



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the weekend.

Kindness assemblies and examples of kindness:

This week our assemblies have centred around the value of 'kindness'. As I always say to the children at every opportunity, kindness is the value that I place above all others and is the one that I would give to everyone if I had the power to do so. We have talked about how kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate and that it is the 'little acts of kindness' that truly matter. I have seen and experienced some wonderful examples of kindness from the children this week. For example, I lost count of how many adults and children asked me on the gate how I was on Monday and if I was feeling better, following being off ill last week. This really gave me a lift and certainly helped my recovery! Also, on the gate, and not for the first time, I witnessed the kindness of children towards other children, who were having a bit of a wobble coming in. I saw children putting their arm around their friend or holding their hand down the path, which made such a difference and encouraged their friend to carry on their journey into school. Finally, I was out on the playground during the Reception and Year 5 'buddy' playtime on Tuesday morning and was completely bowled over by the kindness that our Year 5 children showed towards their buddies. They taught them traditional games e.g. 'What's the time Mr. Wolf?' and played the games alongside them, they supported and encouraged them on the Adventure Zone equipment and sat and chatted to them about their interests. To see the smiles on all of the children's faces was a joy to behold and showed me how much our children are filled with inherent kindness towards others. What a difference this quality makes to our world – the little things matter!

Year 3 Stone Age trip:

Year 3 had a very exciting day on Monday when they went on their Stone Age Explorers trip to The Frank Chapman Centre as part of their 'What was life like in prehistoric Britain?'. The children took part in a shelter building competition, made weapons and tools and then practised their throwing skills by hunting (wooden) boars. They also learnt how to light a fire! The children absolutely loved the hands-on aspect of this trip and, despite the cold, they threw themselves into every aspect of it. The children's 'Coppice Way' behaviour and conduct were praised greatly by The Frank Chapman staff which made us all very proud! Well done children!



Thank you to AT&T:

We were thrilled and hugely grateful this week to learn that we have received another incredible £10,500.00 funding donation from AT&T, who are a telecommunications company that one of our parents: Mr. Jon Hubbard works for. I therefore want to say a HUGE thank you on behalf of the school to both Mr. Hubbard, who put us forward for this funding, and the company that he works for. You might remember that the school's IT infrastructure benefitted from a previous donation from AT&T which enabled us to ensure that all of our children had even greater access to technology, which has had a huge impact on their learning. This most recent donation will be used to further develop our school's quad area and this is obviously hugely exciting! We can't thank AT&T enough and I will update you again soon with exactly what we have spent the money on.

Choir at Hollywood Christian Life Centre:

Our involvement, as a school, within the local community is of the utmost importance to us. You will remember me giving you details of our School Council attending the Remembrance Day service at The Drake's Cross Memorial back in November. It therefore gives me great pleasure to tell you about another event that some of our children have attended.

On Thursday the School Choir visited The Hollywood Christian Life Centre (on Simms Lane) where they joined the congregation for their festive coffee morning (see photo below). Whilst there, they entertained all those attending with a range of Christmas and non-Christmas songs, which went down really well and were greatly enjoyed by all. One lady, called Brenda, was also left feeling extra special when our children sang a rousing version of 'Happy Birthday' to her. The children's conduct was described as 'impeccable' and as always, we were extremely proud of these children also exhibiting 'The Coppice Way'. A big thank you to Pastor Steve Crosthwaite for inviting us.



Nursery and Reception singalongs:

A huge well done to all of our Nursery and Reception children for their Christmas singalongs. Everyone was extremely proud of the children for their performances and they've set the bar high for next week's Year 1 and 2 nativities!

Reception children's letters to Santa:

It was a joy to see our Reception children heading off to post their letters to Santa. I was so impressed with how responsible the children were with their listening to instructions and lining up before setting off. It was also great to hear about how sensible the children were when walking to the post-box. Well done Reception – you also embodied 'The Coppice Way' and we are very proud of you!

Harper's dancing success!

