



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – “KISS & DROP”

The first week seems to have gone quite smoothly but I still need to encourage more Prep School parents to “Kiss & Drop” and not to park up to free up space in the car parks for those who do need to park.

Years 6/7/8 children should be dropped off by the Office in the Main Building as this is where their Tutor Rooms are.

Years 3/4/5 should be dropped off using the lay-by outside the New Block.

The children should exit the car without the driver getting out!

The Pre-Prep “Kiss & Drop” seems to be working quite well but can I please remind Nursery & Pre-Prep parents **NOT TO PARK ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME**, as this restricts the road to a single carriageway which frequently causes problems. I have put out some bollards to remind you!

All parents who do need to park are encouraged to move off as quickly as possible and not to chat with other parents for too long!!!

3:30pm COLLECTION

We are continuing to open the gate onto the Prep School asphalt car park at 3.30pm (not earlier as children are playing until the 3.30pm bell) to allow Nursery & Pre-Prep parents to park to collect their children. Please do drive with extreme caution as children still walk through this area at all times.

3.30pm WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PARKING

Many of you will now have experienced how busy the car parks are on Wednesday afternoons when the Prep School children are involved in sports fixtures and there are many extra parents/school minibuses on the site. Sadly, there is nothing we can do to create extra spaces in the short term, but I can suggest that Year 1 & 2 parents delay collection until 3.40/3.45pm when there should be space freed up in the Pre-prep car park. Children will be waiting in the Assembly Room as normal (at no charge!).

Year 8 Parents' Information Evening Thursday 15th September 7.00pm in the Rendall Room

Unless Year 8 parents have experienced a child completing their final year before, this is an important evening where we outline the demands of Year 8 and explain how the year works in terms of exams, scholarships and future school entry requirements. Please do put this date in your diaries and I look forward to meeting you all next week.

Parent Ambassadors Wanted!

As many of you are aware from my end of term letter and Speech before the summer holidays the Year Reps Committee has been disbanded and I am now looking for volunteer Parent Ambassadors in each year group, who will take on the responsibility of liaising with any new parents who join, act as the fête representative for that year group, and attend some Open Mornings (on a rota) to speak positively to new and prospective parents.

Thank you to the parents who have already offered their services but any others should let my PA Ali know (headspa@copthorneprep.co.uk).



Contact Lists on Parents Zone - For those families who have given in their contact details and agreed to these details being circulated, lists of names, addresses, birthdays and an email address are currently being compiled. They will be published on Monday in the secure Parent Zone.



SKI TRIP MARCH 31 – APRIL 8 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!

LOST PROPERTY

Louis Agranoff has lost his brand new black waterproof jacket in the school - it is named. Could parents please check labels to ensure their child has the right jacket.



“Where Next after Copthorne” Evening

Thursday 29th September 7.00pm in the Rendall Room

This presentation is aimed at parents in Years 5, 6 & 7 (although all parents are welcome) to explain all the options for schools after Copthorne whether at 11+ or 13+. The aim is to guide parents through the important questions they need to consider when choosing the next school for their children, so attendance is important!

The “Future Schools Fair” on Thursday 6th October (7.00pm in the Sports Hall) is, for many parents, the first opportunity to meet representatives from all the Senior Schools we send children to and to collect sample literature from these various schools.



Skydiving Mums help raise £5000 for Outreach 3 Way!

On Sunday 4th September, Copthorne Prep Mums, Sarah Young and Nadine Oplaat-Perry bravely skydived 12,000 feet to help raise money for local learning disability charity, Outreach 3 Way.

Sarah and Nadine have helped raise over **£5000.**

Congratulations on an amazing achievement!

WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

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

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

All enquiries to Cherry Persad 07548 607078

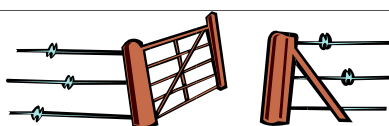


NURSERY & PRE-PREP NEWS

ACTIVITIES - The 'final' list is now compiled and available to check on the Parent Board just inside the Pre-Prep Department. Please look out for new groups just before half-term; we will keep records as to who has done what, to make it as fair as possible over the year.

