



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday !7th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Nativities:

This week, we had our Year 1 and 2 nativities and I can't even begin to tell you the joy that they have brought everyone. After the cancellations of last year, to be able to hold live performances in front of parents, carers and grandparents was an incredible feeling and something I was determined to do.

Before the performances, I did wonder how some of our youngest children might cope with the occasion, especially as some of them had never done a performance in front of a large audience like this before and others had not done any kind of performance for nearly two years. Did I need to be worried? Well the answer is...absolutely not!

The children were absolutely incredible and the pride I felt, as Headteacher, watching them perform was immense. They were a credit to the school, their teachers, their families and, most of all, themselves. The singing was beautiful, the acting expressive and the dancing graceful. What impressed me the most though was the confidence that the children showed throughout. Lines had been learnt to perfection and were delivered beautifully and the smiles on the children's faces were a joy to behold. What amazing children we have here! Huge praise must go to the staff too for guiding and directing the children so well – they did a fabulous job!

Obviously, we were in the fortunate position of being able to hold these nativities safely and I'm so glad that we did because some magical memories were made that will last a lifetime.

Well done Year 6!

After and in between nativity performances yesterday, I had the huge pleasure of spending some time with a number of our Year 6 children, looking at and discussing the optional homework projects that they had completed on the different states of America.

The quality and variety of the projects was absolutely fantastic and it was lovely to be able to celebrate and reward the children for their creativity, hard work and fabulous attitude towards their learning. It is always lovely when children are self-motivated to want to carry on their learning at home and this is exactly the kind of attitude that we strive to promote in all of our children.

Please see the photographs below.





Celebration Assembly first day back!

Talking of celebrating, and not wanting to wish the festive break away by any means, but it's a pleasure to let you all know that we will be holding our next Celebration Assembly and award giving on the first Wednesday back of the new term. This is where we will celebrate the top team point earners from the last half-term as well as those children who have excelled in the areas of reading, writing, humanities, science, sport and the arts. As you know, my vision for the school is that this is a place where 'no talent is left undiscovered' and where children are recognised for their achievements in many different subject disciplines and not just the academic.

In order for us to ensure the smooth running of these assemblies, please make sure that if your child received one of the trophies in the last Celebration Assembly, that they return it on the first day back (if they haven't done so already) so that they can be given out to the new recipient – thank you.

I'm already really looking forward to seeing who will be receiving the awards in the New Year and to celebrating their achievements.

Covid and the return to school:

I have been asked by a few parents what the situation may be regarding school reopening in January in light of the news at the moment surrounding the new Omicron variant. I'm afraid that I don't have an exact answer to that question. What I will say though is that, as a school, we are planned for all eventualities.

I want to reassure you though that my aim, and ours as a school, is that we will be back to school as normal with a full reopening. Our belief is that the best place for children is in school and therefore we will do everything within our power to ensure that this is the case moving forward, as has been the case over the course of the last term. Should something come into the mix that is out of our control e.g. a directive from the Government regarding school reopening, we will of course let you know of this at the earliest opportunity.

At this stage though, my view is, as always, a positive one and I plan to be standing on the gates in January welcoming ALL of the children. Everything crossed this will be the case!

Thank you!

I want to end this final newsletter of 2021 by saying a huge thank you to you all for your support of the school, your children and me personally over the course of this term. I have loved every minute of my first term of Headship - every day I wake up and think about how lucky I am to serve this wonderful community. Yes, there have been challenges along the way but, when you work with children, you can't ever be down for long because they bring you a joy and pleasure that can't be found anywhere else in my opinion. Our nativities this week summed this up perfectly.

As I said last week though, my job is only possible because of the fantastic team of staff who I work with. The dedication, on a daily basis, that they give to the children in their care is amazing and it is a privilege to work with them.

That just leaves me to say that everyone at The Coppice hopes that you all have a wonderful, festive season with your children and loved ones and we all wish you the very best for the New Year. As always, we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th January 2022 when school reopens.

Kind regards and take care everyone,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



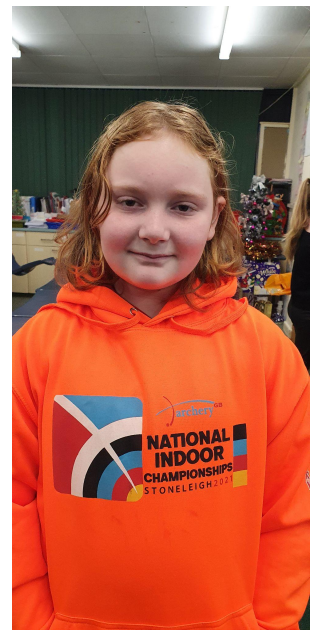
Archery Success

We love to tell you all about the individual achievements for our pupils and we are delighted to tell you about Paige in Year 6 who has had great success in archery recently.

Paige, a member of Redhill Archers, who meet in Wythall Park, took part in a county wide tournament at Stoneleigh and came 2nd in her age group ! She was shooting a compound bow which is similar to the one in the photo. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of her.

She wore her tournament sweatshirt today to celebrate her own success.

Well done Paige!



An Invitation to St Mary's this Christmas

On **Christmas Eve** at 4pm come dressed up and join in the Nativity Story! This service is especially popular with families and all ages are welcome.

Later on Christmas Eve, **Midnight Communion** starts at 11.30pm as we welcome in Christmas Day.

Our **Christmas Day Celebration** at 10 am is suitable for all the family.

In line with current restrictions, those aged 11 and over should wear a mask unless exempt, and we do ask that if you feel unwell you don't come into church, to help us keep everyone safe.

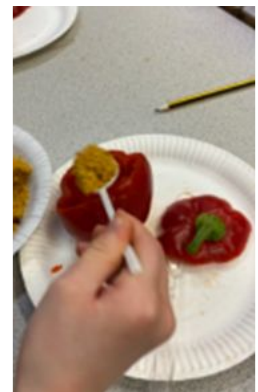
Wishing you a happy and blessed Christmas.



Year 4 DT day - Friday 10th December

I enjoyed DT day because we made food. My favourite part of the day was when we made cupcakes in the Phiz Lab. We also made a starter, a pepper stuffed with couscous, a main, a seasonal sandwich, and a Victoria sponge cupcake which we decorated with icing sugar. We also learned about which fruit and vegetables were available during which seasons.

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Dates for your Diary 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Return to school for Spring term
Thursday 6th January 2022 - KS2 Pantomime
Saturday 15th January 2022 - Deadline for applications to Reception September 2022
Monday 17th January 2022 - Individual photographs
Tuesday 18th January 2022 - Sibling photographs
Tuesday 18th January 2022 - Parent Forum
Friday 21st January 2022 - 5W Class assembly
Friday 28th January 2022 - 4MW Class assembly
Friday 11th February 2022 - 6C Class assembly
Wednesday 16th February 2022 - School Music Concert
Friday 18th February 2022 - School closes for half term
Monday 28th February 2022 - School reopens

Please note that all school events will be subject to Government advice and may have to be postponed or cancelled depending upon the most current COVID regulations.

Vaccinations UK

Vaccination UK, the agency which administered the nasal flu sprays earlier this year, would like to hear from you about your opinions of their service.

They are asking you to complete a short survey by following the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family-feedback>

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