As always, it is wonderful to be able to praise the dedication and achievements regarding activities that our children are involved with both inside and outside of school. It therefore gives me huge pleasure this week to praise the hard work and determination of Harper from Year 4 who has been achieving some really great things in the areas of dance and musical theatre. In musical theatre, Harper passed her Gold Rose examination and, in Arco, she passed her Bronze Arco award. Both are great achievements and we are very proud of Harper and her fantastic attitude to gain them. Harper also undertook exams in Primary Tap and Primary Classic Ballet which were taken through The British Theatre Dance Association and Alison School of Dance. Harper is now awaiting the results of these and I look forward to updating you all with how she gets on. I'm sure that, with her fantastic attitude, she will do very well again. Good luck Harper!



Mrs. Dawson is leaving us:

Mrs. Dawson, our fantastic Year 6 Teaching Assistant will unfortunately be leaving us at Christmas. Those of you who know Mrs. Dawson will know that she is also an experienced secondary maths teacher who worked at Woodrush High School before coming to us. She had decided to take a step back from teaching whilst her young family was growing up and we were able to take full advantage of this. She has been a fantastic appointment for The Coppice and we have used her maths expertise greatly throughout her time here. However, we always knew that, at some point, she would return to teaching when the time was right. An opportunity has arisen to return to Woodrush to teach maths again and she felt she couldn't turn it down. We are extremely sorry to lose her but want to thank her for all she has done for our pupils during her time here. Thankfully, many of them will continue to benefit when they transition next door. Good luck Mrs. Dawson!

Nativities next week:

The children, staff and I are all getting very excited about our Year 1 and Year 2 nativities next week. These will be fantastic occasions, as always, and we greatly look forward to seeing Parents & Carers there.

Christmas Fayre:

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre this evening and your support will be really appreciated! Please remember that, for the first time, a lot of the fayre will be outside on the school playground so make sure you all wrap up extra warm although hopefully the Christmas Cheer hot food and drink will help too!

That just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and that we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning for our final week before the Christmas break,

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (**Headteacher**)

PTA - Christmas Fayre & Raffle Tickets

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone tonight, to enjoy all the wonderful activities we have planned.

Although it will be cold tonight, please be assured there will be plenty of hot food and hot drinks, as well as some indoor activities.

The gate opens at 5pm!



The Coppice PTA are excited to present our **Christmas Fayre**
This years theme is a Winter Wonderland Market

Friday 9th December 2022 5pm-8pm

Santa	Tombola
Crafts	Games
Christmas Market Stalls	Raffle
Bar	Entertainment
Food	and much more.....

If you would like to book a stall please visit www.pta-events.co.uk inside & outside stalls available

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Coppice Winter Wonderland Raffle 2022

- Nintendo Switch Console featuring Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, donated by InXpress Birmingham South
- 2 x Adult and 2 x Child Admission Ticket and Wristband, donated by West Midlands Safari Park.
- Oakwood Tree Family Research Package, donated by Oakwood Tree.
- Bungee Jump, donated by Buyagift.com
- Automatic Wifi Pet Feeder
- Fire HD 8 Tablet, donated by InXpress Birmingham South.
- Amazon Fire Stick
- £50.00 Amazon Voucher, donated by AC Building Services Ltd.
- Narwhol Build a Bear, donated by Build a Bear.
- Jack Daniels
- Boden Gift Voucher, donated by Boden.com
- Family Ticket for Wythall Transport Museum, donated by Wythall Transport Museum.
- Favourite and Friends Alexander Doll and Extra Outfit
- £30.00 Rose & Crown Voucher
- Lacey's Craft Voucher,
- Treasure Trail Map Voucher, donated by Treasuretrails.com

Plus more prizes

Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 13th December.

Paper tickets are being distributed and are also available online at www.ptaevents/coppice.



Raffle tickets booklets have been sent home with all children over the last two days. The above flyer shows the breadth of wonderful prizes the PTA have been able to secure.

Should you wish to buy the paper tickets, please send in an envelope with the completed ticket stubs, the correct money and any unbought tickets. Please do this by **3.30pm on Monday 12th December 2022**. There are further tickets available at the School Office.

Alternatively tickets can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice

Many thanks in advance for all of your support.

