

### Message from the Principal

On Thursday in school we celebrated World Book Day and it was fantastic to see the children (and their teachers!) dressed up as characters from their favourite stories. It was great to see the huge variety of characters represented and the thought and effort children (and parents too!) had put into their costume. Thank you to all who took part.

With regard to coronavirus, I would like to reassure you that we are having daily updates from both The Trust and Department for Education and this is kept updated on our website. If you have concerns you can e mail The Trust at [covid19@latrust.org.uk](mailto:covid19@latrust.org.uk).



### COPA's Got Talent

So ..... The Semi Final took place in February and the competition was so close, that we have decided to combine all the acts from the semis, to put forward one Super Group called 'The Ragamuffins'!

This amazing act will be 'all singing and dancing' featuring Jessica Fowler, Grace Shaheen, Frankie Collins, Mevsim-Ayla Mithen, Dolly-Mae de Ste Croix, Tomison Olayia, Phobe Rumble, Grace Furzer and Morgan Blake.

Congratulations to them all and we wish them all the very best of luck in July when they represent COPA in the Grand Finale.



### COPA Minibus

We are looking into the possibility of leasing a minibus for use by COPA pupils for local school trips and outings, to bring down the cost of transportation to and from swimming lessons, local parks and activities.

Obviously, this would be a significant yearly outlay, so we are looking at the feasibility of offsetting some of this cost by providing early morning pick-ups to transport children into school from the local and surrounding areas for a small charge.

This would be a brand new liveried 16 seater mini-bus with a qualified mini-bus member of staff to drive it. **We are asking for your feedback on whether you would be interested in booking a place for your child.** Costs at this early stage would only be provisional—until we ascertain the cost of the leasing agreement - but we are budgeting at around £2.50 per trip or £12.50 per week.

During the school day, the mini-bus would then be on hand for use by the SRP, individual classes or groups as and when required for transport to activities.

Please could you contact the Office or Mrs. Williams - our FLO if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

### Principal's Gold Tie Award

We are delighted to announce our first winners!

These were:  
**Week 1: Malak Obeid (KS1)**  
**Week 2: Cooper Truman (KS1)**

Congratulations and well done to everyone!

Please be reminded that correct school uniform is essential at COPA and we will continue to send uniform reminders home if items are missing or incorrect.

School ties are now on sale at the office at a cost of £5 - so there is no need to pay expensive postage charges. please see Mrs. Bond for further details.

### ParentPay App

All parents should by now have received a letter containing their unique login details and password. So far 70% of parents have activated their account with the school. As this will be the way, moving forwards, that all school trips are paid for, it is vitally important that you activate your account and are logged on ready for use.

If you have lost your login details, please contact the office to request a duplicate letter.

### Book Fair 2020

As part of our World book Day celebrations this year we will be holding a Book Fair by The Book People after school every day from Monday 16th March till Friday 20th March. This will be held in the main office/ infant library area from 3:30 till 4:30 each day that week.

In previous years we have held book fairs which the children have really enjoyed attending. The more books we manage to sell the more the school earns in commission to spend on books for our classrooms and library areas.

Children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Children attending After School Provision (ASP) will have the opportunity to visit the fair with Mrs Smith and Miss Oyelaja. Please send money for books in a named envelope. We will be sending out a leaflet from The Book People detailing some of the book titles and price ranges before the event.

Books can be purchased using cash. If your child's favourite book sells out they won't have to go without as additional books can be ordered. As we will be taking cash payments please keep in mind we will only have a small float of change so if possible bring small notes / coins.

## Speeding

We have had a very distraught family contact us because their cat was run over by a speeding car just after school pick up one day last week.

Please can parents be aware of their speed pulling out of the car park - especially now that the houses are filling up along Cherry Orchard - for the safety of our children and local residents



## COPA 'Step Challenge'

Round the World in ? Days!

Mr. Barnard has been out and about in the playground encouraging the children to 'step up to the challenge' of (virtually) walking around the World. Each day, the children record their steps in the playground and these are totalled to work out the mileage 'walked' in that day! A display on the PE Noticeboard will show their progress and how long it will take them to walk around the World! The aim this week is to get to Scotland - 650 Miles!