WEBSITE - Menus & the School Calendar are published under the Information tag; Parent Contact Lists will be in the Parent Zone on Monday.

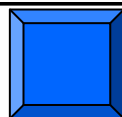
UNIFORM & GENERAL APPEARANCE - All children should be wearing full school uniform, and have wellington boots in school too. Everything **MUST** be named. Boys socks should be grey, and girls' socks or tights should be red (no stripes!) Top buttons on white shirts must be done up; please make sure your child has the right size shirt. Can I also draw attention to the school regulations regarding hair : *'Boys hair should be above their collars, girls with long hair should have it tied back with regulation school hair bands and/or scrunchies'*.



GATES - Nursery parents are asked to close the gate on the internal drive after leaving at lunchtimes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PARKING

Year 1 & 2 children may stay (for free) until 3.45pm. Wednesdays are particularly difficult as there are matches and many visiting parents, so a slightly staggered finish to the Pre-Prep day may help. Please can Reception & Nursery parents move off the site as quickly as possible to allow Year 1 & 2 parents to park. (If you have children in both age groups, you may come at either time!) On other days of the week, the gate onto the Prep Asphalt can be opened at 3.30pm (not before as Prep children are heading out for games.)



YOUNGER NURSERY - The children have settled in well, with very few tears or upsets (from the children at least!) The term's theme is colours and shapes, starting with blue squares. Look out for yellow star cookies next week.

Both OLDER & YOUNGER NURSERY classes have much enjoyed their first trip to the woods – in waterproof outfits! Judged a great success by all, the highlight was the enormous spiders' web secured high above the camp fire – well done to Mr Lee & Mr Lloyd
(How did you get it up there?!)



RECEPTION - the theme this term is Nursery Rhymes. Humpty Dumpty is appearing all over the classrooms in various guises, the egg & cress sandwiches were delicious and the clay models of Humpty feature twigs and sticks gathered on their trip to the woods.



Year 1 – have been talking about adapted body parts on animals (and will be visiting the British Wildlife Centre in a few weeks' time). Mrs Passmore's class have been painting large trunks, long necks etc. and both classes have written some excellent sentences:



Lions have sharp claws for ripping their prey apart (Mallory)

Elephants have long trunks and big ears to make wind (Jope)

Giraffes have long necks to make them get leaves (Luca)

The lion has sharp teeth and sharp claws. Lions are smart. (Akanksha)

Year 2 – Well done to those children who brought back lovely diaries and scrap books, which have led to some interesting discussions about holiday destinations. There are holiday postcards on the walls and seagull stories being completed.

Next week, please could the children bring in named and dated photos of themselves as a baby, a toddler and as they look now, as their Science and History timelines are being started next week.

SPORTS RESULTS

U9 Indoor Hockey v Ardingly

Well what a fantastic afternoon of hockey to start the term off with! From the word go the U9s showed great determination, team spirit and were hungry for the ball - never giving up!

The girls were split into 3 mixed teams allowing all of the girls to participate in a mini 5/6 aside hockey match. The first team that played consisted of Emilie Lagrange, Madison McKay, Maddie Parker, Clara Vincent and Ellie Burchett. The girls were very nervous to begin with having to play first however as the match went on the girls skills improved, as did their play. There was some excellent defending from Clara who stopped and blocked many shots and passes into and around the D, and Ellie and Emilie worked tirelessly in attack with two of their shots narrowly missing the goal-rebounding off the hockey goal!! The final score was 2-0 to Ardingly and although a loss for this team the girl's should be proud of their performance as they never gave up!

The second team that played consisted of Amber Buggins, Emily Workman, Amalia Finnegan, Yelena Finnegan and Hermione Ashbee. This team were especially hungry for the ball tackling well and chasing any loose balls resulting in a well deserved goal from Amber early in the match! Throughout the match Hermione and Amalia made lots of good interceptions and tackles resulting in a further goal being scored by Yelena. This match was the girls for the taking however in the last 2 minutes the girls lost their concentration and momentum, allowing Ardingly to score two goals evening up the score to 2-2. These girls should be extremely proud of their performance and deserved the win really!

