22 April 2019

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and your children are all looking forward to returning tomorrow!

The Skiing trip was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by all 33 children and 6 adults who attended! For those who were reading my daily blog on the website, I can confirm that this was as smooth a trip as we have enjoyed for a long time. I have already booked the trip for March 2020, when we return to Pila in Italy and details are included in this mailing. Places are likely to fill up very quickly so please put your name down now if you are interested, and come and speak to me if you need convincing! I am happy to take children in Year 3 and upwards – it is never too young to learn to ski, and spend time away from home! There are lots of photos on the website!

School Bank Details - School fees are now due!
If you would like to pay your fees by electronic transfer the School's bank details are:
Account 31370322
Sort Code 60 06 20
Bank NatWest
Please use your child's surname as a reference.

Year 6 Prep (Homework)
From the start of this term, Year 6 children will be receiving one twenty-minute prep each evening, as we begin to prepare them for the inevitable workload that they will receive in Year 7 at Copthorne, or elsewhere. This could be done in school during the 4.40pm supervised Prep session or at home after clubs.

Information Evening about Year 5 – Thursday 25 April at 6.30pm – Please RSVP
We are hosting this important information evening **specifically for current year 4 parents**, to explain in greater detail about life in Year 5 & 6 and the benefits of remaining here in Year 7 & 8. Lots of information will be given, and parents will have the opportunity to question key staff about academic issues. In order to encourage you all to attend, we will be serving a buffet supper, together with a glass of wine, at 6.30pm with the meeting planned to start at 7.00pm. Children are welcome to stay on at school and be looked after until the meeting ends at around 7.45pm. In order to inform Karen in the kitchen, please can I encourage you to RSVP to Kathryn, my PA, at headspa@copthorneprep.co.uk.

Swimming Pool upgrade
Work commenced during the holiday to replace the pool liner and the surrounding area, but sadly the pool will remain closed for at least the first week (most likely two weeks) of term.

Notice to leave Copthorne
Please can I remind all parents that, contractually, the school requires one full term's notice from parents before a child can leave the school without contractual complications, so with the exception of Year 8 children who sadly have to leave, any parent who is not planning to keep their child at Copthorne in September needs to write (email) formally to me. Notice is always due on the first day of term.

'A Day in the Life Of' Talk
If any parent feels able to give an interesting and informative twenty minute talk to the older children, about their chosen profession, I would be very keen to organise this. Please liaise with Kathryn in the School Office.

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Year 8 Enrichment Programme
A reminder that Year 8 children will be sitting Common Entrance or Common Academic Scholarship exams in the week beginning Monday 20 May. The results of these exams will be sent to the Senior School the child will be attending, so it is important that these are taken very seriously!
With the vast majority of Year 8's already successfully accepted into their Senior Schools, these exams would be the final academic hurdle set by Copthorne before the Year 8 Enrichment Programme starts after half term. This will include the week in France, and then some or all of the following: life skills, financial awareness, a forensic science project, debating, Portuguese, a trip to the historic dockyards in Portsmouth, ICT animation, lifesaving, cookery, first aid, internet safety and social networking.

Year 8 Parents' Matches – Wednesday 3 July
A reminder that all Year 8 Parents are invited to play either cricket or rounders against their children from 2:00pm and to stay on for the Year 8 Comedy Evening/Concert (6:00pm) and BBQ (7:00pm). Attendance at these events is expected unless you have a note from Matron to excuse you from the sport!

Speech Day – Saturday 6 July 2019
Please can I remind all parents that this is one of the most important days of the year, and all children from Reception upwards are involved for some of the day as follows:

10:00	Reception to Year 8 children in School
10:20	Parents to be seated in the Sports Hall
10:25	Children seated in the Sports Hall
10:30	Speech Day starts
12:15/30	Speech Day ends/Champagne Reception for adults

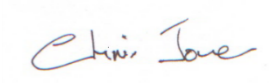
Summer Term Uniform
All children should return wearing summer uniform. Pre-prep girls need to wear the Copthorne summer dress with short white socks and the boys grey shorts (not combat shorts) with long grey socks and short sleeved shirts - ties will still be required.

