



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 15th December 2023

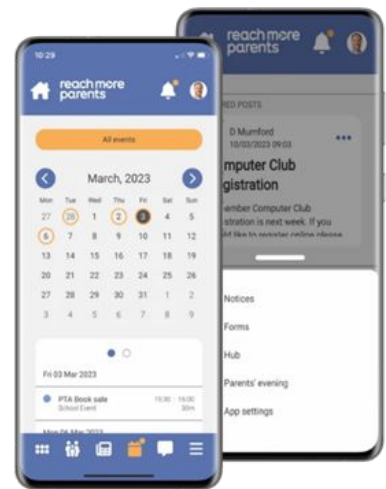
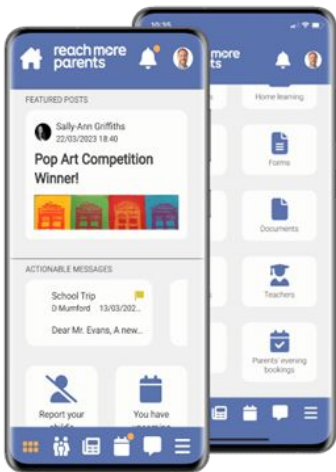
Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the weekend with your children.

### Launch of our Coppice 'Reach More Parents' app in the New Year!

I am very excited to announce that, as of January, we will be launching our Coppice 'Reach More Parents' App which will be a "a one stop solution to more effective two-way communication". In essence, this is a new, digital communication and engagement tool that has been designed specifically to improve the way that Parents and school staff communicate. **You will have received an initial communication from me regarding this earlier today so please make sure you've read that.**

As a school, we are always looking for more effective ways to keep our Parents and Carers informed and engaged. We believe that we have been very successful in many aspects of this in the past but, with new technology constantly being released, it's important that we provide you with the most effective, yet simple to use tools available. Having done our homework, we strongly believe that this app will be a fantastic step forward for further, enhanced communication with you all. **You will be receiving further communications regarding how to sign up to this app next week so please make sure you look out for these too.**



### Christmas Fayre – thank you!

I want to say a huge thank you to all of our families who attended the Christmas Fayre last Friday evening. The evening really was a huge success and there have been so many lovely comments made by Parents and Carers saying how much they enjoyed the evening. We feel that we got the event absolutely right this year in terms of location, timing and what was on offer and we plan to repeat this organisation next year with just a few tweaks. A special mention goes to our incredible Coppice Choir (ably led by Ms. Croft and Mr. Lampard) and both Mr. Lampard and Mr. Ruffles for their individual performances. All of these acts were superb and really helped to create such a great atmosphere – well done all of you!

Thanks to your support, we made an incredible £4000.00 from the evening and from the raffle (all prize-winning ticket holders have now been contacted), which was fantastic and will, once again, make a huge difference to the resources that we can provide for the children across the school. The main focus for the monies raised will be our continued playground developments in the New Year. This means that all of your children will directly benefit and I know that they will be very excited by the new additions once they start to be added.

I also want to extend my gratitude to our amazing Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) who once again worked tirelessly in both the build-up to the event and on the evening itself to make it such a success. A special well done to PTA Chair: Mrs. Lennon for her fantastic organisation and enthusiasm – she's done an amazing job pulling everything together! We are incredibly lucky to have such a committed PTA, which is why we are always looking for new additions to the team. If you're interested, please contact our PTA Chair: Eve Lennon at [thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com)

A massive thank you too to all of The Coppice staff who stayed to help set-up and run the event – it couldn't happen without both PTA and staff working closely together.



### **Choir at Shawhurst sheltered housing:**

Our involvement within the local community is of the utmost importance to us. Therefore, on Tuesday of this week, our school choir went to the Shawhurst Sheltered Housing complex on Shawhurst Lane in order to sing a range of Christmas carols to the elderly residents. This is something that our choir did last year so it was fantastic to be able to do this again. The visit was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all of the residents and the children did The Coppice proud – well done children! Sunny from Bromsgrove District Housing Association said “The Choir visit went amazing, the children from The Coppice School are a true asset to the community and the school.

The residents all loved the carol singing and were touched by the handmade Christmas cards”.



The visit went so well in fact that the team, who run Shawhurst Sheltered Housing, would like us to return on a more regular basis in order for Coppice children to spend some time talking to the residents in an informal sense. It is a proven fact that older people having the opportunity to talk to the younger generation has huge mental health benefits for them. However, young people benefit hugely as well in terms of learning to understand the older generation and through developing empathy for them. Sometimes there is the view that young and old don't understand each other that well and, therefore, links like this can help break down barriers and bring benefits for everyone.



## Choir at Hollywood Christian Life Centre:

Linked to the above, on Thursday, the School Choir visited The Hollywood Christian Life Centre (on Simms Lane) where they joined the congregation for their festive coffee morning (see photos below).

Whilst there, they entertained all those attending with a range of Christmas and non-Christmas songs, which went down really well and were greatly enjoyed by all. The children's conduct was described as 'impeccable' and as always, we were extremely proud of these children exhibiting 'The Coppice Way'. A big thank you goes to Pastor Steve Crosthwaite for inviting us and for taking the time to send us the the following message after the visit:

***'Thank you so much for bringing the Coppice Choir to Hollywood Christian Life Centre Coffee Morning today. The children sang beautifully but what impressed me was the enthusiasm, politeness and good sense of fun they brought. The older folks at the coffee morning enjoy your visit more than you can imagine - thank you!'***



## Reception children's letters to Santa:

It was a joy to see our Reception children heading off to post their letters to Santa this week. I was so impressed with how responsible the children were with their listening to instructions and lining up before setting off. It was also great to hear about how sensible the children were when walking to the post -box. Well done Reception – you also embodied 'The Coppice Way' and we are very proud of you!

