!

Micki and Freya played really well and fought for every ball up front, having several chances to score but we just couldn't find that bench! Emma and Prisha were kept busy in defence and Georgia kept goal well.

The second half was a completely different story, with Isabella and Millie coming on to add some U12 strength to the team, we held Great Walstead up well and this half ended 0-0.

Well done girls, a really good effort - lots of work on short corners and scoring goals in the coming training sessions!

Thank you to our brilliant supporters. MJ

2nd VI Hockey v Great Walstead - Won 9-1

Inspired by the 1st team's performance the girls of the 2nd team were not to be outdone. They were determined and aggressive throughout all areas of the field. Sofia and Jessica were strong on the ball and looked to take on the opposition whenever they had possession of the ball and both ended the match with 4 goals each. Victoria was very unlucky not to have scored herself; she moved well into space to receive the ball and always made the defenders and keeper commit to making tackles. Great Walstead did manage to put our defenders under a bit of pressure but Amber was solid at the back and when winning the ball she quickly returned it up the field. Sarena and Abbey held their own in defense and cleared the ball with confidence. Abbey also found herself in an attacking possession and in the right spot at the right time to score her first goal. Kilti didn't really see much of the ball during the match, those that did manage to sneak her way; she judged them well and cleared the ball before any attackers could get a rebound. Unfortunately one ball found its way in the back of the goal. Well played girls it was a fantastic game of hockey.

Team: Kilti; Sarena; Amber; Sofia (4), Victoria; Jessica (4) and Abbey (1)

1st VI Hockey v Great Walstead - Won 5-2

The girls were on top form against Great Walstead in their first Indoor match. They were sharp on the ball, taking quick free hits and moved the ball with speed and determination. Charlotte opened the scoring from a well taken short corner. It was soon two from two, Charlotte scoring again from the short corner routine. The girl's composure on the ball was fantastic; they looked wide for passes and used the boards effectively. Copthorne always looked for the attacking option but when needed our defense of Hannah, Katie and Rebecca stepped up to make strong tackles. When the ball did break through our defense Francesca confidently cleared the ball up the field. Copthorne had most of the possession during the game and created many scoring opportunities. The Great Walstead keeper did well making some good saves but could not keep up with the constant pressure from Copthorne. Abigail added her name to the score sheet with a fantastic goal just before half time. In the second half time Copthorne continued to pile on the pressure and once again camped out in the opponents half. Both Rebecca and Roselly kept the scoreboard ticking when they added to the score. There were many chances from here to increase the score line but the girl's just narrowly missing their target. Well played girls, it was a fantastic display of hockey. HP

Team: Francesca; Katie; Hannah; Charlotte (2); Roselly (1); Abigail (1) and Rebecca (1)

2nd XI Football v St Aubyns - Won 4-1

After the disappointment of last week this was a real confidence booster for the side. All the boys worked really hard in training and some of the work done really paid off.

There was a good link down the right with George, Luca and Inder playing really well together. The left will take a little longer but no lack of effort here either. Elliot was a tower of strength at the back with Ryan barking orders from the goal. Jack and Ross were solid and no nonsense at the back and Oliver is getting accustomed to his role in mid-field.

Up front we still need to be more positive and have a go, even with the left foot! Josh slotted 2 first half goals to put us in control with a boomer from Elliot putting us 3 - 1 up at half time.

In the second half numerous chances came and went with Josh, Alex, George and Ollie all going close but the only addition to the score was a blistering penalty from Elliot, if only England could be that good! James was industrious on the left and all in all it was a splendid performance and far more enjoyable than the week before.

There is no doubt that St Aubyns was a weaker side than our previous opponents but they still had to be beaten. We will need to be more ruthless in front against the stronger teams if we are to continue this success. Well done boys and thanks to the parents who attended. JC

U9A Football v St Aubyns - Won 3-0

It was a sunny day and the boys strolled onto the pitch, they were full of confidence after last week's match. It started off with some quick fire passes from all the team leaving C Preen with a lovely shot on goal, the game had started as it meant to go on, with A Smith-Carretero, stopping players left right and centre, the boys up front had plenty to play with, Again C Preen had a blistering goal and the score at half time was 2-0. The boys took to the field again ready to finish the match in style and after some beautiful crosses and corners from C Nimmo, and some lovely running by the captain Z Riley. The boys again found themselves with another goal. The whistle went and the boys had managed a 3-0 victory.

I was very proud of the boys again, I would love to give a man of the match but I thought they all deserved it for giving 100% out there, Keep it going boys.

U9B Football v St Aubyns

These boys were ready for it, they wanted to win, and you could see it in the way they organised themselves. The opposition gave up a good fight, and the boys really had to dig deep. G Jones, had some great play in defence and allowed the boys to start moving down the field, after half time and some water and oranges they were re fuelled and ready to score. N Lopalco, was ruthless putting his body on the line to allow P Kinnear his shot on goal, and after a great shot the boys had finally done it, they were ahead, and with everyone playing as a unit, they managed to maintain that all the way until the final whistle.

I am really proud of the way the boys bonded as a unit and wanted to play for each other, I hope they can keep this up for further matches. WL

Colts A Football v St Aubyns

With the manager naming an unchanged team from last week's victory the Colts A took to the sloping fields of St Aubyn's in a confident manner and within 4 minute the early pressure told as Hayes found himself with the ball at his feet in the box and coolly finished under the advancing keeper. Copthorne played some beautiful football and had the lion's share of the possession, with great interplay between the mid-field and the forwards. Eades showed some great touch in feeding Tennant down the right wing, and Hannah worked tirelessly against his opposite man to win the ball back again and again! St Aubyn's had a couple of useful players and Voller at left back had his work cut out, but showed his trademark doggedness and kept his man at bay. On the stroke of half time a sudden lapse in concentration let their striker through, and he was denied by a fantastic diving save from Kinnear in goal.

