COPTHORNE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

3 June 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back after half term!

As I am in France with the Year 8 children who should all be enjoying a week of water sports as part of their Enrichment Programme, I wanted to write to express my thanks for all the parental support of the school at the Grandparents Concert and at Sports Day, and also to apologise for the fact that we failed to provide sufficient shade for the children on this day – a situation I can assure you will not happen again.

Sports Day itself (despite the lack of shade), was a very competitive event, with some fine athletes on show, but I was also impressed with the attitude of those who simply took part knowing that they were not going to win, but who still competed to the best of their ability, scoring points for their houses along the way.

With Year 8 in France and Year 7 in Snowdonia this week, the school will feel quiet but parking should be easier!

The second half of term will fly past, but we will shortly be sending out a parent survey using an external company (RS Academics) to gather from you, (totally anonymous) data about the school, so I would encourage you all to respond when you do receive the link. Your returns go straight to the company who will collate the results and feed these anonymously back to the school SLT and Governors, to help us move the school forward over the next few years in the right direction.

Some staffing news I can share with you now is that sadly, Mr Martyn Ansboro (Director of Sport/Head of Boarding) will be relocating up to York for September as he has been appointed to Queen Ethelburgha's School to teach PE. Obviously we will miss Martyn, his wife Laura and their young boys, Teddy and Barney, but moving back north was always their long-term plan, and we are hugely grateful for the 10+ years Martyn has spent at Copthorne and the success he has achieved along the way. We will obviously notify you of his replacement in due course.

Mr Rob Glaysher (Year 3) will also sadly be leaving the school at the end of this term. Miss Abigail Humphries (Year 4) will remain at Copthorne next year and Mrs Hannah Jenks will resume her position in Year 3 in September.

Class teachers/Tutors for September

Nursery	Mrs Lumley/Miss Henké/Mrs Powley
Reception	Mrs Barham & Mrs Diedericks
Year 1	Mrs Frith & Mrs Lock
Year 2	Mrs Potgieter & Mrs Shepherd/Mrs Owens
Year 3	Mr Clark & Mrs Jenks
Year 4	Miss Carter & Miss Humphries
Year 5	Mr Bullock, Mrs Hamps & Mrs Litchfield
Year 6	Mr Carrick & Mrs Dodson
Year 7	Miss Adams & Mr Bone
Year 8	Mrs Coppin & Mr Pinnock

Sadly, the swimming pool upgrade has taken far longer than we anticipated, and it still will not quite be finished by the start of term. It will look stunning when complete, but children may not get to use it until the second week after half term – it will take a week to fill it with water!

Arts Week starting on Monday 24 June, promises to be another wonderfully creative, cross-curricular event where children enjoy celebrating the "Arts" in the widest sense.

A reminder about Speech Day/Prize-Giving – Saturday 6 July 2019 – from 10.00am in the Sports Hall

This is one of the most important days in the school year and all children from Reception upwards are required to attend from 10.00am, unless you have requested in writing, permission for your child to be absent.

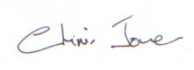
After the formal speeches/prize giving, all children will be free to depart. All children sit with their teachers and not their parents. Nursery children are not actively involved, but they and their parents are warmly invited to attend if they wish. The format for the day is as follows:

10.10am	Children go to their classroom – wearing smart uniform
10.15am	Parents to be seated in the Sports Hall
10.25am	Children escorted to their seats
10.30am	Speech Day/Prize Giving commences
12.15pm	Champagne Reception – children free to depart from this time

If your child won a trophy last year, please arrange for it to be engraved (if appropriate) and return it to the Prep School Office.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our end of term events.

Best wishes



Chris Jones
Headmaster

Calendar for the second half of term (not sports events – see SOCS)

Saturday 1 June	3.15pm	Year 8 depart for France (return on Saturday 08 June @ 9.00am)
Sunday 2 June	08.30am	Year 7 depart for Snowdonia (return on Friday 7 June @ 5.00pm)
Monday 3 June	8.15am	School restarts after half term
Monday 10 June		Start of Year 6 Bikeability Week Start of Year 8 Enrichment Programme Year 7 Geography fieldwork trip
Thursday 13 June	 7.00pm	Moving Up Morning – Acorns to Year 3 New to Year 3 Information evening for current Year 2 Parents Year 5 overnight camp at school
Friday 14 June	All day	Year 8 Leavers Walk (parents welcome to join in!)
Saturday 15 June		Pre-Prep Float at the Horley Carnival
Tuesday 18 June		Year 6 overnight camp at school
Thursday 20 June	10.30am 1.30pm 6.00pm	Nursery & Reception Sports – parents welcome Years 1 & 2 Sports – parents welcome Young Musician of the Year Competition
Friday 21 June	All day	IAPS County Athletics trials at K2 (Year 6 – 8)
Monday 24 June		Start of Arts Week
Tuesday 25 June	6.00pm	5SL Spanish/English play – performance for parents
Wednesday 26 June	6.15pm	5SB Spanish/English play – performance for parents
Thursday 27 June	2.15pm 6.00pm	House Music Competition Year 6 British Variety Show – performance for parents
Friday 28 June	7.00pm	Quiz Night
Saturday 29 June		Pre-Prep Float at the Copthorne Carnival
Sunday 30 June		Family Fun Day (incorporating a Car Boot sale)
Monday 1 July		National Athletic Championship finals – Birmingham Year 6 trip to the Tower of London and overnight stay
Tuesday 2 July		Year 5 trip to Harry Potter Studios (return 10.30pm)
Wednesday 3 July	8.45am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Pre-Prep & Nursery End of Year Concert Year 8 Leavers' Cricket and Rounders v Parents. Year 8 Drama performance + BBQ (with parents)
Thursday 4 July		Year 3 & 4 trip to Drusilla's Year 8 trip to Thorpe Park
Friday 5	3.30pm	All children free to leave – supervision available until 5.30pm
Saturday 6 July	**10.30am**	**Speech Day and Prize Giving** **Term ends approximately 12.15pm**