The third team consisted of Natasha Jones, Madeline Liu, Elise Fry, Alice Renshaw, Holly Khambhaita and Rebecca Moore-Williams. Having watched and seen the other two teams play this team got a feel for the game and came out fighting! Elise and Alice were all over the pitch and there were some good stops from Natasha and Rebecca. Elise and Alice's exuberance paid off with Elise scoring two great goals followed by Alice scoring one to bring the score line to 3. The final score was 3-0 to Copthorne, a good win for the girls! Well done.

All of the U9s should be extremely proud of the performance this afternoon and I look forward to seeing the girl's agility and hockey skills improve further as the term goes on! Once again thank you to all the Copthorne supporters who came to support the girls, it really does help, and a big thank you to Miss Cook and Miss Butler for all their help and support over the afternoon! TC

Under 10A Hockey v Ardingly - Lost 2-3

The girls started off all over the place with everyone following the ball, but once we had structure to what we were doing it was better. Alys and Lily played well in the middle as well as Liliana and Hannah running up and down the wings all afternoon, getting into space. After half time we had a quick talk and it was like a different game. Lovely passing between Hannah and Alys for Hannah to score 2 goals in her first game! Elizabeth had a fantastic game in defence making some excellent tackles and clearing the ball away from the Ardingly girls and protecting Eloise in goal brilliantly. Karina also had a strong game making some lovely runs with the ball. Loren had a good game hitting the ball into space. This was an excellent come back after being 3-0 down in the first half. Well done to Hannah Doran for 2 great goals. Player of the match : Elizabeth
Well done girls, remember to be confident with the ball! LJ

Under 10B Hockey v Ardingly - Won 3-0

This was a great start for the U10s. The girls worked well as a team and set the pace for most of the twenty minutes. There was some strong tackling and defending from Copthorne which kept our goalie Ella from playing at all. The girls marked Ardingly closely and I was very impressed with how the forwards especially, worked together within the D. Our scorers were Zillyan, Charlotte and Harriet. Although we did not score during the three short corners we were given, it was evident that Copthorne were on the ball and understood what they needed to do. So well done, Zillyan, Charlotte, Harriet, Natalie, Alice, Eloise, Jemima and Ella.
Player of the match - Harriet. LD

Under 11A Hockey v Ardingly

It was the girls first match and having practiced on grass during games sessions this week, it took a while to adjust to it being much faster on astro. The girls connected a few lovely passes together up front but just couldn't get the ball in the back of the goal because of some excellent defending from the Ardingly girls. Victoria and Lucy made some lovely runs up the wings. However, the Ardingly girls were just to organized and used to the surface, and they scored several goals in the first half of the game. After the first half we made a few changes Michaela and Freya swapping to defend being one of them and they were very solid, with anything that came near them they would clear out. Emma and Prisha made some lovely tackles in the middle to get the ball up front to Chloe. Well played girls!
Players of the match Freya and Michaela for fabulous solid defending! LJ

Under 11B Hockey v Ardingly - Won 1-0

Congratulations to Harriet Keenleyside who scored a great goal for the U11Bs. Harriet and Georgina ran their socks off and fought for every ball! Georgina also had several shots on goal, which unfortunately were off target! Willow had an excellent game in defence, watching the ball carefully and coming to meet and clear it well before the Ardingly girls closed her down. After a nervous start Elly got into her stride and made some good tackles with Emily and Alejandra always busy on the wings.
Player of the match: Harriet
A huge thank you to both Eloise Chirgwin and Ella Bain who played in goal for both the U11s and U10s. Well done girls! MJ
Thank you to the parents for their support at Ardingly this afternoon and a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Scott and Mr Parkinson for their help with transport.

Under 12 Hockey v Ardingly

The U12s battled bravely against a mixed U13/U12 Ardingly side. The home team were much stronger than the Copthorne girls but in true style our heads never went down. Great defence work from Katie in the first half kept the scoreline down, and we saw some good runs from Frosty and Abbey, but we never really troubled the Ardingly goalie! Bad luck girls, a really good effort from you all! Team: Kilti Thompson, Katie Parkinson, Rebecca Frost, Abbey Parker, Victoria Smith, Isabella Monaghan, Victoria Smith and Millie Tuvey. MJ