After the mandatory half time citrus fix the team looked fresh, and were soon threatening to stretch their lead. Blackmore showed great poise at right back and read the game well. It was a move he started that led to the second goal, involving Tennant and Eades and being clinically finished by Hayes. A fight back ensued and St Aubyn's scored with a good strike from the edge of the box, and with 8 minutes to play the game was well balanced. Copthorne then moved up a couple of gears and started playing some sumptuous football. The shots were flying in from all over, and it was Eades who managed to get on the end of one to make it 3-1. The last 5 minutes were special. MOTM Hayes picked up the first hat-trick of the season with a great run through the middle, and then bagged a fourth with a 30 yard screamer. Tennant played out of his skin, and on another day he could have had his own hat-trick, but the woodwork and the keeper kept him out! 5-1 reflects how well we played, and every member of the team gave 100% - good job lads! RF

Colts B Football v St Aubyns

The Colts B VII, unchanged from last weeks game, travelled down to Rottingdean today and came away with all 3 points. Playing on the unique sloping pitches of St. Aubyn's can prove challenging, but after a positive start it was an early penalty that gave us the lead. Cathcart slotted it in the bottom corner to make it 1-0 after only 2 minutes, and it was fairly one way traffic for the rest of the first half. Some solid defending from Abdulle and Hawes quickly halted any attacks and got Cathcart nets to start the scoring! the ball up field through Kroeger and Gore in no time at all. Fortunately for St. Aubyn's their keeper had the game of his life, and despite having 80% of the possession we went in to half time with a slender one goal lead. Having devoured their 1/8 of an orange, the boys came out battling and Gore was soon on target with a screamer in the top right past the keeper.

The pressure continued and as we pressed forward, our backs were left exposed but a couple of hefty Hawes clearances and some more sensible play from Abdulle kept goalkeeper Khan fairly quiet. Right half Penlington had plenty of shots and finally managed to beat their keeper via a deflection off a defenders head to make it 3, and the 4-0 victory was completed by Gore netting his second after a wonderfully unselfish assist by Kroeger.

A good game and solid performance with MOTM going to Cathcart for his early dominance and excellent attitude throughout the game! More of the same next week please boys! RF

NEXT WEEKS' FIXTURES

1st Indoor Hockey v Brambletye (h) 2:30
U11A Hockey Festival, @Ardingly (time tbc)
U11 'B' Netball v Brambletye (h) 2:30 pm
U10 Netball v Brambletye (h) 2:30 pm
U9 Netball v Brambletye (a) 2:30 pm
U8 Netball v Brambletye (a) 2:30 pm

1st XI Soccer v Brambletye (h) 2:30 pm
Colts A&B Soccer v Brambletye (h) 2:30 pm
Colts C&D Soccer v Brambletye (a) 2:30 pm
U9 A&B Soccer v Brambletye (a) 2:30 pm
U9 C Soccer v Brambletye (h) 2:30 pm

2nd & 3rd Soccer Matches have been cancelled - Brambletye's Yr 7s are out on a trip!

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

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| Benenden | 17th September | registry@benenden.kent.sch.uk |
| Cranbrook School | 17th September | registrar@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk |
| Bethany School | 17th September | registrar@bethanyschool.org.uk |
| St Bede's Senior School | 24th September | admissions@stbedesschool.org |
| Worth School | 24th September (Girls Only) | admissions@worth.org.uk |
| Royal Russell School | 24th September | admissions@royalrussell.co.uk |
| Woldingham School | 24th September | registrar@woldinghamschool.co.uk |
| Roedean | 1st October | events@roedean.co.uk |
| Lancing College | 1st October | admissions@lancing.org.uk |

MUMS WALK IN AID OF ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE !

Last Sunday 11 Sept, we (5 school Mums - Victoria Finnegan, Sandra Nathaniel, Sandy Harker-Poole, Susan Hannah and past-Mum Sapna Roberts) took part in the *13-mile Balcombe Walk* in aid of this charity. And, despite weak ankles, a dodgy back, old age and a few blisters, we all lived to tell the tale! We wanted to ask all you generous parents if you could 'spare a few bob' to help boost our sponsorship total please....??! There will be envelopes in the main Office and also in the Pre-Prep office for you to make your deposits. Check down the back of the couch tonight..... we could get lucky! Thank you all very, very much. The Walkers!

COPTHORNE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL 

COPTHORNE PARENTS CHOIR 2011

Calling all parents,

Following our performance at the Christmas Carol Concert 2010, we will be reforming once again this year.

If you are already a member of the Choir, I sincerely hope to see you again this year.

If you missed out on the chance last year, then we would love for you to come and join us.



Do you have a good singing voice?

Have you experience of signing in a choir?

Do you have some spare time during the day/evening to rehearse?

If so, then we would like you to come and have fun and be part of the Cophorne Prep School Parents Choir 2011?



For more information and to register your interest, please contact the school office on 01342 712311 or office@copthorneprep.co.uk and your details will be passed to Mr Richard Fitt -Head of Music and Mrs C Persad (Year 4 parent) organising the choir.