



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children and a chance to spend some quality time together. Hopefully it will be a dry, bright weekend!

It's been another busy week in school and I've loved going around all of the different classes in school and talking to the children about their learning. I've had discussions with children in Nursery about their amazing creations made from wooden blocks; experienced the incredible joy of watching the children learning their phonics in Reception; been mesmerised by the children in Year 1 with their knowledge of bees; watched the children learning spelling strategies to enable them to spell three syllable words accurately in Year 2 e.g. magnetic; discussed facts and opinions with Year 3, where all the statements were to do with Mr. Hutt (thankfully all of the responses were very positive!); spent time with Year 4 as they developed their knowledge of different sentence types; talked to Year 5 children regarding their fascinating learning about early Islamic culture and Baghdad as a city; and had some really great problem-solving discussions with children in Year 6 as they worked on converting fractions, decimals and percentages.

I can honestly say that watching children learn and develop is the greatest privilege and I once again, I was left feeling that I genuinely believe I have the best job in the world!

Year 1 Beekeeper visit:

As mentioned above, Year 1 have greatly enjoyed learning facts all about bees as part of their English information writing, for which the children have been busy writing leaflets and creating information posters. To really bring this to life, we were thrilled, this week, to have had a visit from one of our parents: Mrs. Turner who is a real-life beekeeper! The children, as you can see from the photographs below were enthralled by the talk that was given and it was fabulous for them to be able to see key components of a beehive and to learn all about the different types of bees and what their different roles are. All of this new knowledge learnt by the children will be put to even more use when they begin to write their stories about 'The Sleepy Bumble Bee' in their next Talk for Writing unit. I can't wait to read some of them and to spot some of the facts that the children have told me about.

Obviously, the Year 1 staff and children want to send a huge thank you to Mrs. Turner for giving up her time to talk to the children and for giving such an inspiring and enjoyable talk. We can't wait to have her back again at some point in the future.



Nursery celebration certificates:

It was lovely to be able to go into Nursery with Mrs. Ashwell twice this week in order to give out certificates and stickers to some of the children. These are always special times and I always look forward to them. Some of the reasons for the children receiving the certificates were for listening really well, being kind to others, being a fantastic friend, always using beautiful manners and for working hard every day.

As you can see from all of the above reasons, we make sure that we recognise and reward our children for exhibiting the elements of 'The Coppice Way' from the moment that they enter the school. As you know, we want all of our children to be responsible, respectful and polite and we recognise very clearly that these values start right at the very beginning of a child's life and educational journey. It is therefore absolutely right that we celebrate these values when we see them being used. We also recognise how hard as well that you, as parents and carers, ensure at home that your children have these values from the moment that they are born and we thank you for this.

Next week we will be celebrating achievements in our Reception classes, which will be another lovely occasion.

Staff and curriculum pages on the newly updated website:

I wanted to make you all aware that this week, we have added the staff photo pages to our newly updated school website. I am very aware that sometimes your children may mention an adult's name, who works with them in school, but you may not know them or have met them, especially with everything that has happened over the last couple of years. If you go the 'our people' tab and then click on 'meet the staff', you will be directed, at the bottom of the page, to a very clear and up-to-date PDF document that shows you pictures of all of the staff in the different year groups: Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Special Support Assistants. We have also created pages for our Leadership team, SEND (Special Educational Needs Team), Thrive team, Cover teachers, Intervention teachers, Site staff, Lunchtime Supervisors and Cleaners.

As a big school, I feel it is really important that you are aware of everyone who works in school, can put a face to the name and can see what their role is.

If you haven't had chance to have a look at the website yet, we strongly encourage you to do so as there has been a lot of updated curriculum information added that we know you will find very useful for giving you a clear and detailed picture of what your child is learning at school for each of the curriculum subjects. There are also some really useful documents that will help you support your child in school e.g. our Maths Calculation Policy which clearly explains the different calculation strategies that we use in every year group of school. This is particularly helpful if you are someone who was taught maths very differently, which is something we often have said to us by parents and carers.

As I've said before, lots more will be added to the website over the coming weeks and months so keep having a look when you get a moment.

Face masks:

Finally, I just want to end by saying that obviously there has been a Government update on mask-wearing this week. As a school, and obviously one that is still experiencing a significant number of positive cases in school, I want to encourage you all to continue wearing them whilst on the school site at the current time, in order to continue to help keep our children and staff safe. Should our view on this change, I will of course let you know straightaway.

That just leaves me 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



IMPORTANT - Bank Holiday dates

The Government previously announced that, to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there will be an extra Bank Holiday this year. This holiday (2nd June) falls within our half term break and so we are required to give all families the extra day during term time.

This means that we will now finish school on THURSDAY 27TH MAY.

Friday 28th May is a TED day and school is therefore closed to pupils.

Half term runs from Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd of June.

