



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week (albeit a very cold, snowy one) and are looking forward to the weekend with your children and a chance to spend some quality time together.

### **Strike Action:**

Hopefully you have all had chance to read the extended communication that I put out to all Parents and Carers at 4 pm yesterday. If you have not read this yet, it is extremely important that you do as it explains the rationale for why we are closing some classes next week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The classes, which are closed, and on what days are also clearly outlined.

Again, I would like to apologise to Parents/Carers for the obvious inconvenience this partial closure will cause and, as always, I thank you in anticipation for your support with this very difficult decision and the rationale behind it.

### **Snow!**

Once we'd got all of the children safely into school, we had a really lovely time where all of the children, with suitable winter attire, got chance to go outside and play in the snow. As always, it was fantastic to see the children enjoying this 'different' experience together. Giant snowballs were rolled, snowmen and snowwomen made and various other sculptures created. We even let the children throw snowballs, albeit at the walls rather than each other on this occasion! Everyone had a great time and I hope that you enjoy looking at the photos below and those later on in this newsletter.



### **Emailing teachers - a reminder:**

Some of the teachers in school are still receiving emails from Parents and Carers outside of the school's agreed protocol for communication with staff. Some staff are also receiving emails that are non-urgent and which could easily be dealt with by having a quick chat at handover times, rather than through the need for an evening email. We therefore want to remind all Parents and Carers that our agreed school protocol for emails is as follows:

**'Our teachers will usually be unable to respond to emails before 3:30pm (once school has finished). Urgent messages that require an immediate response before 3:30pm need to be sent to the school office. Our teachers will endeavour to respond to you as soon as they can but please understand that the response may not be immediate, particularly if your message is sent during an evening or at a weekend.'**

Thank you for your understanding in ensuring that our school staff have a healthy work-life balance and are able to enjoy time with their families and friends at the weekend.

### **Early Years' Celebration certificates:**

This week, Mrs. Ashwell and I have had the pleasure of presenting celebration certificates to some of our children from our Nursery. As always, these were lovely occasions and it was a pleasure to hear the many fantastic reasons for why the children had received these certificates. Reasons ranged from 'Being a role model to others', 'Always being kind to their friends', 'Being curious and asking lots of questions', 'Being resilient with toileting' and 'Always following The Coppice Way'. The children were thrilled to receive their certificates and their happiness and pride at their achievements was a joy to behold. We will be presenting more certificates next week to both Nursery and Reception pupils.

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

Just a reminder that we will be holding Parent and Carer meetings to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year on Wednesday 22nd March and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

These are extremely important meetings and we would like 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.

Appointments will be booked using our Schoolcloud system and you will already have received information about this from our school office. If you haven't had chance to book an appointment yet, they can be made using the following link:

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

To log in, 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).

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.

### Science Day – rearranged date:

Please be aware that, due to the strike action, the Science Day and science talks with Astronomy author: Colin Stuart have been rearranged. It was extremely important to Mrs. Tomkinson and me that no child missed out on these lovely opportunities. We have therefore rearranged the date for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please don't forget that you can still order a personalised, signed copy of Colin's book: 'Go On a Mission to Mars' via the link: <https://www.colinstuart.net/coppice/>

Make sure that you place your order by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Copies of the book cost £9.99

### Good luck gymnasts!

Nine of our competition gymnasts will be competing in the National Finals at Fenton Manor in Stoke-On-Trent on Saturday. We wish them huge luck and I can't wait to report on how they did next week.

That just leaves me to wish you an enjoyable weekend – hopefully there won't be too much rain or snow! As always, we look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## Coming up at The Coppice

The logo for Red Nose Day, featuring the words "RED NOSE DAY" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red nose is positioned over the word "NOSE".

On Friday 17th March we will be raising money for Comic relief again. Donations of £1 should be made on Parent Pay please.