In the Prep School, girls may wear either the Copthorne summer dress, with short white socks or, alternatively, their kilt with a white, short sleeved revere-collar blouse and short black socks. Please could parents check the length of skirts and summer dresses, as it appears that some of the girls have had a recent growth spurt!

Younger Siblings
The Nursery is getting very oversubscribed and we are currently running waiting lists for some ages. If parents have younger siblings who they wish to enrol at the school, please speak to Kathryn as early as possible as I would hate parents to be disappointed if there is no space!

After school supervision and all other after school activities/clubs commence on Tuesday 23 April.

Yours sincerely



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Prize winners from the end of last term that sadly were omitted from my end of term letter!

Spring 2019 End of Term Certificates

String Babies	Rec : Zeel Shah Yr1 : Caleb James Yr2 : Loic Koffane Belomo
Board Games	Yr 1: Ethan Hutchins Yr 2 : Keir Mason
Football & Multi sports	EYFS: Nigel Tsumba Yr1: Isaiah-Brown Ntim Yr2: Max Kaumaya
Swimming	Nursery: Evangelina Suresh & Daniel Emmerson Rec: Joseph Willsher Yr1: Aurélie Klein Yr2: William Collins
IT Club	Yr1: Ilyes Guettaf Yr2: Max Munro
Climbing	Yr2: Avyanna Singh
Tennis	Rec: Phoebe Pickering Yr1: Fleur Hunt Yr2: Finn Lehane
Spanish	Nursery: Khush Amin Rec: Millie Sneyd Yr1: Clea Paramalingam Yr2: Ibrahim Khan
Street Dance	Nurs: Jack Pearce Rec: Willow Grout Yr 1: Louis Dalley Yr 2: Olivia Brooke
Chess	Yr2: Aarav Bakhai
Lego	Yr1: Jack Yates
Taekwondo	Yr2: Riann Joseph
Ballet	EYFS: Amelia Khan Y1: Maddy Lowe Y2: Mahi Parekh
Musical Minis	Nursery: Teddy Ansboro
Pottery	Yr 2: Maya Burton
Choir	Yr 1: Zara Murphy Yr 2: Sammy Adom
Art	Rec: Advit Giri

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	PRIZE	SPRING 2019
3CC	Citizenship Prize	Ethan Norris
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Arrow Rioda
	Progress Prize	Isabella Cooper
3RG	Citizenship Prize	Aaradhana Suresh
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Josh Duggan
	Progress Prize	Ryley Smith
4AH	Citizenship Prize	Caelan Dhami
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Leo Lorgis-Leech
	Progress Prize	Matilda Henson
4TC	Citizenship Prize	Sachin Larsen
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Amelie Rees
	Progress Prize	Josie Bourne
4TB	Citizenship Prize	Clara Robinson
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Taran Sharma
	Progress Prize	Louis Kaumaya
5SB	Citizenship Prize	Eloise Preston
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Henry Lazaro-Silver
	Progress Prize	Cayden Ho
5SL	Citizenship Prize	Amy Brannigan
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Priya Larsen
	Progress Prize	Marcus Ohlsson-Baskerville
6DC	Citizenship Prize	Bryan Pang
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Gabby Gibson
	Progress Prize	Martha Robinson
6LD	Citizenship Prize	Belle Clemmey
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Marissa Foord / Tayla Smith
	Progress Prize	Rafe Chapman
7LC	Citizenship Prize	Kimberley Abdool
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Kirsten Mearns
	Progress Prize	Luke Norris
7IP	Citizenship Prize	Robin Paterson
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Eva Zielke
	Progress Prize	Ben Stafford
8AA	Citizenship Prize	Louis Lorgis Leech
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Emily Whittle
	Progress Prize	Macie Mitchell
8MA	Citizenship Prize	Mallory Escott
	Attitude to Learning Prize	Liban Abdulle
	Progress Prize	Alex Hall

22 April 2019

Dear Parents

SKI TRIP 2020
28 March – 5 April 2020

Dates: (Term ends Friday 27 March 2020)
Depart Copthorne by luxury coach on Saturday 28 March 2020 (late afternoon)
Return (morning) on Sunday 5 April 2020, approximately 10.00am

Resort: Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy staying in the Hotel Dujany

Cost £950 **No snowboarding options, skiers only**!)

