



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Reach More Parents: 80% of you are signed up!

As you all know, we have been encouraging every Parent and Carer to sign up to our school app and we have now successfully done this for 80% of you - thank you to each and every one of you for doing this so promptly. As this development is going to bring so many benefits to home/school communication, Mrs. Marks, in the school office, is a woman on a mission and is working incredibly hard to get us to 100% so don't be surprised if she badgers you personally to sign up if you haven't already! Please also encourage all those Parents and Carers you know, who haven't signed up yet to do so ASAP, to do so - they won't regret it. We will, of course, continue to be doing the same but your help in getting the word to everyone is hugely appreciated as well

The Coppice Uniform is being worn in Zimbabwe!

A few months ago, Pastor Steve Crosthwaite, from Hollywood Christian Life Centre, collected some donated Coppice uniform that was surplus to requirements after the uniform giveaway. This was then sent to a village in Chinhoyi in Zimbabwe where the church has started a school for children who had nowhere to go during the day, due to the fact that they couldn't afford to go to school. The church are therefore now paying the wages for a teacher, have built a toilet block and have just signed off the money to build a permanent school building. As you can see, it's currently tree trunks with tarpaulin wrapped round - very different to the wonderful facilities our Coppice children have! This means that these children are now getting an education and a hot meal everyday, which is obviously wonderful for these children.

I was so thrilled when Pastor Crosthwaite let me know about the uniform and I think that you'll agree that it is absolutely fantastic to see the children in Zimbabwe wearing it and they certainly look very smart indeed! I said in my reply to Steve that the work that they are doing is truly amazing and that everyone in his church should feel incredibly proud of what they've achieved. By giving these children the gift of education, they have clearly changed their lives for the better. Education is something that is very much taken for granted in many countries so to hear a real-life story such as this very much reminds us of just how lucky our children are here at The Coppice.



Reception Celebration assemblies:

Mrs. Ashwell and I had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to our Reception children today and, as always, they were lovely occasions. The joy (and in some cases shock) on the children's faces when they heard their names were truly magical moments! The children, who had certificates presented on this occasion, also had some really lovely things said about them by their teachers and should be rightly proud of this. These children will have their photos published on their learning journeys so that their Parents and Carers can share this special moment with their child.

An important message from Public Health regarding Measles:

You may have seen in recent news that measles cases in the West Midlands are rising. Thankfully we have not had any cases at The Coppice thus far. However, we feel that, as a school, we have a duty to bring this to your attention. The above information was sent to us yesterday by Worcestershire County Council:

Measles is a very infectious viral illness and usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. Most people will recover completely within a couple of weeks however the virus can cause very serious illness and sometimes this can lead to permanent disability and even death. People in certain at-risk groups, such as young children, people who are pregnant and those with a weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

The best way to prevent measles is by having the MMR vaccination however the West Midlands MMR uptake rate is below national targets. The MMR rate is higher in Worcestershire however not at 95% for 2 doses which is the target rate set by the World Health Organization. We are encouraging children, parents and staff to check that they, and all family members are up to date with their MMR vaccine and if required arrange for a free MMR catch up vaccination via their GP. It is also worth considering that if adults or children are unvaccinated and have been in contact with a confirmed measles case, on risk assessment, they may be asked by UK Health Security Agency to remain away from a place of work / educational setting etc for 21 days.

If anyone has symptoms of measles, please stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go to GP surgeries or A & E departments so the illness isn't spread to others.

For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine please visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

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That just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

9th-12th Jan (Last week)



RB

100%



3L

100%



TOP ATTENDANCE

15th- 19th Jan (This week)



RT

99.31%

3L

99.33%

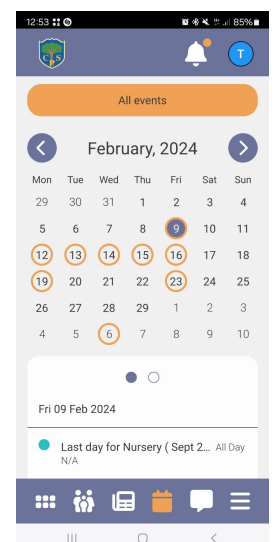
Calendar

Everything you need to know about events on the school calendar can be found on the ReachMoreParents app.