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate (w/c 28 Nov 2022)



Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate (w/c 05 Dec 2022)



Attendance Rewards

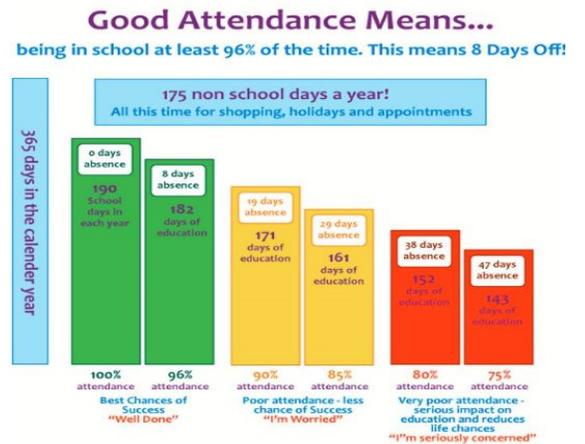


The Coppice recognises that regular school attendance and punctuality is essential if a child is to make the most of the educational opportunity available to them, achieve their full potential and improve their life chances. Our aim is to have all children in school every day but we understand that occasionally there are illnesses that may prevent your child from attending school.

We are looking forward to giving out our termly star attendance badges, which are given to children who achieve 100% attendance in a given term. We will be starting this term with the Bronze star and look forward to distributing these next Friday.

Our school attendance target is 96%. Any children who have achieved 96% or above by next Friday will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket will go into a prize draw where there will be ten lucky winners randomly drawn. This will happen each term and there will be different prizes to win. This term the prize will be a Happy Meal. The children will go in the school minibus to collect their meal and eat it back in school. There will be a different reward for the next term.

Thank you
Mrs Ashwell (Deputy Headteacher)



Christmas Cards to Classmates - No Food Please!

It is wonderful to see the children all sending Christmas cards to each other and taking such pleasure in doing so.

Please can we ask though that no food items, e.g. chocolate coins, are included in the cards. This is because there are a number of children who have various allergies and intolerances, so as to protect them from inadvertently eating something they shouldn't, as well as not having to disappoint them by then taking it from them, please don't include them in cards.

Where anything is brought into class to celebrate birthdays, please remember to ensure that each item is individually wrapped and labelled, as, if not, we will not be able to distribute it. Please also remember to give anything directly to the class teacher so that they can organise things to be as smooth as possible.

Christmas Activities at St. Mary's Church

Christmas at

St Mary's
Wythall

Saturday 10th December 1pm

Christmas Trail in Wythall Park

Sunday 11th December 4pm

Christingle Service

Sunday 18th December 10.30am

Carol Service
with children's groups

Saturday 24th December 4pm

All Age Christmas Eve Nativity
Come dressed as a character from the Nativity Story

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm

Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December 10am

Christmas Day All Age Celebration

For all these and more visit www.wythallchurch.net/christmas
St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN to the rear of the Coppice School

You are invited to...

CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 11th December 4pm



A service for all the family with carols, fun & refreshments

**St Mary's Church,
Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN**

For more information contact us:
churchoffice@wythallchurch.net
www.wythallchurch.net

St Mary's
Wythall
Registered Charity no. 1132792

Christmas Trail

1pm - 3pm Dec 10th @ Wythall Park

An interactive trail round the park,
and a goody bag!

Organised by St Mary's Church, New Life
Church & Hollywood Christian Life Centre



Wythall Library

December Events

Wednesday 14th December - 3.30-4.15 Special Christmas Storytime with a very special visitor. £1.50 per child. Places are limited so pre-booking essential.

Monday 19th December - All day in the library, Festive scavenger hunt and colouring.

Tuesday 20th December - 11-12 am. Craft Event £1 Per child. Aimed at ages 6+. Create a Christmas Tree from recycled materials. Places are limited so pre-booking essential.

Wednesday 21st December - 11-12 am Craft event - £1 per child. Aimed at ages 4+ Create Christmas Decorations. Places are limited so pre-booking is essential.

Friday 23rd December - All day in the library - Festive scavenger hunt and colouring.



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PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

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