**Will they do it? How many days do you predict?**

If parents are interested in a cheaper option to a Fitbit - please click [here](#) or alternatively a simple pedometer can be purchased for as little as £1.

## Class Trips

Just a reminder that class trips for Years 3 & 4 will be postponed until next term. We will let you know rescheduled dates.

## Stay & Share Wednesday

Wednesday 1 April

Class teachers will again be hosting their usual 'Stay & Share' session, giving parents the opportunity to come into the classroom and participate in practical activities with their children from 2:30 until 3pm

In **Juniper** and **Chestnut** Classes, we are delighted to announce that on this occasion, this practical session will be supported by the **Adult Education Service**, who will be presenting to all parents, after the workshop to explain about all the support and services that they have to offer for parents and families. **For Reception Classes only, this workshop will start at 2pm until 3pm.** A short survey will be sent out to parents outlining the various free courses and workshops they can offer - we would be grateful for your responses ahead of finalising the most popular choices.

**All parents are invited to the Hall at 3pm** for a short presentation on how the Adult Education Service can support our school with workshops and other learning opportunities.

## Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop

Wednesday 1 April - 9am

Mrs. Payne and Miss Sandhu will be addressing parents in the Hall after drop-off on how and when SATs will be implemented for Year 2 pupils.

There will be an opportunity for a Q & A session as well as advice on how you can best support your child and make the week as relaxed and stress free as possible.

Tea & Coffee, as well as the opportunity for a chat will be available after the presentation.

We look forward to seeing as many Year 2 parents as possible for this short presentation.

## Extended Schools Information

**You should already have received a letter from ParentPay, displaying your unique log in details and asking you to register with ParentPay if you wish to book Extended Schools clubs and activities for the future.**

You will also need to have your account activated to pay for future school trips via the ParentPay app. Please let us know if you require a duplicate copy of this letter or are experiencing any difficulties logging in.

Invoices for Breakfast Club and ASP have now been raised -any additional bookings will now be ad-hoc and will be paid for via the ParentPay app. Please contact Extended Schools in the first instance for availability (allowing at least 24 hours notice) - once confirmed you will then be added to the ad-hoc payment item to pay to confirm the session.

All vouchers and credit balances are in the process of being transferred from Finance, so those paying by childcare vouchers should be in a position to pay for T4 activities soon. T5 Club Offers will be out two weeks before the end of term, so please ensure your account remains in credit, moving forwards, to allow for first come first served bookings.



## Grant from EDC

**We are delighted to announce some very exciting news about the continued development of our Woodland Area.**

Ebbsfleet Development Company have kindly approved a grant to support us with the design of a children's garden and allotment area, so that we can grow our own fruits and vegetables. Hazel, our cook will lead on this opportunity to teach the children about different types of foods and bring some of these into the cooking clubs and kitchen for the children to sample.

Plans are underway for a landscape Architect to come in to work with pupils in Year 4 on what types of fruit and veg they would like to grow, as well as glean their ideas of what their garden should look like. We would very much like to include parents and grandparents in our design afternoon and an invite will go out to all parents to attend a brief presentation on

**Thursday 12 March at 3:15pm**

Parents and Grandparents from across the Academy and local community are welcome to attend to discuss the children's ideas and see how they too can become involved in developing and maintaining the allotment area over the coming months.

## Reminders and dates for your Diary

### TERM 4

**Thursday 5 March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 12 March** - Community Engagement Event for Parents/Grandparents on our Allotment @ 3:15pm

**Monday 17 - Friday 20 March** - Book Fair all week

**Wednesday 1 April** - 'Stay & Share' Wednesday 2:30 - 3:15pm

**Wednesday 1 April** - Reception (Juniper and Rosewood) Adult Education led Activity Session 2pm—3pm

**Wednesday 1 April**—Parent Adult Education Presentation - 3:00 pm in the Hall.

**Thursday 2 April** - T4 Golden Afternoon

**Friday 3 April** - End of Term 4

### 2020/2021 Return Dates

**Staff training 27, 28 August and 1 and 2 September,**

**Children return 3 September 2020**