Costs include

- Return travel from school by executive coach with DVD, toilet and seat belts
- Full Board hotel accommodation mainly in 2 to 4 bedded rooms all with private facilities
- Ski instruction – 4 hours per day for 6 days in ability groups
- Hot lunches on the mountain at a variety of different venues
- 6 days hire of top quality carving skis, poles and boots and helmets
- Full après-ski programme that could include quiz night, swimming, bowling, karaoke, DVD night, pizza night, ice cream night etc.
- Cross channel ferry crossing/Euro Tunnel and all road tolls
- Full area ski pass
- Ski/boot storage immediately adjacent to the lifts
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- Total financial protection through ABTA
- Copthorne 2020 Ski trip hoodie

- **Cost does not include**
- Pocket money (average spend this year was approximately 50 Euros)
- Specialist clothing and ski wear (can be hired through Interski)

Who can go? - I am happy to take children who will be in Years 3 – 8 next academic year. Children only, sadly parents are not invited!

Payment Schedule
First deposit of £250, which is payable on booking *N.B. if your child subsequently decides not to go on the trip, then the deposit is only refundable if your reserved place is taken up by another child.* The balance of £700 can be paid in full or spread over two fee invoices.

Passports/Visas & European Health Insurance Cards (assuming these still apply!), Consent forms
All children will need to travel on their own valid passport, with appropriate visas if necessary and take their EHIC with them. Once a place has been booked on the ski trip, a comprehensive consent/medical form will need to be completed by parents/guardians.

If you would like your child/ren to join the trip to Pila, please complete the form below and return it to me, together with a cheque for £250 (payable to 'Copthorne School Trust Ltd.') or an email confirming a BACS payment has been made. **Places are not confirmed until the deposit has been received.**

If you need more information, or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Chris Jones
Headmaster

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2020 SKI TRIP BOOKING FORM

I would like my son/daughter (name)……....

to be included in the party for the ski trip to Pila departing on 28 March 2020. The all-inclusive cost is £950.

I enclose a deposit cheque (made payable to 'Copthorne School Trust Ltd.'), or BACS payment of £250 to secure my child's place and agree to the payment plan indicated below.

Please circle the corresponding letter that best suits your plans!

Possible payment schedules:-

A) The whole amount of £950 now by cheque or BACS

B) An initial deposit of £250 to secure the place
A second payment of £350 added to your Autumn Term 2019 invoice
A third payment of £350 added to your Spring Term 2020 invoice

If paying by BACS please give your child's name and **SKI TRIP** as a reference.

The School Bank Details are as follows: - Sort Code 60-06-20, Account No. 31370322

Signed……..

Date……

Please return this form together with cheque/cheques (made payable to 'Copthorne School Trust Ltd.') and /or information about BACS payments to Chris Jones (not the Bursar) as soon as possible.

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COPTHORNE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

