



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Road Safety Focus:

As you will see from the images below, this week was **National Road Safety Week** and, because of this, we delivered Road Safety assemblies and messages to all children in Years 1 to 6. Road safety messages were also given in all Reception classes by the children's Class teachers. Without doubt, road safety is an incredibly important area of personal safety for all children and, therefore, this week was the perfect opportunity to reinforce how we stay safe when we are near roads or crossing them.

We will also be extending the messages that were given into a practical element of road safety training for the children. This means that, next week, all classes in Years 4 to 6 will go out to the front of school with their Teachers and Teaching Assistants (in groups of 10) to look at the possible dangers of crossing the road and also to actually practise crossing the road itself. This will involve using the zebra crossing on Shawhurst Lane before walking to May Lane to practise crossing the road without a fixed crossing point. The group will then walk back and use the zebra crossing one last time. During this safety exercise, the children will also pay particular attention to driveways and side roads. Please be reassured that this activity will be appropriately risk-assessed to ensure the children's safety at all times.

We have decided to go out of school to practise crossing the road with Years 4 to 6 because we allow Year 5 and 6 pupils to walk to and from school themselves with their Parents' and Carers' permission and, obviously, next year, Year 4 pupils will have this opportunity as well when they are in Year 5. This is therefore a good opportunity to have this training before they start to do this.

Reception to Year 3 will still practise the rules of crossing the road in groups, but, due to their age, will actually do this out on the playground rather than on the actual road itself.

I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that, from now on, we are committed to ensuring that this practical training and key safety messages will happen once every year. We would also like you, as Parents and Carers, to reinforce these messages at home and when walking to and from school please.



Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week is the biggest road safety event in the UK and happens annually in November. This year, Road Safety Week will be held from Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021.



Last year's theme was 'No Need to Speed'.

Why Do We Need a Road Safety Week?

Did you know that every four minutes someone is hurt on the roads? During Road Safety Week, there are lots of activities to help us make our roads safer. For example, we could make posters to tell drivers to slow down or to remind children to always hold hands when crossing roads.



Staying Safe

- Children under 8 years old must always cross the road with an adult.
- If the adult says, "Stop!" then you must stop immediately.

Road Safety Week



The Green Cross Code

- Find a safe place to cross.
- Stop before you get to the kerb.
- Look and listen for traffic.
- If the road is busy, let traffic pass.
- When it is safe and without running, walk straight across the road.

Crossing Safely

- There are lots of safe places to cross a road, such as **zebra**, **pelican** and **puffin crossings**.
- Puffin crossings can sense where pedestrians are and keep the lights red for longer than pelican crossings.
- The flashing amber spheres on a zebra crossing are called **Belisha beacons**.
- Under some push-button units, there is a knob that turns when it is safe to cross. This helps people who cannot see well.



Did You Know...?

Every road has a speed limit. Some roads near schools have a limit of 20 miles per hour. Driving slowly is safer for children walking to school, cyclists and pedestrians.



Nursery Celebration Certificates:

Following on from presenting of celebration certificates to our Reception children last week, this week Mrs. Ashwell and I also presented certificates to our Nursery children. It is always a joy to spend time in the company of our youngest children who are at the start of their educational journey with us. To see their growth in confidence and development over the course of just over half a term is fabulous and shows the impact of what we do here at The Coppice. You can see the names of both the Nursery and Reception children, who won certificates, further on in this newsletter. A huge well done to all of these children who received certificates on this occasion.

Parents' Evening and well done Year 6 guides!

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended our Parents' afternoon and evening on Tuesday this week. I hope that you found your session useful in finding out about how your child is progressing at school and what areas they need to work on in order to progress further. As I said last week, I know that our teachers have really enjoyed talking to you all and see these meetings as extremely valuable.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to our Year 6 guides who collected children and showed Parents and Carers where to go to meet their children for their appointments. We had lots of lovely compliments about them, which is always a great feeling. **To quote one Parent who emailed me about one of our Year 6 boys: 'I must say what a lovely, polite and confident young boy he is. A real credit to the school.'** As you know, we work incredibly hard at The Coppice to ensure that our children demonstrate these personal qualities when having contact with visitors so it is fantastic when this is recognised.

Talent Show results and Rufus makes a TV appearance!

I said in last week's newsletter that I would announce who had won The Coppice Children In Need talent show, which was held a week ago today. Everyone, who attended this show, said how amazing it was! They were completely bowled over by the level of talent at The Coppice and were delighted at how much all of the competitors and the audience of Year 2 to 6 children supported one another.

It was a competition though which meant that there were two overall winners. These were Isaac W from Year 6 for his fabulous bass-playing guitar skills and Evie H, also from Year 6, for her fantastic singing. A huge well done to both of these children and to all of the other finalists as well.



On a side note, one of our school Thrive dogs: Rufus made an appearance on television last Friday when he appeared on BBC West Midlands as part of their Children in Need coverage!

I think that you will all agree what a super cute picture this is! We always knew you were a star Rufus!

