

Copley Primary School Newsletter

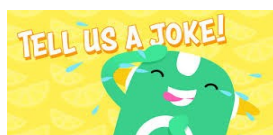
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Another week has flown by and January is coming to a close- this really has been a rollercoaster of a month. Looking back, there have been so many positives to pick out: the way our home learners have responded and engaged to the work online, our talented teachers adapting lessons to suit modern technology and of course the resilience of you, the parents and families who are juggling jobs, home-schooling, and many other daily tasks which need to be done. *What we are being asked to do by the government is probably the hardest thing we will ever encounter, and this situation constantly tests our mental well-being and health.*

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' and we will be sharing activities and advice which will hopefully help our children, whether they are in school or at home, to stay healthy and happy. For me a good laugh or a giggle always seems to help. I wonder if you use humour to get through the difficult times too? Each morning I will be posting a joke to start your day off with a laugh (or a groan!) and that will lead into next Friday's Golden-Time Get-Together theme of telling jokes.



Teddy Tea Party

I hope the children enjoyed their Teddy Tea-party today, what a vast array of cuddly toys I saw in school and online. Each Friday we will have a theme to finish the week with some fun for everyone. It can't be all work, work, work!



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all our award winners.

You can watch the Celebration Assembly on our website under the parent tab as usual.

FOCSA

Thank you to those who attended last night's FOCSA meeting. There were lots of ideas of fun family events discussed and organized for the coming months. More details to follow.

PHASE 3 of our Remote Learning

After 2 weeks of running Phase 2 of our remote learning, we have listened, reviewed, and refined our provision ready for Phase 3 to begin from Monday. Some of the main additions and changes are:

Our Virtual Class Library: each class will have 10 new titles added each week to their library on the class page of Google Classrooms. This selection will be extracts and chapters of quality books to give our children a variety of different genres they would normally find in our library at school. We know reading online is not the same as holding a good book in your hands so these virtual libraries are there to keep children excited about reading

Copley Cooking Class is a new weekly session on offer as our resident cook, Aaron, will demonstrate and explain how to make a simple delicacy for you to try at home. There will be a new recording each week to try out if you fancy. Ready. Steady. Cook!

Each class will have a **Live Meet** scheduled for a morning session during the week rather than an afternoon slot in the hope that work can be discussed with the class teacher BEFORE it is attempted. We have listened to feedback, especially where clashes of Live Meets may occur, and this is one step further towards improving remote learning for our pupils. Please see the new timetable below for details and times from Monday 1st February.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9.30-10.00am	Woodhouse	Kingslea Riverwood	Greenpark Lydbrook	Calder Springwood
1.00-1.30pm	Northdene/ Bankhouse Kingslea Calder Greenpark	Northdene/ Bankhouse Calder Lydbrook	Springwood	Northdene/ Bankhouse Kingslea Greenpark
1.30-2.00pm	Lydbrook Springwood Riverwood	Woodhouse	Riverwood	Woodhouse

These are just some of the highlights to our Phase 3 and we will continue to improve our provision during this current climate to provide the highest quality of education through the virtual learning platform.

We would love to hear your thoughts on what we have provided so far regarding our Remote Learning provision. Please could you take a little time to complete a short survey through the following links. If you have a child in Reception or KS1 please follow the first link. If you have a child in KS2 please follow the second link. If you have a child in BOTH key stages, please could you put all your answers on ONE SURVEY ONLY.

Reception and KS1: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7HDDH39>

KS2: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7HFNR69>

JUMPERS

As we are required to keep windows and doors open to provide good ventilation within our classrooms children attending school should always have a school jumper with them to ensure they are warm when in the classroom.