



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week. Obviously, we have reached the end of the academic year (I can't quite believe it if I'm honest) and I know that many of you will be looking forward to a break from routine and to spending extra time with friends and family. Your children have achieved so much this year and we are extremely proud of them all – they truly deserve their break! Unfortunately, due to a family wedding, I won't be around at the end of the day tomorrow so will say 'happy holidays' to you all now! I will still be on the gate in the morning to welcome the children though.

### **Goodbye, good luck and well done Year 6!**

Everyone at The Coppice wants to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for the future as they prepare to transition to their respective high schools. It has been an absolute pleasure to be in the hall this week, watching their fantastic leavers' productions and celebrating their time with us. We are extremely proud of these children for what they have accomplished this year and during their time with us. Their attitude to their Year 6 SAT tests has been first class and we couldn't have asked for any more from them. We know that these children will go on to achieve great things in the future and we can't wait to see them again in the future and to find out how they are getting on. As someone once said, 'Once a Coppice kid, always a Coppice kid'! It is also the end of an association with the school for a number of our families as they will no longer have a child at the school. I want to thank all of them for their support of their children and the school over the years and, as with the children, we want to say that it will be great to see them all again at some point in the future.

### **School reports:**

All children from Years 1-6 received their school reports on Wednesday. For Mrs. Ashwell and I, it was an absolute pleasure to read these reports and to see how well the children have progressed this year – well done children! If for some reason, you have not received your child's report though e.g. due to absence, please make sure that you contact your child's teacher and they will make sure that they get it to you as soon as possible, via post if necessary.

### **Playground development work begins!**

It has been hugely exciting to watch our planned playground developments start this week. This will carry on over the course of the summer and will be getting close to completion by the time that we return in September. The playground will have been extended round the back of The Care Club huts and the main, existing Junior playground will have been completely resurfaced. This is the first time that this has ever happened and it's not before time. The existing surface is tired and worn and not great on the children's knees! We will also have had a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) built down the side of Forest School. This will greatly enhance our Physical Education curriculum and provision and allow for games like football and basketball to be played safely in a contained area. These are exciting developments and have only been possible due to the school's financial diligence over many years.



### **Celebration assemblies:**

We have held our final round of celebration assemblies this week and Mrs. Ashwell and I have been busy presenting certificates to all year groups from Reception through to Year 5. Obviously, Year 6 were celebrated during their Leavers' assemblies, as mentioned above. Celebration assemblies are always lovely occasions and it has been great to end the year with so much to celebrate.

### **Coppice Gymnastic Competitions:**

I want to say a huge well done to all of The Coppice gymnasts who competed in the two in-school competitions that we held over the course of the last two weeks. These competitions are extremely important because they give an opportunity for all of the gymnasts in school, from the very youngest and least experienced to the oldest and most experienced, a chance to compete in front of peers, friends and families. This is a huge moment for a number of these children and is another confidence building block for them. It takes a lot of courage to walk out in front of a crowd and perform an individual or group routine so I want to say a huge well done to every child who took part – you can all be very proud of yourselves. Thank you and well done too to Miss. Carter and the rest of The Coppice coaches too for their efforts in organising these competitions and for their hard work with all of the children throughout the year. We truly are lucky to have such dedicated staff.

### **More amazing achievements for Harper!**



At her dance awards last Sunday, Harper, from Year 4, was awarded with The Dancer of the Year trophy for her commitment, hard work and always achieving outstanding marks on exams. Some fantastic comments were written about Harper (see below) and both her parents and us, here at The Coppice, are very proud of her continued achievements. Well done Harper!

Harper  
Is very dedicated and has a real commitment to learn.  
Impeccably behaved, a pleasure to teach.  
Excellent performance skills, Exceptional exam results gaining top marks in all genres, ballet, tap, acro, M/T, commercial, Latin  
Has an infectious smile and an all round good kid.

### **Well done Siene and Amelia!**



Two Coppice Year 4 girls: Amelia and Siene completed the 'Pretty Muddy 5Km' run on Saturday for Cancer Research. This was a challenging event for the girls to partake in and they raised over £300! This was an incredible achievement and everyone connected with the girls is very proud of them. As you can see, they got very muddy in the process but also had lots of fun! Well done girls!

### More incredible and selfless charity work from Amelia!

The same Amelia, who, as mentioned above, took part in the mud run also completed another selfless bit of charity work this week when she, again, had her hair cut for The Little Princess Charity. As I've written previously, this is an organisation that uses real hair donations to create wigs for children who are going through cancer treatment. This is a wonderful, selfless thing for Amelia to do and both her family and everyone at The Coppice are very, very proud of her!



