



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children – I honestly can't believe that it is the end of the first half-term of this academic year already!

### **In-person Parent and Carer Meetings for Nursery through to Year 6:**

Just to let you know that we will be holding in-person Parent and Carer meetings to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year on Thursday 16th November and Tuesday 21st November. These are extremely important meetings and we would like to urge every Parent and Carer to make an appointment with their child's teacher. By doing this, it means that school and home can work closely in partnership to ensure that your child is fulfilling their potential. We are really looking forward to seeing you all and to welcoming you into school.

**Face-to-face appointments can be booked from 4pm on Friday 27th October using the following link:**

<http://thecoppice.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Date:	Appointments for:	Times:	Location:
Thursday 16th November	Nursery / Reception: (Class teachers / Key-workers)	4pm - 7pm	Church Hall
	Maple Class + SEN appointments	4pm - 7pm	Church Hall / SEN office
	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	4pm - 7pm	Church Hall
	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	2pm - 5.30pm	Main Hall
Tuesday 21st November	Nursery / Reception: (Class teachers only)	-2pm - 5.30pm	Church Hall
	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	2pm - 5.30pm	Church Hall
	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	4pm - 7pm	Main Hall
	SEN appointments (Mr McGarry)	4 - 7pm	SEN office

To login and book appointments, you will need to enter your own name, your email and your child's name. (Please check the spelling of all of these as they must match what we have on our records). If your details have changed please let the school office know so our records can be updated.

You should be able to access Schoolcloud from all iPhone and Android phones, iPads and tablets, as well as laptops and desktop devices. Scroll through the dates and select the time slot that you would like.

If you have difficulties making an appointment please contact either the school office or your child's class teacher, who will be able to help.

### **A huge thank you to Dave Morris!**

All of the children and staff at The Coppice would like to extend their huge gratitude to Dave Morris from DM coaching for his donation of £3,000.00 to the school. This is an incredibly generous amount of money and one which our children will greatly benefit from. Dave was keen that the money be put towards sporting equipment or the playground development. We have therefore decided to purchase some new, much needed football goals and also some outdoor table tennis tables (similar to the type pictured below), which will be a fabulous addition to our newly renovated playground. Dave has run sporting clubs at The Coppice for many years now and he said that he wanted to give something back to the school for how we have supported his club over the years. We can't thank him enough!



### **Multi-Use Games area (MUGA):**

Again, on the sporting theme, we are very excited that our Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) will be in operation after the half-term break. The final works will be carried out over the holiday and it will be fantastic to finally have this area in use. I know how excited the children are to get in there!

### **Winter uniform after half-term - important:**

As you all know, the half-term break marks the change from summer uniform to winter uniform so, obviously, please ensure that your child is prepared for this change. As always, our uniform expectations can be found on our school website by using the following link:

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/assets/Relaunch-Dec-2021/4-Parent-Resources/Uniform-Update-1-Sep-23.pdf>

In advance of this, you will have seen on the playground recently that we had lots of good quality, pre-worn items that Parents and Carers could just take – no money was needed. If you were able to take advantage of this, that's great to know. However, if you weren't able to, please contact the school office, let them know what you need and we will do our best to provide items from what is available.

## Jack Meggitt-Phillips visit:

Years 3, 4 and 5 finished the half-term with a creative writing workshop from Jack Meggitt-Phillips, the award-winning author of the Beast and The Bethany series.

The Beast and the Bethany series has been translated into over 30 languages and has recently had a major film deal announced with Harry Potter producer, Heyday Films. The series has also won the West Sussex Children's Book Award, the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award, the Stockport Children's Book Award, the Fantastic Book Award, the Awesome Book Award, and the Channel Island Children's Book Award.

During his workshop, which was called 'Writing with Beasts', children were given the prompts and inspiration to write and finish their own short stories. Jack's session also included puppetry, a Q&A and readings from his Beast and the Bethany series – a children's series about a young 500-year-old, a hungry beast and a rebellious prankster who's about to be eaten. Jack also spent some time signing books for children whose families had ordered them. We feel really fortunate to have had the chance to meet Jack and are hugely grateful to Jack and to our friends at Bookwagon, who organised the visit, for giving the children such an inspiring afternoon. A big thank you again goes to Mr. Light (Assistant Headteacher and English leader) for organising another inspirational event.



## Final reminder for Daniel's shoebox appeal:

Just a final reminder for all Parents, Carers and children, who intend supporting Daniel W's 'Shoebox' appeal for children and families in Ukraine, that the deadline for these coming into school is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** (the first Friday back after the half-term break). Shoeboxes from children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 can be handed to Class Teachers and passed onto Daniel that way. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, Daniel will be on the Key Stage 2 gate that morning and can take donations directly. Daniel has worked extremely hard with this appeal so it would be lovely if he could get as much support as possible – thank you.





