



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to a couple of well-deserved days at home with your children over the weekend.

It's been a fabulous, first full week back in school and the children have coped with this really well. As we know as adults, it's never easy completing the first full week of work after the Christmas break so the fact that the children have eased back into routines and expectations so well, is a credit to them. I'd also like to say that a lot was written in the press about how much the pandemic has damaged children irreparably. However, this is not our experience and I can honestly say that, without doubt, children have a great capacity to come back from adverse situations and your children are testament to that. Yes, we know that there have been blips for some children from an emotional point of view but, overall, all of the children are back in the full swing of school life and this is without a doubt a reflection of how parents and carers have supported them at home and worked in partnership with us at school.

Catch-up interventions and new members of staff:

Linked to the above, we are continuing to work very hard on ensuring that the children catch up as quickly as possible on any learning that was missed due to the partial closure of the school over the last couple of years. To support the existing staff in this aim, we have invested the funding available to us to employ two members of additional teaching staff, on temporary contracts, to deliver catch-up intervention work in the areas of phonics, reading, writing and maths over the course of the next couple of months.

Mrs. Ledgard, a former teacher at The Coppice, will be working with identified Key Stage 2 children across Years 3-6 for two days a week. Mrs. Williams will also be delivering catch-up intervention with children in Years 1 and 2. This will also be for two days a week. Finally, we have employed Mrs. Lewis for four days a week in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) to cover the two days that were previously taught by Mrs. Walters and also provide two extra days of cover for existing Nursery and Reception teachers as well as carrying out intervention work.

We are delighted with the extra capacity that we have created and the quality of the staff that we have employed to carry out these crucial roles. It was really important that I made you aware of who these new members of staff are, as some of your children may well mention them at various points in conversation at home. Obviously, I know that you will join me in warmly welcoming these new staff to The Coppice family.

Design and Technology Curriculum – help if you can!

As you will all know now from my past communications, I fully aim to ensure that this is a school 'where no talent goes undiscovered.' One of the subjects that we, as a school, are passionate about ensuring our children receive an inspiring and progressive curriculum in, is Design and Technology. This is a subject which has huge potential for unleashing the creative talents of many of our children but unfortunately, in past years, it had taken a bit of a back seat to more traditional, academic subjects. Not any more though because D and T (to give it its shortened term) is thankfully very much back on the agenda! Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated Design and Technology Leaders: Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Rowles (Year 2 teachers), we now have a D and T curriculum that goes all the way through the school which is already really engaging and enthusing the children who have experienced it.

Our curriculum has three units of D and T per year per year group (from Years 1 -6 upwards) that progressively builds and revisits the children's knowledge and skills as they move through the school. These project units are in the areas of woodwork, building and construction, pulleys and levers, wheels and axles, textiles, graphic design, pneumatics, electricity and food/nutrition. Obviously, year groups will not cover all of these areas every year but they will have covered and revisited all of them by the time that they reach Year 6

As part of the design of this curriculum, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Rowles have audited our existing resources in school. This is so that we can ensure that we have the maximum amount of equipment possible to enable all projects to be ideally completed in pairs of children. We will also need additional adults to help support what is often a labour intensive process, as I know you'll all appreciate, and this is where you all come in!

We are fully aware that we have a number of electricians, plumbers, builders, carpenters etc amongst our parent and carer body. **Therefore, we are appealing for two things:**

-Parents and carers, who work in trades, or design and technology linked professions such as engineering, to volunteer to come in for a day or two to help support projects. We are aware that this is a big ask with work commitments but we know that the children would find it hugely inspirational to have REAL tradespeople in to help with the projects. Obviously though, this appeal doesn't preclude other parents, who aren't in trades from also volunteering.

-Parents and Carers, who work in trades, or design and technology linked professions, or anyone from the general Parent/Carer body who is able to help us in anyway with the purchase of resources that we need such as hacksaws, vices, glue guns, children-friendly wires and bulbs etc. These are just a few of what we need more of and it would be amazing if we were able to have tradespeople or other parents/carers offering to purchase some equipment for us, donating some or making a donation to the school that we could then spend on these resources for the children.

If you think that you are able to help in any way at all with the above requests, please could you contact Mrs. Bond or Mrs. Rowles via the school office as soon as possible. I can't tell you how appreciative we would all be – especially the children!