### Excellent achievements from the girls!

A huge well done to the Rosie P, Emilia L (Emmie) and Charlotte R from 1T (**pictured below left in black**) who did brilliantly in their cheerleading show on Sunday. It was an extra busy day for Rosie because, after cheerleading, she went straight to her dance awards, where she won Star Dancer and her sister Katie P (NB) won star performer (**second picture from left**)! Rosie S from 1B (**far right**) also won star performer for her class.



### More Year 1 dancing success - well done Kendall!



Kendall, from Year 1, received at her first dance presentation trophy for 'Rising Star' at the same dance awards as the girls above. She has only been dancing for around 10 months, which consists of ballet, tap and jazz, so this is a really good achievement for her and both her family and school are very proud of her.

That just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday everyone. Thank you so much for all for your support over the course of the year – it has been hugely appreciated! Thank you too for all of the support you've given our staff and your children. As always, I greatly look forward to seeing you and your children back for our first day of the new, academic year on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Please note that on the next page, I have made clear the start and end of the day timings as there have been a couple of tweaks on this year's arrangements in places.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

# THE COPPICE NURSERY AND SCHOOL START AND END OF THE DAY TIMINGS

2023

## **TIMINGS MEET THE STIPULATED 32.5 HOUR WEEK**

**\*Nursery** children will enter through the small side gate by the Reception classrooms at **8.30 am** every day and line up in the outdoor area (as they do now). **Doors open at 8.45 am every day for all full-time children and first half and second half of the week children apart from on a Wednesday when first half of the week children enter at 8.30 am. Second half of the week children start at 12.15 pm on a Wednesday** and enter through the side gate by the school office.

**\*Reception** external classroom doors open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am

**\*KS1 and KS2** gates open at 8.25am.

**KS1:** Year 1 and Year 2 will enter through the top gate by Church and will play out until the whistle is blown at **8.40 am**, which will be the **official start time**.

**KS2:** Years 3 - Year 6 will continue to enter through the main front gate but will now not have to go straight to class. If they wish, they will have the opportunity to stay outside with their friends until the whistle is blown at **8.40 am**. **The playground will be supervised by the Senior Leadership Team and other support staff. At 8.40 am**, the children will make their own way to the classrooms from the playground ready for an **8.45 am official start**.

*\*If children would still prefer to go to class to read quietly or to speak to the teacher at the start of the day, then that is fine. Teachers will be in class from 8.25am to supervise them.*

### **Please note:**

- **KS1 (Years 1 and 2) gate closes at 8.40 am**
- **KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) gate closes at 8.45 am**

### **End of the day arrangements:**

**Nursery children (full-time, first half of the week and second half of the week) finish at 2.45 pm every day (Gates open at 2.40 pm) apart from on a Wednesday when first half of the week children leave at 11.30 and second half of the week children leave at 3.15 pm.**

**Reception children will finish at 3:00 pm (school day: 8:30 - 3:00pm)**

**Year One and Year Two will finish at 3.10 pm (school day: 8:40-3:10pm)**

**KS2 will finish at 3:15pm (school day: 8:45 - 3:15pm)**

# Clubs

We have had quite a few enquiries about the After School Clubs that will be running in the new school year. We are currently working on offering a varied list of clubs and have already sent a couple of emails to gauge interest for some new clubs - these were sent to the appropriate age groups only so don't worry if you didn't see them.

Further information will be sent out in the first week of the new term.

David Morris's Multi sports club will be continuing to run in the Autumn Term and we will distribute the enrolment letter as soon as we receive it.

Examples of clubs are Chess and Draughts, Science, Spanish, Makaton, amongst others. Please await information in the new school year - you will not be able to sign up for these clubs until you receive the official form.

## Term dates 2023/2024

<b>Term/Holiday</b>	<b>School closes on (all usual school finishing time)</b>	<b>School <u>re-opens</u> on</b>
Autumn Term	Not applicable	Wednesday 6th September 2023 (Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023 are TED days)
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 27th October 2023	Monday 6th November 2023
Christmas	Friday 22nd December 2023	Tuesday 9th January 2024 (Monday 8th January 2024 is a TED day)
Spring Half-Term	Friday 9th February 2024	Monday 19th February 2024
Easter	Friday 22nd March 2024	Monday 8th April 2024
Summer Half-Term	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer Term Ends	Friday 19th July 2024	Not applicable
<b>Other Closure Days</b>	Monday 6th May 2024 Monday 1st July 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024	Bank Holiday TED Day TED Day

# Cool Milk



**FREE and subsidised school milk**  
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Child under 5?      Child over 5?

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.      Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.

Register your child online for FREE school milk today.      Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at [registrations@coolmilk.com](mailto:registrations@coolmilk.com)

Sign them up in a few clicks...

