



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 6 - DECEMBER 2018

Message from the Principal

The Christmas Holidays are fast approaching and at COPA we are looking forward to 3 days of exciting festive activities in the last week of term. However, the children will still be working hard in the penultimate week of Term 2 with termly class based assessments taking place to ensure the children are progressing and any gaps in learning identified ready for the start of Term 3!

Merry Christmas from all the Staff at Cherry Orchard!

Do-Jo Points



Your child may come home and talk to you about the 'mysterious' Do-Jo points – so we thought we would give a short explanation.

This is an online instant reward system which the school uses to reward children for a variety of different attributes, such as being polite, being kind or helpful, trying their best against the odds, as well as a reward for good work or excelling at sport, arts and crafts.

COPA House Points

As you are aware, the children are grouped into Houses named after the four main Hub Stations of Ashford, Ebbsfleet, Stratford and St. Pancras.

Although children can earn individual do-jo points within their class, these are also linked to their House Groups, so that as they earn individual do-jo points, they also earn points for their House Team.

Pantomime

Thank-you to all those parents that have contributed towards our Christmas Panto Production at COPA this year. However, we may need to reconsider providing expensive events such as this in the future, if we do not recoup the majority of the funds in contributions from parents.

BetterPoints App

BetterPoints have launched a free phone app, to earn rewards for School and Parents, by keeping fit and active. This app tracks a person's walking, running and cycling.

Their distances are then converted into points which can be exchanged for retail vouchers or donated to organisations such as schools. Please see [letter](#) for more details.

Extended Schools Provision

COPA is committed to ensuring continuous Extended Schools Provision is an integral part of our Schools service for working parents. On line booking for [Activity Clubs](#), [Breakfast Club](#) and [After School Provision](#) for Term 3 is now open and can be accessed via the school website.

Our School Activity Clubs change each term to reflect the current skill set of our teaching and support staff, as well as the PE Curriculum that is delivered by our specialist sports coaching team via Progressive Sports. In Terms 3 & 4, the PE curriculum will cover Dance and Gymnastics, so for the next two terms we will offer clubs by specialists in these areas. A new **Street Dance and Musical Theatre** class will commence on Fridays from January with a **Gymnastics Club** starting up on Mondays.

On Monday lunchtimes, **COPA Football Team Coaching** will continue but on Friday lunchtimes, a new **Cheerleading Club** will take place in our Studio upstairs. We are also introducing a new **Speaking and Listening games club**, which will be run by Miss Bill and we are also delighted to introduce Mrs. McLaughlan – our new Language Teacher, who will be teaching **Spanish**, which is back by popular demand. Alongside all these, some of your usual favourites will continue such as **Construction Club, IT Learning, Film and Learning** - something for everyone to enjoy!

We will be running a full week of Half term activities in our **February Holiday Club** and bookings for this will be open before Christmas to enable you to make your holiday plans in plenty of time. We do not offer any Christmas Holiday cover as the Academy is closed during this period.

The International Baccalaureate Primary Year Programme (IB PYP)

The IB PYP is an internationally recognised way of teaching and learning that involves children in their learning in a much more meaningful way. In the afternoons in particular, children will be introduced to a theme through which different subjects are taught. From this, they form questions about what they want to learn about, which in turn informs teacher's as they plan for the children's learning.

Pupils at Cherry Orchard Primary Academy are encouraged to become: inquirers, thinkers, communicators, risk-takers, and to be knowledgeable, principled, caring, open-minded, balanced and reflective. These are currently introduced during Monday's assemblies. The Star of the Week is then chosen with that particular behaviour in mind. Pupils will be encouraged to develop that behaviour during the week throughout their school day.

Our next theme is Sharing the Planet, which the children are already beginning to ask their questions about!

Using the **IB Learner Profile**

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective



Christmas Reminders

Don't forget the children will be watching *The Wizard of Oz* in School on Tuesday 11.12 and Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings will be on Wednesday 12.12.

There will be a Christmas Karaoke Disco on Wednesday 12.12. from 3:15pm until 4.30pm for Years R—3; at pick up time, we are extending an invite for parents to join us all for a glass of mulled wine/mince pie to join us in the COPA Christmas Sing-a-long. A few craft stalls will be in the foyer selling all things Christmassy!

Christmas Productions will take place over two days on 17.12 and 18.12 and tickets are on sale but with limited availability for the EYFS performance - so please hurry to avoid disappointment.

Lost Property



Please ensure that all items of uniform are named and if any child has brought home something by mistake—please can you return these as soon as possible so that we can return to the owner. Thank-you!

Community Carol Service - Sunday 23rd December



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Sunday 23rd December 3.30pm
Castle Hill Community Centre

Let's celebrate together!

www.ebbsfleetbaptistchurch.org.uk

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You are invited to celebrate Christmas here in Ebbsfleet.
Traditional carols, readings, Christingle and lots more!
Suitable for all ages.

The service will last for an hour and
be followed by mince pies
and mulled wine



Ebbsfleet Baptist Church is an initiative of
the South Eastern Baptist Association
Charity No: 1093252

For more information: Rev Penny Marsh
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Mobile Carols 11th December

Carol singers from the local Community will be travelling round by Double Decker Bus to sing Christmas Carols at the following venues

6:30pm Penn Park,
Springhead Park

7:00 pm Ebbsfleet
Station

7.30 pm Swanscombe
– George and Dragon
Pub

8:00 pm Ebbsfleet
Green, by the Heritage
quarter sales office

8.30 pm Castle Hill (1st internal Green Mercer Ave by Weldon Road

And finally

8.45 pm Castle Hill (2nd internal Green). Mercer Ave by Motte Lane

Come and join in the Christmas cheer and wave to them as come by!

Reminders and dates for your diary

- ◆ Christmas Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' in School - Tuesday 11th December
- ◆ Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Productions—Tuesday 11th December
- ◆ Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch : Wednesday 12th December
- ◆ Christmas Karaoke Disco & Christmas Carol Singing Round the Tree on Wednesday 12th December
- ◆ EYFS Christmas Production: Monday 17 December @ 9:00 am and Tuesday 18 December @ 2:15 pm
- ◆ EYFS and KS1/2 Christmas Productions: Monday 17 December @ 2:15 pm and Tuesday 18 December @ 9:00 am
- ◆ **Start of Term 3** - Thursday 3rd January - Thursday 14 February 2019