Wear as much red coloured clothing as you can and please remember a very funny joke to share with your friends and the staff during the day. You can also select the themed menu for a fun lunch.

A poster for Red Nose Day featuring a large, pink, cartoonish character with a green broccoli head. The character is holding a white sign with the menu. The sign lists the date, food options, and a follow-up activity. The Red Nose Day logo is in the top left corner of the poster.

**RED NOSE DAY**

**Friday 17th March**

**Choose from**  
Funny Faced Fish  
or  
Springy Rolls (v)

**Served with**  
Wacky Wedges, Bonkers Beans  
& Hilarious Sweetcorn

**Also available**  
Deli Option, Jacket Potatoes & Pasta

**Followed by**  
Red Nose Cupcakes

**FOODSMART**  
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

**AiP**  
GROUP OF COMPANIES

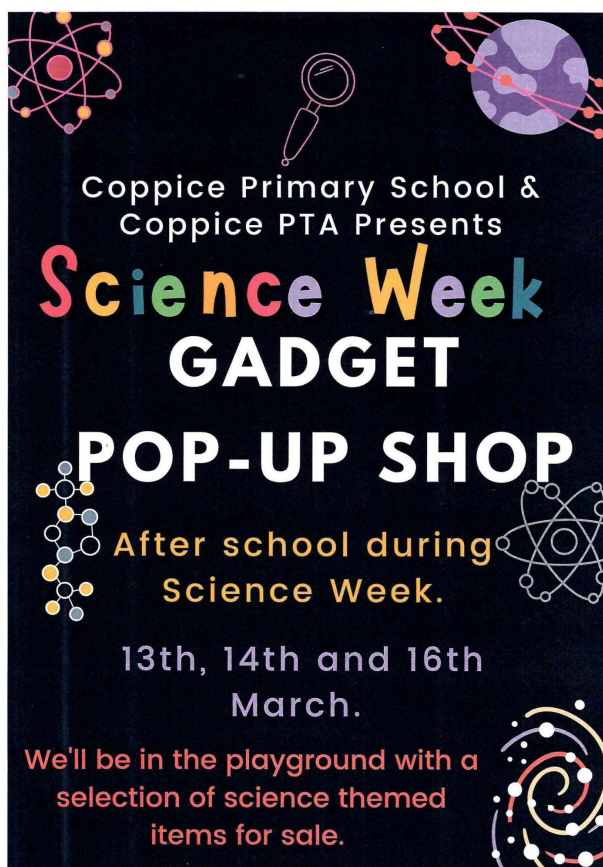


# Making memories in the snow!





## PTA pop up gadget shop for Science Week.



## Receiving means tested free school meals?



With Spring just around the corner (hurrah!) and the Easter holidays looming, we're just sending out a quick reminder to all families that the HAF programme is gearing up for an action-packed, exciting Easter break.

Bookings will be open from 10th March - please visit [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)

Our PDF activity brochure will also be available very soon - we'll send the link as soon as it is published.

In the meantime, please see promo flyer below with QR code scan for easy access to our booking site, Don't forget, we also have a regular parent email newsletter - sign up via [enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

If you think that you may be entitled to means tested free school meals (even if you are already having Universal free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you can check by following the link below. They will contact you to let you know if you are eligible and then, if you are, will contact the school office. You will then be able to meet with Mrs Chivers to see how we can help you and your child/ren.

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)

## Mothering Sunday at St Mary's, Wythall Sunday 19th March 2023

Join us at 10.30am as we  
celebrate God's Love and give thanks  
for those who love us.