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DfES via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme. Company registration no. 3603430 England

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www.coolmilk.com

Children in any year group can have milk in school. It's free for children under 5 and easy for children over 5 to register. If you no longer want your child to have milk, don't forget to cancel through Coolmilk.com or you will still be charged.

School milk is free for children in receipt of means tested Free School Meals. You should apply using the information here.

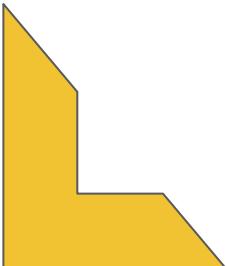
# FSM application

If you have a change of circumstances or think you may be entitled to means tested Free School Meals you can apply online. You will need to sign onto the portal (it's the same one you used to make your application for school)

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/free-school-meal>

If you qualify for FSM you will also be entitled to help with trips etc.

Please note that this is different to the Universal Free School Meals that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive BUT if you are in these year groups and think you are eligible financially then you should still apply as you could still be entitled to help within school.



# Holiday Activity Ideas



## \*Hollywood United FC Football Camp\*

We will be kicking off our summer football camp very soon and will be running it for 4 weeks over the holidays - with football pitches and equipment all on site we are ready and raring to go!!! ⚽

Week 1	Week 2
Tuesday 1st August	Tuesday 8th August
Wednesday 2nd August	Wednesday 9th August
Thursday 3rd August	Thursday 10th August
Week 3	Week 4
Tuesday 15th August	Tuesday 22nd August
Wednesday 16th August	Wednesday 23rd August
Thursday 17th August	Thursday 24th August

### Ages

For 5 to 12 years old

### Hours

8:30am - 3:30pm

### Price

£18 per day

Or book all 3 days for a reduced fee of £50

We have indoor facilities for break / lunchtimes and for activities and games. Children will need to bring their own pack lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Location – Woodrush Rugby/Football Club  
Icknield Street, Birmingham, B38 0EL.

All coaches are FA Qualified, Enhanced  
DBS and are First Aid trained!

Please contact ASAP if you are interested for your child as places are limited.

Many thanks

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HUFC Head Coach & Welfare Officer



## WARRIORS CAMPS ARE BACK!

Two-day Summer Rugby Camp.

Elevate your game with our elite Warriors players and coaching staff, including Ashley Beck and Lydia Thompson

Hone your skills, boost your confidence, make new friends and, most importantly, have fun!

Sixways Complex

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th July

10am start, 3pm finish

Years 2 & 3 , Years 4, 5 & 6 and Years 7, 8 & 9  
(Mixed genders)

Designed for all levels of ability, our unique skills sessions cater to every discipline of rugby including tag rugby

Limited slots available so book early to avoid disappointment

Please email [lizzieransted@warriorswomen.co.uk](mailto:lizzieransted@warriorswomen.co.uk) to reserve your spot or book online at [Tickets – Worcester Warriors Women](#)

Join us this summer and be part of the Warriors adventure

**FUN IN THE PARK**  
 WYTHALL PARK, SILVER STREET  
**2PM - 3.30PM**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
 A team from St Mary's Church will be in Wythall Park  
 Why not drop by & say hello to us? Look for our gazebo & flag!  
**GAMES! BIBLE STORIES! CRAFT! CHAT! FUN!**  
 All children must be accompanied by an adult  
 Any Questions? Email: [church.office@wythallchurch.net](mailto:church.office@wythallchurch.net) Phone: 01564 823248

# My Clothing Uniform discount



MyClothing supply Coppice Uniform (Reception to Y6 only - not Nursery) and are a cheaper alternative to our loyal uniform stockists (Clive Mark and Monkhouse)

They have 10% discount if you order before 31st July which is a great saving.

## Woodrush Job Vacancies



**CURRENT WOODRUSH VACANCIES**

**Engagement Leader (Academic Support & Interventions)**  
Salary: SCP23 to 25 (£15.63 to £16.60 per hour)  
Contract: Permanent, 37 hours per week (8:15am to 4:15pm)  
Term time only + 25 days (including 5 INSET days & 4 August results days)

**Female Physical Disability Support Assistant**  
Salary: SCP3 to 4 (£10.79 to £10.98 per hour)  
Contract: Permanent, 30 hours per week (8:30am to 3pm)  
Term time only + 5 INSET days  
+ 2 hours per week to support student's after school activities

**Behaviour and Learning Assistant**  
Salary: SCP7 to 17 (£11.59 to £13.91 per hour)  
Contract: Permanent, 30 hours per week (8:30am to 3pm)  
Term time only + 5 INSET days

For full details please visit [www.woodrushhigh.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.woodrushhigh.worcs.sch.uk) to view and download full job information packs and Associate application form. Should you require any further information please contact:

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