Class assemblies and other events:

I just want to let you know, as I have been asked on a few occasions now, whether class assemblies and other events e.g. music concerts will be going ahead over the course of this academic year. My answer to this is a categoric 'Yes!' It is my full intention that all children will get this opportunity, as they did in the recent class nativities at Christmas because these are events that are so important for the children from their developmental point of view. Giving children the opportunity to perform on a stage and to articulate out loud can build so much confidence in children and can literally be life-changing, defining moments. Not only that, but they also create lasting memories, a sense of togetherness and teamwork and, most importantly, a huge sense of enjoyment.

Obviously, depending on the climate at the time of your child's class assembly, we may well still need to have in place the measures that we had at the Christmas nativities in order to keep everyone safe. You will be reminded of what the measures at the time are by email from the school office in the days prior to your child's class assembly.

For information, our class assemblies resume on Friday 21st January with 5W's class assembly.

Feedback re Celebration assemblies:

Whilst talking about assemblies, I just want to thank the many parents who have made such positive comments about the Celebration Assembly awards that we are giving out every half-term. What has particularly been mentioned is the fact that we are recognising the achievements of our children across the range of subjects that we teach at primary level and hence our appreciation of the 'whole child'. As a school, it is so important that we don't just celebrate academic achievements but also those of our artists, musicians, sportspeople, designers etc.

Over the next two weeks my Deputy: Mrs. Ashwell and I will be presenting certificates in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) which is always an absolute joy. I have to say that I can't wait to recognise the achievements of our youngest children.

That just leaves me to thank you all again for your support over the last couple of weeks and to wish you all a lovely weekend. As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of The Week - Hot Chocolate



School Photographs

Aperture, our school photographers will be in school on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Monday is individual photos day and Tuesday is sibling photo day. ALL children should wear their school uniform for the photos. If it is your child's PE/club/forest ranger's day please refer to your year group newsletter for instructions

Nursery children who attend Wednesday afternoons, Thursday and Fridays only should follow the specific instructions on the Nursery newsletter.

On sibling day, the older children will collect their siblings from their classrooms during the school day. Unfortunately, we can only take photos of Coppice pupils and not younger/older siblings.



Request

Do you have a 7" kindle fire case which you no longer need? We are looking for 4 kindle fire cases and in our bid to reduce plastic wastage, would love to reuse one which is no longer needed.

If you do, please bring it to the school office.



Job Vacancy

An exciting opportunity has become available to work in our school office. We are looking to recruit an Admissions and Data Protection officer 5 days per week 8:30am - 3:30pm. For full details please see the school website www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/our-people/open-vacancies/. We have both an interim (immediate start, fixed term) and permanent role available.

Team points

Last week we shared the team point totals for the last half term with you but they were incorrect. We had MUCH more! These are the correct totals:

Owls	4430
Falcons	4396
Hawks	4079
Eagles	4015

Parent Forum Meeting next Tuesday!

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PARENT FORUM

Parent Forum re- launch!

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school and is a valuable way to share ideas, positive experiences, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

Aims of the Parent Forum:

- To work together to improve the education provided for our children
- To share information, knowledge and skills
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communication between parent/carers and staff/governors

Who can be part of the Parent Forum:

- Any parent / carer of a child currently at The Coppice is welcome to join any parent forum meeting. Other members of The Coppice staff may attend meetings depending upon agenda items. The meetings will be chaired by Mrs Ashwell.

Why should I be part of the Parent Forum?

- It gives you, the parent, an opportunity to get together on a regular basis with other parents to have your say on what the school is doing well, and suggest ideas of how things could be improved.

When do we meet?

- Meetings will take place on a Tuesday afternoon once a half term for an hour. Meetings take place in the staffroom and there is always coffee and cake on offer!

What will be discussed at the meetings?

- Anything relating to improving the school and further developing the partnership between the school and parents, The meetings are informal and are an opportunity for open discussion. Minutes of the meetings will be taken and these will be accessible on the school's website.
- Issues can be raised and discussed during the meeting. It is not, however, a forum to discuss individual children, families or members of staff.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but have something that you would like to raise, please email it to the school office FAO Parent Forum and it will be passed to Mrs Ashwell to be discussed at the meeting.

It would be lovely to have a group of parents who could hopefully commit to attending the meetings on a regular basis but of course we welcome all parents/carers to any of the meetings.