## Free crumpets!

Finally, if you're looking for a tasty treat this October half-term (and let's face it, who isn't), Warburtons has once again partnered with Morrisons to bring back its 'Ask for Ellen' campaign to support communities by offering free crumpets in Morrisons cafés.

It's really easy - simply **Ask for Ellen** at the Morrisons café counter and, in return, you will get two free Warburtons crumpets with butter and jam. The offer runs until Sunday 5 November and is available to everyone - just Ask for Ellen – see flyer right.

Please also see below for information about companies which are offering special discounts to families with children over half term

That just leaves me to wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to seeing all of the children, bright and early on the morning of Monday 6th November wearing their winter uniforms.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)





## Eat Out For Less This October Half Term

**EXTREME  
COUPONING  
AND BARGAINS UK**

	Children can eat for just £1 at Asda Cafés
	Kids Eat For Free All day, every day with any purchase at The Café when you use your Clubcard.
	Only one free meal from the kids menu with any one adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over.
	Pick up a FREE main, snack + drink from our Kids' Munch Menu when you spend £5 in the Café.
	Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am at IKEA.
	Kids three courses & a drink for £1 from 4-6pm Monday - Thursday With purchase of every adult main meal.
 	One Free Kids Menu With Every £4 Spent. Monday To Friday After 3pm.
 	For every adult Sizzling meal, you'll also get a kid's main meal for £1. Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm
 	We recommend downloading Harvester & Toby Carvery Apps both have offers and regularly include kids Eat For £1 Offers!



## Star of The Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE

16th - 20th October



(Last week)

	<b>2T</b>	98.3%
	<b>3L</b>	98.7%

### TOP ATTENDANCE

23rd - 27th October

(This week)

	<b>2P</b>	98.0%
	<b>3L</b>	100% 

## Year 6 Parents/Carers

Don't forget that the deadline for High School application is Tuesday 31st October. Applications should be made through your local council portal.

## Christmas Card competitions

Don't forget...it's not too late to enter the two Christmas Card design competitions that are running at the moment. The Wythall Parish Council competition doesn't close until 10th November and templates will still be available from the school office after half term, Sajid Javid's competition does not need a template just use an A4 piece of paper. The winner of this competition will have their card sent to King Charles!





# British Legion Poppy Sales

The School Councillors will be selling poppies and other poppy remembrance items in the week after half term (6th -10th November). They will be in the KS2 playground from 8.25-8.45am and also at morning break. They will be selling to KS1 children in their classrooms on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November.

The money will be being put straight into the collection tins and change will not be able to be given, so please ensure that you do not bring notes or large coins for the cheaper items.

Thank you very much for your support. We will let you know how much we raised when the British Legion have counted all the donations and send us our certificate.

Suggested prices - poppies 20p, fabric zip pulls 30p, reflective zip pulls 50p, wristbands 50p, slap bands £1



## SCOFF dates



Games, crafts and activities  
followed by a hot meal

**Fun and Food for the whole family  
Wednesdays during term time**

**All Welcome**

**From 3pm-5pm**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

Please book a place at  
Eventbrite.com and  
search 'Scoff'

Or use this QR code



St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN  
(to the rear of the Coppice School site)

churchoffice@wythallchurch.net  
01564 823 248  
www.wythallchurch.net

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# Children in Need 2024

**BBC  
CHILDREN  
IN NEED**



We will be supporting Children in Need again this year and the theme will be SPOTACULAR! It's all about getting creative with spots.

Children in Need isn't until 17th November so maybe you could plan your outfit over half term. It doesn't have to be anything expensive you can get 100s of spots for a few pounds and there will be plenty to share with siblings and friends.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=self+adhesive+spot+stickers&crd=3LLLMACM05BIZ&sprefix=self+adhesive+spot+stickers%2Caps%2C80&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=self+adhesive+spot+stickers&crd=3LLLMACM05BIZ&sprefix=self+adhesive+spot+stickers%2Caps%2C80&ref=nb_sb_noss)

<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/search/?q=dot%20stickers>

There's also going to be a Talent Show for Years 2 to 6 on 17th November so perhaps you could practice your talent over half term!

More details on how we will be marking the day will be on the newsletter after half term.



## Holiday Activity



Aspire Active Camps is thrilled to invite your pupils to join us this October Half Term at our [Solihull Active Camp](#) at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull.

We are running a free 'Open Day' at our Active Camp on **Tuesday 31st October**. This is completely free and is a great opportunity for parents to see what Active Camps are all about! The day involves a fancy dress competition, inflatables, Halloween themed games and lots of sports as part of Multi Sports Academy!

Our Active Camps are designed to inspire children to get active and have a blast while improving their health and well-being. We've got lots of super fun activities planned that will keep kids engaged and moving all day long. Trust us, it's not to be missed!

[aaeg.co.uk/active-camps](http://aaeg.co.uk/active-camps)

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