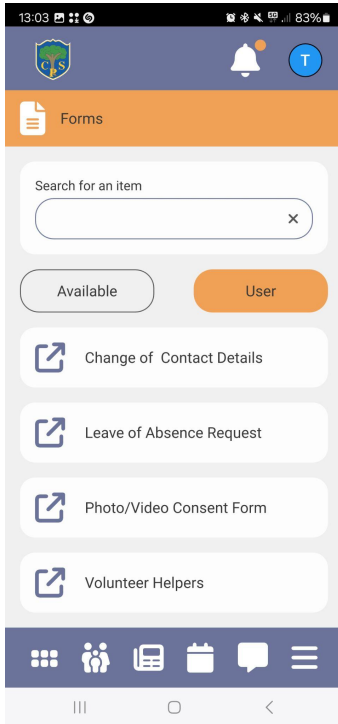
All the school term dates and TED day closures have been uploaded to the calendar for the remainder of this school year and for the 2024/2025 academic year.

All the class assemblies, school concerts and other events within the school day have also been added. When new events are added you will receive a notification to tell you your calendar has been updated. Your calendar will show events relevant to your child or children and will not be filled with things happening in other year groups.

You can also sync the school calendar with your own personal calendar to make sure you never miss a thing!



Forms



All the forms you need are now available, paper free, on the ReachMore Parents app.

You do not need to complete these forms unless you need to make changes to your child's data (name, address, contact numbers) or if you need to request a leave of absence (i.e for a holiday, funeral, religious observance etc).

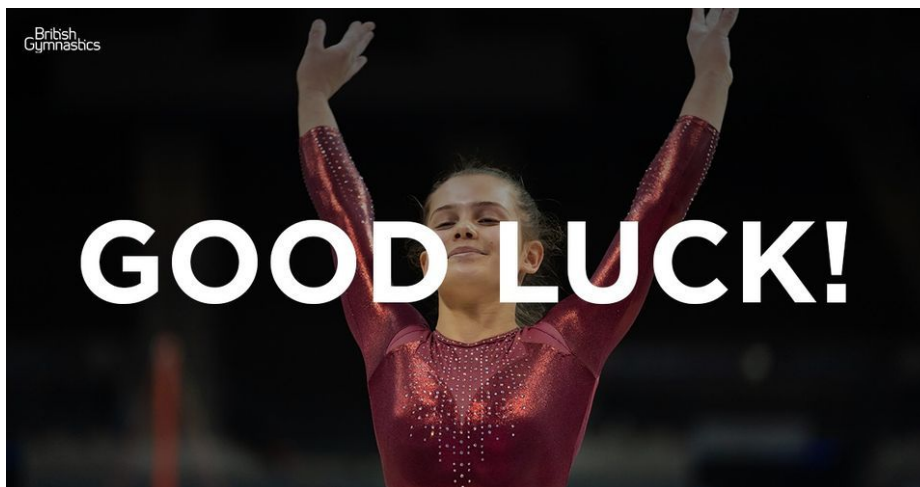
Other forms may be added which are relevant to your child or children, for example if we need consent for a trip or activity. You will receive a notification letting you know that you need to complete the form.

The only form that is not available here is the medication form. This is because we need the form in a specific format so that staff can complete it when medicine has been administered. If you require this form, use the 3 lines icon (shown below) to go to The Hub, then look under Health and you will find the link to the website page and can directly download this form and send it in to school with the medicine. Please note that no medication will be given without the completion of this form.

Use the 3 lines icon to find the Forms and The Hub sections.

Gymnastics Competition

The Coppice Diamonds Gymnastic Competitions Teams will be taking part in the West Midlands Schools Gymnastics Competition event in Stoke on Trent this weekend. 24 of our best gymnasts will be performing floor and vault routines in front of some very strict judges on Saturday. We would like to wish them all the best of luck. We know they will try their hardest and will represent the school in a professional way.



Wythall Library Event



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

The Gruffalo's 25th Anniversary

An hour of crafting, games and a wonderful storytelling of the Gruffalo, for Children ages 3+
50p per child – booking is essential

Come join us in
Wythall Library
on Saturday
27th January
from 2.30-3.30



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