We are so proud of our Thrive dogs: Rufus and 'M' and they do an incredible job in supporting our children's (and staff's) wellbeing

Online Safety – important upcoming event:

Hopefully you all saw the communication that I sent out today regarding an online event that is being held on Monday evening. It is all about the extremely important topic of how to keep your child safe online in the modern world. If you haven't seen it please give it a read as we wouldn't want you to miss out. It is from 6.30 – 7.30 and is completely free. **Just sign up using the QR code in the flyer. Please remember though that this is an adult only event and is not suitable for children.**

That just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Nursery and Reception award winners

Nursery	Reception
Lily E	Emily
Zak	Jacob
Lucy	Charlie
Oscar W	Bonnie
Amber	Ben
Ava	Cora
Archy	Flora
Maya	River
Giorgio	Maisey
Bobby	Leonardo
	Louis
	Alaiya

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

13th - 17th November (Last week)

	1D	99.3%
	5RB	98.3%

TOP ATTENDANCE

20th - 24th November (This week)

	1D & 2T	97.7%
	5F	99.3%

Can you help?

WANTED

If anyone has any studded football boots that their child has grown out of and would like to donate to the PE team, please could you send them into school. They can be rubber or metal studs. Many thanks, PE Team



Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.

[Click here](#)

PTA Christmas Fair



 THE COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
PRESENTS THE

Christmas Raffle

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- NINTENDO SWITCH
- TICKET FOR 4 TO WEST MIDLANDS SAFARI PARK
- BODY SHOP ADVENT CALENDAR (WORTH £120)
- OAKWOOD FAMILY TREE VOUCHER
- BREWERY TOUR FOR 2 AT BIRMINGHAM BREWERY
- ATTIC BREW CO - CRAFT BEER
- DRAKES CROSS ESTATE AGENT - NEW HOUSE HAMPER
- HOLLYWOOD GOLF CLUB - ROUND OF GOLF FOR 1
- HOLLY WOOD GOLF CLUB - SUNDAY LUNCH FOR 2
- FAMILY BREAKFAST - BEEFEATER REDDITCH
- MEAL FOR 2 AT MONSOON
- VOUCHER FOR JJS CAFE
- MONTH OF FOOTBALL COACHING AT D&W COACHING
- VOUCHER FOR LACEY'S BUTCHERS
- WINE HAMPER
- GLENFIDICH WHISKEY
- TERM AT STARDUST DANCE

AND MANY MORE!

For tickets, please scan QR code!



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To be drawn Thursday 14th Dec 2023
www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice



THE COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC, DRINKS
, FOOD, SANTA AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

8TH DECEMBER 2023 5.00-7.30PM

£2 PER ADULT, (KIDS UNDER 16 FREE)

TO BOOK A STALL, GO TO
PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/COPPICE/



CHRISTMAS FAIR COLLECTIONS

WE DESPERATELY NEED DONATIONS!

- NURSERY - PLEASE BRING BOXES OR SWEETS OR CHOCOLATES
- RECEPTION - PLEASE BRING CHRISTMAS THEMED CAKES (FRIDAY 8TH DEC) OR HAMPER ITEMS
- YEARS 1-6 (ALCOHOL, TOILETRIES, UNWANTED GIFTS AND NEW CHILDREN'S TOYS)

*ALCOHOL MUST BE PROVIDED BY PARENTS

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO JUNIOR HALL
8.15AM-8.45AM

FRI 24TH NOV
FRI 1ST DEC
FRI 8TH DEC



COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

SANTA'S GROTTTO

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

BOOK YOUR SLOT AT
PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/COPPICE

SANTA WILL BE VISITING
OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Community News



Aspire Active Camps

Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday

15% OFF
with code XMASFLY23
Valid until 5pm on Friday 22nd December

Solihull
Tudor Grange Academy

Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January
Open from 8am - 6pm

For more info and to book your place visit activecamps.co.uk or call 0121 663 1426

Ofsted registered

The British Basketball League is proud to announce an incredible entertainment line-up for the 2024 Trophy Semi Finals, with the Men's double-header on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Utilita Arena Birmingham.

By purchasing your discounted tickets you will get the chance to experience the thrill of the top men's teams as they battle their way to the Trophy Finals (on Sunday 28 Jan) to decide who will win the first pieces of silverware on offer during the 23/24 season in what are the most prestigious and special trophies on offer in the sport.

Fans will be treated to halftime performances from the gravity-defying acrobatics of [Les Barjots Dunkers](#) during Saturday's first Semi-Final, and a halftime showcase performance from [AshOnCam](#) during the second Semi-Final. This array of talent is sure to delight fans with an extraordinary fusion of sporting excellence and artistic brilliance throughout the event.

Book your £5 tickets here:

<https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary>



Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January

Aspire Active Camps have a fun programme this school holiday for children aged 4-14. As we are an Ofsted registered provider, you can rest assured that all of the child protection policies in place and our coaches are suitably qualified to ensure your child's safety at all times.

Choose your academies

Multi Sports Academy offers a huge range of sports on all of its active activities. Children aged 4-14 are eligible for holiday Multi Sports Academy only.

Standard Rate £32 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £18.

Early Bird Offer £28 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £18.

Advanced Rate £30 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £18.

A typical day at Aspire Active Camps

Early Drop Off 8am - 9.30am
Opt out free early drop off with structure games and activities.

Academy Sessions 9.30am - 4pm
Choose from our range of sports activities.

Xtra Time 4pm - 6pm
Collecting your child after 4pm?
Xtra Time from £7 per day

For more info visit aspire-sports.co.uk or call 0121 663 1426



SOLIHULL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: LIGHT HALL SCHOOL
HATHAWAY ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, B90 2PZ
STARTING: SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024

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 22 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2024. 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 £8 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £32 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