



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It has been really lovely this week to welcome so many of you in person to our Parent Information sessions that were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I sincerely hope that the information that you have received has been very useful and informative as this is what we want it to be. Should anything remain unclear though, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher.

We do appreciate that not all of you were able to attend these meetings. However, it is vital to us that you still receive the information that was shared. Therefore, in order to help everyone to either access the information again, or to receive it for the first time, we have uploaded the Year Group presentations into the Year group newsletters area on the school website.

Visit to Woodrush:

This week, I went To Woodrush High School for my first visit of the year and to meet with the Headteacher: Mr. Barber. As well as talking about school developments and joint initiatives moving forward, I also had the privilege of having a tour of parts of the school. This included spending time on the playground at breaktime and in Year 7 science lessons. I was bowled over by the amount of ex-Coppice pupils from Year 7 though to Year 11 who came to say hello and shake my hand. They were very pleased to see me (thankfully) and to engage in conversation. It gave me a really great feeling to see what polite, lovely young people they are continuing to grow into. I was also really impressed with the calm, friendly atmosphere on the playground and I know Mr. Barber and his staff work very hard to ensure that this is the case. As I've said before, our on-going, close links with Woodrush are incredibly important to both Mr. Barber and me in ensuring that our children transition extremely well when they eventually leave us and also so that they continue to progress to the full academically.

Swimming pool and lessons:

Thank you to all parents and carers who have approached both Mrs. Ashwell and me to give such positive feedback on the swimming pool that we have had installed on site and the fact that we are now able to provide swimming lessons to all of the children from Years 3-6. Children learning to swim is something that we feel passionate about as it is a key, life skill that enables our children to be as safe as possible in water. Some of the stories in the press over the summer, where children have come to harm because they couldn't swim, further illustrates why we see this as so important. Swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum and, unfortunately, we were not able to take all children swimming offsite during the Covid period e.g. our current Year 6 pupils. We therefore thought creatively about how we could give an opportunity for all children to still have swimming lessons and this is how we decided to do it. It is also much better to have a pool on site rather than spend a lot of time on a coach for only a short lesson. Costs of coaches are also not getting any cheaper! Moving forward, we would like to be able to do a similar thing either every year or at least every two years so please be reassured that we will continue to place learning to swim as a vital part of our PE curriculum and ethos.



Quad developments:

I mentioned to you all before the holiday that we would be having a lot of work done on our quad area over the course of the summer break in order to create a sensory garden and outside extension to our library area. As you will see from the pictures below, this involved removing the old, worn paving and garden area and replacing it with astro-turf, planters, seating, bean bags and water features. We are absolutely thrilled with how this space looks and feels and I know that all of the children from Nursery through to Year 6 will greatly enjoy experiencing it over the course of the year. Our Thrive provision will also be greatly enhanced by this multi-use, calm space. The work isn't quite finished and there will be a few further additions moving forward.



Well done Beau!

I just want to say a huge well done to Beau from Year 4 who, over the summer break, took part in the Les Miserables UK tour at Birmingham Hippodrome. She played Little Cosette and sang on the stage in front of lots of people. She had auditioned for the part before gaining the role and had both surprised and impressed her family with her confidence. Having congratulated Beau personally and having spoken to her about this fantastic achievement, she is rightly very proud of herself as are her family. Beau hopes to continue doing more shows in the future and, as a school, we greatly look forward to hearing about her progress. It sounds very much like she could well follow in the footsteps of one of our former pupils: Glen Facey who has performed in a number of West End shows including Mary Poppins and is currently performing in Back to the Future. Good luck for the future Beau!



That just leaves me, as always, to wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning. Please remember that we are closed on Monday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Musical instrument tuition

The Coppice Primary School has a wonderful team of music instrument teachers who are able to provide your child with lessons of 20 min or 30 min duration. The lessons cost £10.50 or £16 respectively. We are able to offer lessons in Piano, Violin, Guitar, Brass or Woodwind. We currently have a waiting list open for any Year 3, 4 or 5 child who might be interested in having this opportunity.

Link to waiting list is here <https://forms.gle/uhmyKgTbpTN332967>

Dates for your diary

Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn half term	Friday 21st ^s October 2022	Monday 31st st October 2022
Christmas	Friday 16th December 2022	Wednesday 4th January 2023 (TED day Tuesday 3rd January 2023)
Spring half term	Friday 17th th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter	Friday 31st st March 2023	Monday 17th th April 2023
Summer half term	Friday 26th th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Summer term ends	Friday 21st st July 2023	Not yet available
<u>Other closure days:</u>	Monday 1st May 2023	May Day Bank holiday
<u>Summer Term TED days.</u>	Monday 24th July 2023	Tuesday 25th July 2023

Monday 19th September - School closed for the Queen's funeral

Tuesday 1st November - Individual school photos - Details will follow nearer the time

Wednesday 2nd November- sibling school photos - Details will follow nearer the time

Wednesday 16th November 1.30 - 6pm Individual Parent Teacher Meetings - Details will follow nearer the time

Wednesday 23rd November 1.30 - 7pm Individual Parent Teacher Meetings - Details will follow nearer the time

Come along to
HOORAY FOR HARVEST

Saturday 24th September 2022, 10am - 12noon



harvest



celebrate



craft



plough

Accessible to all and specifically for families with children or adults with additional needs. A free event!

St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN

to the rear of the Coppice School site

More information from: churchoffice@wythallchurch.net

0121 413 3287 www.wythallchurch.net



Little Lights



A group for babies,
pre-school children
& their parents/carers

10am – 11.30am

Every Friday during term time

£2 per session

Free tea, coffee, juice & a snack.

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(to the rear of the Coppice School site)

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Community News

DANCE COMPANY are recruiting for new dancers to join our Tuesday Freestyle Medal Class!

Venue. St Mary's Church Hall Wythall

Time. 6pm - 7pm

Age. 4yrs +

Our teachers are fully IDTA qualified, first aid trained and DBS checked.

For more information contact Lisa Kimberley on 07784813090



SOLIHULL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: LIGHT HALL SCHOOL
HATHAWAY ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, B90 2PZ
STARTING: SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturdays:
Group 1: Reception & Year 1 = 9.00am-10.00am
Group 2: Year 2 & 3 = 10.00am-11.00am
Group 3: Year 4, 5, 6 & 7 = 11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 21 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2022. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS checked**, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. *Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)* www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

SOLIHULL + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:
07827 322780

Do you have a degree?

Interested in

Training to Teach?

Join us for one of our Train to Teach
School Direct Information Sessions

FACE TO FACE Thursday 22nd October

We have a stall at the

Woodrush Open Evening

5.30pm-8.00pm

As you arrive ask for 'Train To Teach'

VIRTUAL - 21st September 4-5pm

We have School Direct places available in Primary and a variety of Secondary subjects. This is our 8th year of recruiting with 100% of our trainees gaining qualified teacher status in 2022.

The school direct virtual zoom session will include; how to apply, tips on making a

To attend the virtual event please send your name, area of interest—Primary/Secondary subject and location to:

trainingconsortium@woodrush.org

Calling all Year 6 Parents

Woodrush are holding their Open Evening for next year's Year 7 children, on Thursday 22nd September. Please check your email for an email from us with the letter from Woodrush as an attachment

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/>