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

to the rear of the Coppice School site

More information from: [churchoffice@wythallchurch.net](mailto:churchoffice@wythallchurch.net)

0121 413 3287 [www.wythallchurch.net](http://www.wythallchurch.net)



## Community News



### JOIN KINGS HEATH SPORTS FC

We're the fastest-growing football club in Kings Heath and have teams at U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U15

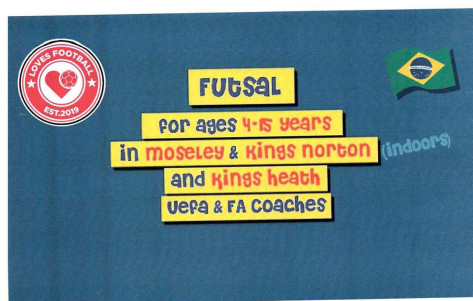
Our new development groups train on Saturday mornings in Moseley School...

...BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE @

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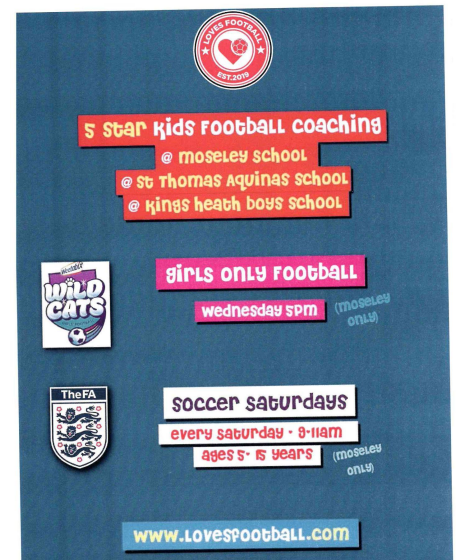
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"during my childhood in Portugal. All we played was futsal. The small playing area helped me improve my close control. Whenever I played futsal I felt free. If it wasn't for futsal, I wouldn't be the player I am today"  
Cristiano Ronaldo

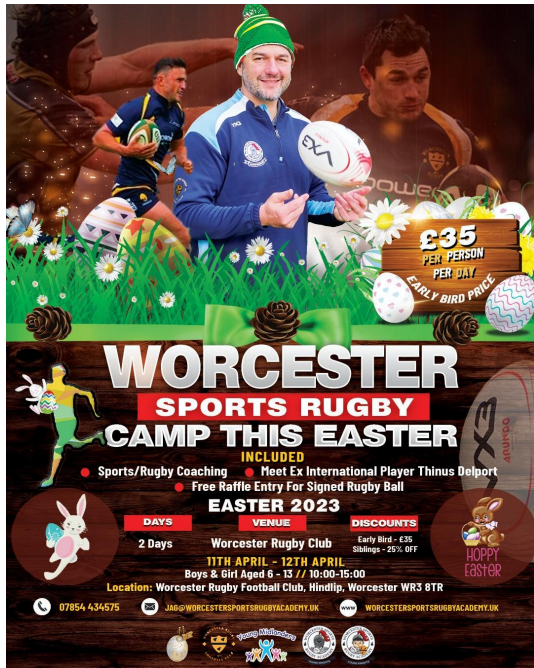


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## Community News...continued



Gather around, rugby fans! It's time to channel your inner athlete this Easter holiday at the Worcester Easter Rugby Camp! Get ready to tackle the day with expert coaching from our very own Ex International Rugby Player, Thinus Delpert, and other guest coaches from the Worcester Sports Rugby Academy.

Calling all boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 13 to join us for two days of non-stop action at the Worcester Rugby Football Club on the 11th and 12th April 2023. And guess what? You can get your paws on early bird tickets for just £35 per day per person! That's a steal for all the fun you're about to have.

Don't miss out on this egg-citing opportunity to improve your rugby skills and make new friends. Head over to our site now to purchase your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worcester-easter-rugby-camp-tickets-514045512967>.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your rugby balls and let's have a cracking good time! Make sure to share this message with all your rugby-loving friends and family.

If you have any questions, reach out to Kirk J at 07854 434575.

See you on the field!

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

[Click here](#)

### CONTACT US

School office – 01564 826 709

School email – [office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk)

Text service - 07984441282 - Use this number to text a child's absence

### 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/>