April/May

Week 1	Mon 22		Bank Holiday
	Tue 23	8.15am	Summer Term Starts
			Pre-Prep and Prep After School Activities Start
	Wed 24	2.30pm	Cricket v Ardingly - 1st & 2nd XI (a)
		2.30pm	Girls' Football v Ardingly - U13A, B & C, U11A, B, C & D, U9 & U8 (a)
		6.00pm	6LD Drama Performance in the Theatre
	Thu 25	6.00pm	6DC Drama Performance in the Theatre
		7.00pm	Current Year 4 Parents' Information Evening – Life in Year 5
	Fri 26		Earth Day – Non Uniform Green/Brown Clothes
Week 2	Mon 29		Pre-Prep Living Eggs Arrive
		6.00pm	Tennis v Brambletye - U13 Boys (a), U13 Girls (h)
	Tue 30		Year 1 Trip to Wakehurst
			Year 2 welcome the Digeridoo Workshop
		6.00pm	5SL Drama Performance in the Theatre
	Wed 1	2.30pm	Cricket v Brambletye - 1st XI, Colts A, U9B (a), 2nd XI, Colts B, U9A (h)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v Brambletye - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U11A & B (a) U10, U9, U8A & B (h)
		4.30pm	Education Committee Meeting
		6.30pm	Marketing Committee Meeting
	Thu 2	6.00pm	5SB Drama Performance in the Theatre
	Fri 3	4.00pm	Sussex Schools Athletics PB Meet @ K2 – Colts and Seniors (a)
Week 3	Mon 6		May Bank Holiday (No School)
	Tue 7		Tempest Class Photos
			Oaks Trip to Washbrook Farm
		4.00pm	Tennis v Great Walstead - U13 Mixed Doubles (3 Pairs) tbc
	Wed 8	2.00pm	Girls' Cricket v Cumnor House - 1st, 2nd, 3rd (h), U11A, B, C & D, U9A, B & C (a)
		2.30pm	Cricket v Windlesham House - 1st XI, Colts B & C, U9B (a), 2nd XI, Colts A, U9A (h)
	Thu 9	10.25am	Year 2 visit Year 3
		6.00pm	Year 8 French Trip Presentation to Children and Parents
	Fri 10		Pre-Prep Living Eggs Leave
		9.00am	Year 5 Trip to Worth – Latin/Romans
		10.30am	Year 1 Trip to St Swithuns Church
		1.30pm	Boys' Athletics Meet @ Hurst - Year 4, 6, 7 & 8 (a)
	Sat 11	10.00am	Open Morning
Week 4	Tue 14	10.15am	Reception Trip to Tilgate Park – Mini Beast Talk
			Year 6 Science Challenge @ Lancing College (a)
		1.00pm	Chorister Experience @ Lancing College – Invitation only
	Wed 15	2.30pm	Cricket v Duke of Kent - 1st XI, Colts A (a), 2nd XI, Colts B (h)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v Great Walstead - 1st, U11A, U10B (a), 2nd, U10A, U9A, B & C (h)
		6.30pm	Estates Committee Meeting
	Thu 16	9.00am	Year 4 visit Lancing College Farm
		10.25am	Year 2 visit Year 3
		10.30am	EYFS Duathlon
		2.30pm	Cricket v Pennthorpe - U9A, B, C & D (h)
	Fri 17	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 Triathlon
		5.00pm	Golf v Cumnor House (venue tbc)
	Sun 19		Astro Appeal Triathlon

May/June

Week 5	Mon 20		Year 7 & 8 Exam Week (Mon – Thu)
		2.30pm	Prep School Sports Day Junior 600m Final
		3.35pm	Prep School Sports Day Inter / Senior 800m Final
		5.00pm	Swimming Gala v Cumnor House – Year 3/4/5/6 (h or a)
		6.00pm	Tennis v Brambletye - U11 Boys (h), U11 Girls (a)
	Tue 21	3.35pm	Prep School Sports Day Inter / Senior 1500m Final
	Wed 22	2.15pm	Cricket v Great Walstead - 1st XI, Colts B & C, U9C (a), 2nd XI, Colts A, U9A & B (h)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v Ashdown House - 1st (h), U11A (a)
		2.30pm	Rounders v Ashdown House - 2nd (h), U9 (a)
	Fri 24	All Day	Prep School Sports Day
		9.00am	Pre-Prep Grandparents invited to the Rendall Room
		3.30pm	Half Term Starts after School – No Prep Activities, Pre-Prep Activities as normal
Week 6	Sat 1	3.30pm	Year 8 Trip to Rockley departs (1 – 8 June)
	Sun 2	11.00am	Year 7 Trip to Wales departs (2 – 7 June)
	Mon 3	8.15am	School Starts after Half Term
	Wed 5	1.45pm	Girls' Cricket v Handcross Park - U9A & B, U8A & B (a)
		2.30pm	Cricket v Lancing Prep - Colts A, U9A (h), Colts B, U9B (a)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v Handcross Park - U11A, B, C & D (h
	Thu 6	1.30pm	Year 2 to visit Year 3
	Fri 7		Pjamarama in Nursery
		4.30pm	Year 7 return from Wales
	Sat 8	9.00am	IAPs National Swimming Finals @ London Aquatics Centre
		9.15am	Year 8 return from France
Week 7	Mon 10		Start of Year 6 Bikeability Week
			Start of Year 8 Enrichment Programme
			Year 2 Trip to Rottingdean – Rock Pooling
			Year 7 Geography Fieldwork Trip
		5.30pm	Swimming Gala v Ardingly (a)
	Tue 11		Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination
			School Swimming Champs - TBC
	Wed 12	1.30pm	U11 Cricket - 6's Tournament @ Hurst
		2.30pm	Cricket v Handcross Park - U12B (5 pairs), Colts B XI (a), Colts C & D (5 pairs) (h)
		2.30pm	Rounders v BHHS - U8A & U9A (h)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v Hurst - U13A & B (h or a)
		6.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	Thu 13		Moving Up Day (For current Oaks – Year 3)
		4.15pm	Burgess Hill Athletics Meet - Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls (a)
		7.00pm	Oaks to Year 2 Parents' Information Evening
	Fri 14	All Day	Year 8 Leavers Walk (Parents welcome to join in)
		3.30pm	Epsom College Athletics – Year 5/6/7/8
	Sat 15		Pre-Prep Float @ Horley Carnival

