



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to all of you! I hope that you managed to have an enjoyable summer with your children and, like us, are looking forward with great excitement to the new, academic year ahead. It has brought my Deputy: Mrs. Ashwell, Assistant Head: Mr. Laight and me a huge amount of pleasure to stand on the gates at the beginning and end of the day in order to welcome both our children and their families. I sincerely hope that your children have come home feeling positive about the way that school has started for them. If there have been any wobbles though, please remember that it is early days and that things always tend to settle once the children are used to new routines and faces. However, if this doesn't happen after a week or two, please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

### **The Coppice Way:**

This week in school, all of your child's teachers and me, through my assemblies, have again been talking to the children about our whole-school behaviour approach, which, as you know, is called '**The Coppice Way**'. Your child may well have mentioned some of this learning at home and it's great if they have. As you know, at The Coppice, we work hard to ensure that all of our children have a clear and consistent behaviour approach and expectation that they all understand. Therefore, importantly, we spend a lot of time explaining to the children **WHY** we have the routines, rules and expectations that we have as a school i.e. ensuring that our school is a calm, safe, happy place where everyone has the conditions they need to all learn without distraction and where everyone has equal respect for one another. This means equal respect for all of the adults in school (whatever their role) and for all other children regardless of whether they are their peers or not.

The whole system is based around ensuring that our children understand exactly what being '**Ready, Responsible and Respectful**' means and what it looks like in all aspects of school life. Alongside these '3Rs', we have other school rules and distinctive sayings that run alongside these e.g. '**Dress to impress**', '**Fantastic walking**' and '**First time every time**' so that the children hear the same consistent messages.

In assemblies this week, I have also talked again to the children about our Coppice curriculum 'drivers', which are the elements that we strive to ensure all of our children achieve and demonstrate as learners during their time with us. These are to '**Aim high**' (have ambition); '**Know more**' (seek and gain knowledge); '**Ask questions**' (be curious); '**Keep Going**' (be resilient); and '**Be kind**' (show empathy). Please discuss these aspects of school life with your children and, where possible, reinforce the importance of them in your child achieving their potential and being the best person that they can be.

### **Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth:**

On a different subject entirely, all Class Teachers have talked to the children today about the life of Queen Elizabeth following sudden news of her passing yesterday evening. It was very important that, as a school we did this, especially after the years of public service that the Queen has given to the nation. Please be reassured though that this has been done in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. In addition, please be informed that school will continue to remain open every day unless we were to hear otherwise.

### **Car park developments:**

Finally, I hope that you have all noticed the upgrade to the front car park and are as pleased as we are with how it looks. Year One parents and carers will also have seen the waiting area that we have created by The Woodrush astro-turf. Both of these developments have been carried out to continue to ensure that our children and families are kept as safe as possible whilst on The Coppice and Woodrush site.

As the children have only been in school three days this week, this is a shorter newsletter and the fuller version will return next week. Therefore, I wish you all a lovely weekend with your children, welcome back again and **I look forward to seeing you all at next week's Parent Information Evenings.**

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)