Under 13 Hockey v Ardingly

Facing Ardingly away on their astro has always been challenging, they are a well drilled side with good skill and they use the space really well. All the Copthorne girls showed great commitment in the match to stay in touch with the opposition. With the game mostly taking place in our half our defense were up to the task and made some good challenges. On many occasions we were on the back foot and outnumbered but Roselly tracked the attackers well without diving into tackles and waited for support. Francesca was kept busy in goals and kept Copthorne in the game with some great saves. Hannah made good use of the self-pass and quickly got the ball moving up the wing from free hits. Both Charlotte and Abigail worked continuously in the midfield to distribute the ball to the forwards. Jessica made some fantastic runs down the wing but could not find a free Copthorne player in the opposing D. The girls did win a few attacking short corners and forced the Ardingly keeper in making saves but we lacked the ball speed and aggression in the D to put the ball away. HP

Team: Francesca; Hannah; Sarena; Charlotte; Abigail; Sofia; Jessica; Roselly.

2nd XI V Duke of Kent

There is always optimism at the start of a new term and I hope that the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the 2nd's will not be diminished by this apparently heavy defeat. For those of us there it was a much closer affair than the score line suggests as the two sides were fairly well matched. The difference was that Duke of Kent shot at every opportunity and we didn't. Apart from a couple of efforts towards the end we didn't really threaten in front of goal. Lots of work to do but the on pitch attitude is right so I am sure there will be more successful days to come. JC

Colts A & B Vs Duke of Kent

The first game of the season was an out and out triumph for the Colts Vs. A home fixture meant a casual lasagne lunch and warm-up was possible and as Duke of Kent arrived, fatigued from the tortuous drive, the Bs wasted no time in opening the scoring after 3 minutes - much to the delight of the sizable crowd hearty souls who were watching through the drizzle - with Evan slotting home after a fumble by their keeper. This early pressure continued and it was Alessandro who managed to get himself on the end of another loose ball and hammered it home past the flailing keeper to double our advantage with only 10 minutes gone. Captain Jerome commanded his team from the middle of the pitch and regularly demonstrated his deft touch and footballing brain. Some solid interplay with the midfield in the final third gave him some great chances and he managed to net a quick brace before our Gallic referee blew for the half to leave us comfortable at 4-0 as the oranges were devoured. They say football is a game of two halves, and we were not quite the same dynamic force that we had been as we resumed into the wind. Duke of Kent had shrugged off their minibus-lag and it was time for our defensive pair of Hugo and Yonis to shine. They proved very solid and despite having the majority of the possession Duke of Kent couldn't quite get through them to test stand-in keeper Zak. They finally did get a shot off but Zak was more than equal to it as he parried it away for a corner. There were fireworks at the other end as the woodwork was rattled and striker Mattie C very nearly scored with a spectacular header on a couple of occasions. Duke of Kent did score a late consolation goal, but as the full time whistle went 4-1 was a fair reflection of a good team performance as well as a great start to the season. Man of the Match to Jerome for his 2 goals and constant enthusiasm throughout the game.

As if that wasn't exciting enough, the Colts A then took the pitch. Despite looking slightly bedraggled due to the constant drizzle, their obvious enthusiasm for the beautiful game was evident as Oli T and Matthew kicked off. The crisp passes were good to watch and the effortless interplay between the backs and the midfield left us again with the majority of the first half possession. The Duke of Kent goal-keeper had the match of his life as he managed to keep out decent shots from Oli, James and Matthew. The crossbar was hit from outside the box and I still can't work out how we got to half time without scoring a goal. A scary moment occurred just before the whistle went as their star player broke free of our last line of defence only to face a charging Ben K in goal! There was only one way that was going to finish and we remained locked at 0-0 as we got stuck into our half time oranges and team talk.

Defenders Johnathan and Ben V were under attack at the start of the second half but held their nerve to keep Duke of Kent at bay, and they also provided some quality balls down the left and the right. There were more spectacular chances with skipper Mattie E providing countless smashing crosses from the corners and Oli T very nearly scoring with a glancing header or two. It is clear that this much anticipated team have enormous potential, and some of the play between all of the boys was, at times, truly magical. It was Oli who found himself in the box with 5 minutes to go and managed to squeeze the ball past Duke of Kent's heroic goalie to give us the lead and followed this up with a sublime shot from all of 20 yards that found the top corner. Ben K was tested in the last couple of minutes in a carbon copy of the end of the first half, and again he charged and ensured he kept his clean sheet, regardless of his own wellbeing! RF

A good start for the team, and an impressive opener for Man of the Match Oli T with 2 goals. More of the same next week please!