June/July

Week 8	Mon 17	10.00am	Junior County Athletics Finals @ Hurst - Years 4 & 5
		5.00pm	Tennis v Ashdown House - U12 Mixed Doubles (3 Pairs) tbc
	Tue 18	4.00pm	Year 5 Crime Busting at Reigate Grammar School
		6.00pm	Staff Cricket v Cottesmore (a)
	Wed 19	2.30pm	Cricket v Pennthorpe - 1st XI, 3rd VII, Colts A & D VIII (a), 2nd XI, Colts B & C VIII (h)
		2.30pm	Girls' Cricket v St Christopher's - 1st & 2nd (h)
		2.30pm	Rounders v St Christopher's - U11, U10 (h) U9, U8 (a)
	Thu 20	10.30am	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
		10.00am	Maths Challenge Year 6 @ Worth
		1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
		6.00pm	Year 7 & 8 Young Musician of the Year Competition
	Fri 21	8.25am	Class Reps Meeting – Prep Dining Room
		10.00am	Sussex Prep School County Athletics Finals @ K2 -Year 6, 7 & 8 National Qualifiers
		6.00pm	AGM and Main Governors Meeting
Week 9	Mon 24		Arts Week
		9.00am	Years 5 – 8 Urban Strides Workshop
		2.30pm	Cottesmore 6's Cricket - U13 (a)
	Tue 25	5.00pm	Tennis v Cottesmore - U13 3 Boys' Pairs (h), 3 Girls' Pairs (a)
	Wed 26	2.15pm	Girls' Rounders House Matches
		2.30pm	Cricket v Cottesmore - 1st XI, Colts A & C (h), 2nd XI, Colts B, U9 select (a)
	Thu 27	10.15am	Ashdown 6's Cricket - 1st VI (a)
		12.00pm	Year 5 Drama Trip to the Reigate Summer Show
		2.15pm	House Music Competition
	Fri 28	7.00pm	Quiz Night
	Sat 29		Pre-Prep Float @ Copthorne Carnival
	Sun 30		Family Fun Day
Week 10	Mon 1		Year 6 Trip to the Tower of London & Overnight Stay
		9.00am	National Athletics Championships - Year 6, 7 and 8 National Finals at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham
	Tue 2	TBC	Pre-Prep and Prep Astro Disco (TBC)
	Wed 3	8.45am	Pre-Prep and Nursery End of Year Concert
		2.00pm	Year 8 Leavers' Cricket and Rounders v Parents
		6.00pm	Year 8 Comedy Evening and BBQ
	Sat 6	10.00am	Speech Day and Prize Giving
		12.00pm	Term Ends

Hi5 Holiday Club

Summer Half Term 2019
Tuesday, 28 May – Friday, 31 May

Summer Holidays 2019
Monday, 8 Jul – Friday 12 Jul
Monday, 15 Jul – Friday 19 Jul

Mini Hi5 Summer Holidays 2019 (Nursery & Reception)
Monday, 22 Jul – Friday 26 Jul
Monday, 29 Jul – Friday, 2 Aug
Monday, 5 Aug – Friday, 9 Aug
Monday, 12 Aug – Friday, 16 Aug
Monday, 19 Aug – Friday, 23 Aug

Please see website for dates or to book email hi5@copthorneprep.co.uk

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