The extra day's holiday will fall on Monday 6th June and return to school will now be TUESDAY 7TH JUNE.

We will, of course remind you nearer the time but if you wanted to book holidays you would now have an extra day!

School ties

After a very long wait, due to delivery issues, we now have a limited number of elasticated school ties at the office. We have another batch ordered with a different company. If you would like an elasticated or a 'tie it yourself' tie they are £7.50. You can pay by cash or ask us to put it on to Parent Pay for you.



Eco News

The Eco Committee met this week to finalise their Eco Action Plan. This includes tackling a wide range of issues that have been identified in our evaluation of the school, from recycling, to reducing waste and reducing our overall energy consumption.

We have lots of exciting plans and we are proud to share with you that from next week (Monday 24th January) we will be recycling crisp packets. The scheme is run by TerraCycle who aim to eliminate the idea of waste by recycling the 'non-recyclable'. Accepted waste includes ANY brand of crisp packet as long as they are empty and not folded. Once the packets are collected from school, they will be separated by plastic type, cleaned and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

From Monday, there will be a crisp packet recycling post box in the old hall so once your child has finished eating they can post their empty crisp packet into the box. If your child does not eat their lunch in the old hall, Eco Ambassadors will be responsible for collecting the crisp packets from the class and posting them into our recycling bin.

This is something that we are really excited about and we hope that by everyone doing their small bit we can make a big difference.

THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

ACCEPTED WASTE



Any brand of crisp packets

Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Popcorn bags
- Crisp tubes
- Pretzel bags
- Meat snack bags

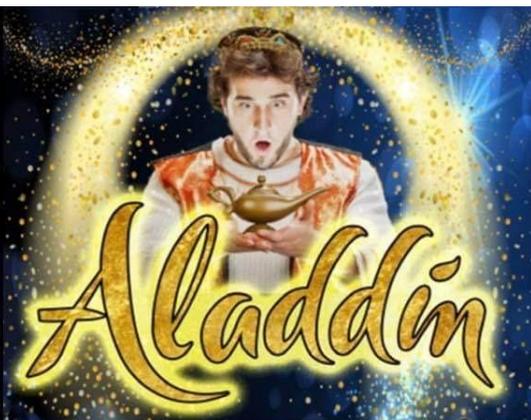
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Community News

An Invitation from Rev Manda and St Mary's Church

Sunday 23rd January is our '4th **Sunday Together**' service. All ages stay in church together for an interactive and fun service, some of which is led by the children and young people. You are most welcome, we are sure you'll have a great time. Refreshments from 10.30am; service at 11am.



At Park Hall Saturday 22 January

Doors Open from 2.00 pm
Entertainer and Juggler Brett Sirrell from 2:30pm
Pantomime starts at 3:30pm
Tickets are available from Eventbrite
£10 (+booking fee) aged 12 or older.
£7.50 (+booking fee) aged 11 or under



Tickets also on sale at Wythall House

Bar open, Sweet Stall, Fancy Dress optional.



Wythall
Community Association

Registered Charity No 243332

REFUNDS - we appreciate that there is uncertainty about Covid-19 at the moment and want to reassure attendees that, should the event need to be cancelled, the full ticket price and fees will be refunded. If individual attendees have to stay at home as they have recently experienced COVID-19 symptoms, have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have recently had contact with a known or suspected COVID-19 case then please contact us directly to request a refund.
A full risk assessment for this event has been undertaken and will be updated to reflect the guidelines

Struggling to pay energy bills?

Do you know anyone who is struggling to pay their energy bills due to low income, job losses, reduced pay or higher usage?

Act on Energy, a local charity, provides FREE support to any resident living in Birmingham, Solihull, Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

Act on Energy offer

- A specialist helpline for residents or professionals, offering support and advice on keeping warm and ways to help reduce your energy bills: 0800 988 2881
- Support with reading and understanding fuel bills, and discussing issues with energy supplier
- Support for accessing funding for emergency heating replacements (subject to eligibility)
- Home visits to support the most vulnerable households – these may be booked in for the future or carried out remotely
- Opportunities to strengthen the pathways between local support services and Act on Energy and to raise awareness with professionals and residents of the health implications of living in a cold and damp home They also offer free energy awareness sessions for professionals and community groups.

For more details or to make a referral, telephone 0800 988 2881 or complete the Enquiry Form online <https://actonenergy.org.uk/home/professionals/>.

Redditch SNT are hosting a Bike marking event at Arrow Valley Lake (near the visitor centre) on Sunday 23rd January between 11am and 2pm.

By marking your property, you are helping to protect yourself and your property against thieves, and making it easier for your property to be identified and returned should it be stolen.

Please bring along any bikes as well as power tools or household items that you would like to be marked. You will be able to ask us about crime prevention for your property whilst we mark your kit.

For more information please contact glp.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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[Click here](#)

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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/>