Our first meeting in the New Year will take place on **Tuesday 18th January at 2pm.**

Please [click here](#) if you are able to attend the meeting.

Medical conditions/Allergies etc

It is critical that you keep the school informed about any new diagnosis or changes to medical conditions of your children. This includes, asthma (both new diagnosis and requests for removal from our asthma list) and allergies. It is a legal requirement that we complete risk assessments and/or individual care plans for certain conditions or allergies to ensure your child's safety and well being at all times.

All medications which need to be given in school MUST be accompanied by a completed green medicine form which is available from the school office. Please note it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all medication in school is in date. This is especially important for inhalers and auto injectors.

You can notify us of changes to your child's health in person or by emailing the school office (office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk).

Community News

Here is the link to the January/February edition of Families magazine It is full of advice. Product tests, information, recipes and much more including a free mental health activity pack for children..

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famh_wjanfeb22digital?fr=sNTAzOTQ1NTgwMTY&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution_Points_Mag_Link_Jan%2fFeb_22&utm_medium=email



INVITING ALL RESIDENTS OF WYTHALL PARISH

including Hollywood, Major's Green, Trueman's Heath, Drake's Cross, Tanner's Green, Headley Heath, Walker's Heath and Bell Green

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

WEDNESDAY

19TH JANUARY 2022 AT 7PM,

AT WYTHALL VILLAGE HALL,
ALCESTER ROAD

- Bromsgrove is currently reviewing its Local Plan
- Bromsgrove does not have a 5-year housing land supply
- The Green Belt is currently being reviewed
- 73 potential development sites in Wythall have been put forward to Bromsgrove for consideration in its recent 'Call for Sites' Exercise
- The housing needs of both Birmingham and Solihull on our borders will have an impact on Wythall

In these circumstances additional housing in Wythall would seem inevitable.

Let us as a community decide the right houses in the right places with the right infrastructure instead of having development imposed upon us.

An adopted Neighbourhood Plan has legal standing and offers us the best way of protecting and enhancing our parish community and environment.

We need you to tell us about your priorities, concerns and ideas for future change, which will improve the quality of life in Wythall Parish.



	Woodrush High School 2022 Vacancies	
	Assistant Site Manager 37 hours per week, full year SCP 7 - 12 (£20,092 - £22,183 per annum) Closing 17 th January 2022	
	Learning Support Assistant 29.17 hours per week, Monday to Friday, Term Time only + INSET days SCP 6 - £13,231 per annum Closing 17 th January 2022	
	Lead HR Administrator 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday Full year round, 25 days holiday plus bank holidays SCP 18-22 (£24,982 - £27,041 per annum) Closing 19 th January 2022	
if you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in these roles, please contact hr@woodrush.org for more information		

Family Learning

Our new Family Learning Courses for Spring 2022 are available for parents and carers.

The courses are **FREE** if adults earn less than £17,000 per year. I am including a list of courses they might be interested in below: Courses include:

SEND – Managing Mindfulness of children and adults with SEND Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ManagingMindfulnessSEND>

SEND – Strategies for Positive Behaviour Tuesdays 6pm Face to face in **Fairfield Centre, Warndon Worcester**

<https://rebrand.ly/SEND-PositiveBehaviour>

Communicating with Deaf or Hearing-Impaired children and adults Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/CommunicatingWithDeaforHearingImpaired>

SEND – Understanding Dyslexia Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/UnderstandingDyslexia>

Art for Parents and Carers (or any adult) Thursdays 1pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ArtforParentsandCarers>

Art for your Child – Ideas for Parents (or staff) Thursdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/ArtForYourChild>

Maths in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents or staff Mondays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/MathsSecondarySchool-FL>

English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents or staff Tuesdays 7pm online via Teams

<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishKeyStage2and3>

Please Book your place online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or ring 01905-728537 for support in booking

All courses are FREE for adults if:

You earn Less than £17,000 per year

You are unemployed and on benefits

Your child is known to the school SENCo

Your child receives Free School Meals

Your Health and Wellbeing would be improved by taking a course

Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.

[Click here](#)

CONTACT US

School office –01564 826 709

School email—office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk

Text service - 07984441282 - Use this number to text a child's absence

OUR ONLINE LINKS

School website- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

Official Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>