Colts D v Duke of Kent

What a way to start! The D team set their stall out early in the match by passing and moving the ball around with great skill and not letting DOK settle into the match. Our patience paid off as we were awarded a penalty which Andre dispatched into the top corner. Despite more good football we were unable to add to the score at half time. The Citrus fruit took over in the second half and we soon got the reward of further goals including one for Birthday Boy Joseph. The end result was a comfortable 4-0 win. All who watched the game were very impressed with your attitude, commitment and passing.

Well Done Boys.

Goals from: Andre x2, Joseph S, Nabil. IP

Copthorne 3rd Football v Duke of Kent

It was the 3rds first game of football together after only 2 training sessions.

The team was set with a solid defence in the back, 3 good midfielders and 3 goal hungry forwards.

Copthorne came out blazing straight away with 2 shots at goal in the first 5 minutes, narrowly missing the wanted net! After our early attempts the game became more and more in the middle of the pitch. With the ball being mostly in the Duke's control the boys played an awesome defence and managed to hold off until half time with the scores still locked at 0-0. After a quick orange and some water the boys seemed set to keep attacking the goal, although 5 mins into the second half they caught us of guard and managed to beat T. Leen's fantastic goalie skills. With the score now 1-0 we needed to hit back. Duke of Kent had a lot more shots at the goal but were saved by T. Leen time and time again!

Defence was worked over with the boys digging deep to keep them out of our half.

With about 10 minutes to go Copthorne dug deep and went on the attack. The forwards got the ball down to the other end and began having their own shots, with skill from I. Browne, G. Jeffery, A. Broadley and R. Knight.

2 shots were fired and were saved by a diving keeper.

The whistle sounded and the game was done. A close game of 1-0 to Duke of Kent was the final result.

The boys put up an amazing fight and I thought ALL played extremely well.

The season could be a very successful one for the 3rds. With more practice they will be the team to beat!

Keep it up boys looking forward to the next match! QM

U9B Football v Duke of Kent

It was a dull and drizzly day as the boys stepped out onto the pitch. The boys were excited about their first match, The Bs were excellent with sharp passing and great communication.

We managed to score some quick fire goals from K. Linkin, to allow us at half time to come off with a 2-0 lead, the boys devoured their oranges and took to the field with all the ambition to win the game. Within seconds E. Meldrum was storming up the side line, a beautiful cross in left K. Linkin with an easy tap to score his hat-trick.

The fourth goal came from the opposition's goal keeper, and as the whistle went the boys came away with a 4-0 win.

I was very proud of the way the boys played as a team and with only a couple of training sessions together, let's hope they can carry this on all season. WL

U9A Football v Duke of Kent

The boys went onto the pitch all fired up and ready for a win, they started with great tempo, some lovely play from C. Preen and D. Westwood saw us get some early goals.

I was really proud to see them working as a whole unit, with W. Goodwin barking commands from the goal and Z. Riley commanding the mid field.

I was really glad to see the boys not playing selfish football and wanting to pass, and find space to allow them to score and dominate the game. All in all a great start to the season and I hope we can carry on playing like this. WL

1st VIII Football Tournament at Ardingly

Our season kicked off with an 8-a-side tournament at Ardingly. Our first match started well, against Ardingly 2s who ended the tournament as runners up to Brighton. We dominated the first half and altogether hit the woodwork 4 times in the game without actually scoring. Everything went wrong in the second half however. We conceded two goals from headers off corners and also lost 3 players to injury. With only one sub, this effectively meant we were fielding 2 injured players in every subsequent match. The team still showed some good character through the course of the afternoon, but it was no surprise when we lost in the semi final of the plate competition. Morgan managed 2 goals in spite of his injury and Andrew also found the back of the net. Nils and Edward put in a tremendous amount of work under difficult circumstances. Hopefully our boys will recover soon enough to play next week. DJ

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.