## Nativities next week:

The children, staff and me are all getting very excited about our Year 1 and Year 2 nativities next week. These will be fantastic occasions, as always, and we greatly look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Ellie sings a solo at Coventry Cathedral with G4!

Last week, Ellie D, from 5RC, performed a solo live on stage with the group G4 at Coventry Cathedral. Incredibly, this was in front of 1500 people – what courage! Ellie had been chosen from her Pauline Quirk Performing Arts School and it was a huge honour for her, her family and us as a school. Below you will see a link to Ellie's performance of 'Once in Royal David's City', which I know you will agree was incredible:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0AHq8BMNOFYucUK9PVA>



That just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and that we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning for our final week before the Christmas break,

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance Figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE

4th - 8th December (Last week)



**RB**

97.5%

**3K**

98.3%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

11th - 15th December (This week)



**RT**

96.2%

**3L**

99.3%

## Thanks from The British Heart Foundation

Many thanks to all those who supported The British Heart Foundation stall at the Christmas Fair last week. We raised £115, which is a great amount and will go to much needed research into heart conditions. The "name the koala bear" competition was won by Verity in RT. The winning name being KITTY. Thanks to all who took part in this.

Regards AnneMarie Sidwell (Lunchtime Supervisor for 1A and BHF volunteer)



## Did you miss your child's flu vaccination?

Vaccination UK have had the go ahead from UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) and they are now able to offer community clinics until the end of January.

If you would like to book a child's flu vaccination with them please call 01527 390030 and they can book a clinic appointment for you.



# After School Clubs Spring 1 Term 2024

Monday	Netball – Y5 & Y6 3.15-4.15pm letters sent	Y2 Science Club – club full	Art with Becca – club full	Chess & Draughts – club – club full	Mr Edwards – Multi sports – invitation only this half term	EYFS – Craft Club- letters sent
Tuesday	Dave Morris sports Y2 – Y6 3.15-4.25	Y4 Science Club – Club full	Recreational Gym – Club full			
Weds	Makaton- club full					
Thursday	Dave Morris sports Y2 – Y6 3.15-4.25	Competition squad gym – club full	Cheerleading - Stardust – letters sent	Spanish Y1 & Y2 club full		
Friday	Choir – club full	Friday Club – invitation only		Spanish- Y1 & Y2 club full		

## Community News

### WYTHALL LIBRARY CHRISTMAS STORYTIME

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
3.30-4.15

Come along and listen to some festive stories  
and meet our special visitor  
Places are limited, so must be booked in advance  
£2 per child



### British Basketball League Trophy Semi Finals at just £5 each

It's the first event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 9,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **Utilita Arena Birmingham** to enjoy the all men's Semi Finals action live.

Taking place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, the day includes the Final Four showdown and will decide the top two men's teams to compete the following day in the Trophy Finals, alongside plenty of sensational entertainment courtside.

### Book your £5 tickets here:

<https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary>

To add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

### Schedule

2.30pm Doors Open


3.30pm Men's Semi Final 1

6.00pm Men's Semi Final 2

8.00pm Doors Close



# More Community News



### Bentley Heath Primary Christmas Holiday Camp!

Premier Education are pleased to announce that we will be running a Multi-Activity Holiday Camp at Bentley Heath Primary School this Christmas. Children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!


Venue	Date	Age	Daily price	Weekly price
Bentley Heath Primary School, Widney Close, B93 9AS	Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January	4 - 11 years	£18.84 (30% off)	£67.84 (£16.96 per day)
		Time 9am - 4pm*		

\*4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9 am - 1 pm (£10.77 daily price/£38.76 weekly booking price)

What to expect: There is always a wide range of new and engaging activities on our camps! From Dodgeball to Dance, Archery to Arts and Crafts, Fencing to Football. There really is something for every child, with plenty of opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and create memories!

Scan the QR code or visit the link to book: <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/866014>

For any queries please contact: [jmolloy@premier-education.com](mailto:jmolloy@premier-education.com)





## FREE GIRLS NIGHT IN

A MONTHLY YOUTH NIGHT FOR GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 & 6

### FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

### 6:30PM-8:00PM

**NEW VENUE!** WOODRUSH HUB, YOUTH CENTRE, SHARPHURST LANE, B47 5JW



TO PROVIDE PARENTAL CONSENT, SCAN THE CODE OR GO TO [WWW.INUNITYUK.ORG/REGISTRATION-FORM](http://WWW.INUNITYUK.ORG/REGISTRATION-FORM)

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT AMANDA 07737301031 OR EMAIL [AMANDA@INUNITYUK.ORG](mailto:AMANDA@INUNITYUK.ORG)




### Nominate someone for our CHRISTMAS Appeal

*Do you know an older person in Wythall who is unlikely to receive a card or gift this Christmas?*

*If so, you can nominate them to receive a card handmade by our girls group & a box of biscuits.*

*To nominate someone, please email their first name along with your name to [amanda@inunityuk.org](mailto:amanda@inunityuk.org).*

*Please do not send us any of their personal details.*

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