

# The Coppice Newsletter 11.12.2020



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## Informative video tours of both Early Years and the wider school now available to view plus Early Years' Instagram and Twitter pages launched today!

We are excited to announce that from today, all parents and carers will have access to both of our informative Early Years and wider school video tours that we have had made and which are available to view on our school website and Facebook pages.

The Early Years' video will enable you to see a flowing journey through both Nursery and Reception and to view the amazing changes that have taken place with both the inside and outside environments. We think you will all be impressed! Mr. Heptinstall, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Twilley and I will also all be making an appearance and will talk you through a child's learning journey whilst in our Early Years at The Coppice.

This video has been made possible thanks to the expert drone flying skills of one of our Year 6 parents: Stu Alexander, who is the parent of Eva and we thank him for giving up his free time to do this. I also want to acknowledge again our wonderful PTA (Parents and Teachers' Association) who, over the last couple of years, have also provided significant investment in the Early Years' outdoor area too.

In addition, on the website and Facebook page, we will be releasing another video, which is a montage of photos (voiced over by Mr. Heptinstall) that will give you an excellent flavour of wider school life at The Coppice, as your children continue their learning journey through our school. Make sure that you look out for some of our Year 6 children at the end of the video to see some excellent examples of what remarkable, young people we turn out as they come towards the end of their time at The Coppice.

We know that many parents (through these videos) will greatly value the opportunity to view inside the school and to see the great variety of learning experiences that the children here have access to, so please make sure that you take a look.

Please feel free to share the videos with people you know who may be currently choosing nurseries and schools in the local area, as they will give prospective parents an excellent flavour of what being a pupil at The Coppice is like. This is especially true at a time when we are not currently able to show visitors around the school.

In addition, today also marks the launching of our Coppice Early Years' Instagram and Twitter accounts. We are incredibly excited about these developments as they will enable us to share and celebrate even more of what the children are up to at school and to send these straight to your phone or device. You can then view these at your own convenience. Please make sure that you follow us though – you won't regret it I promise!

The Early Years Twitter and Instagram accounts can be found at: @thecoppiceeys

The Coppice Facebook page can be found at: @coppiceps

The Coppice website address is: [www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk)

Should the Instagram and Twitter pages prove as successful as we think they will, we have plans, moving forward, to start similar pages in other year groups. Therefore, Nursery and Reception parents, please give your child's teachers or me any feedback that you think we will find useful when moving forward with this.

If you are a Nursery or Reception parent, who hasn't yet returned your Instagram/Twitter permission forms for your child, please remember to do so as soon as possible if you want your child to be included in some of the posts in the future.

That just leaves me to say that I hope that you all have a fantastic, very well-deserved Christmas with your families and loved ones and I greatly look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year. Thank you as always for all your support for the school, especially at this tricky time. Thankfully though, it looks like happier times are appearing on the horizon!

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt

(Deputy Head – The Coppice Primary School)



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## STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - ISABELLE  
 RH - JOSHUA  
 RL - PHEBE  
 1D - LUCAS  
 1T - OLIVER  
 1RB - DARIA  
 2A - MEGAN  
 2CA - JUNIOR & AYL  
 2J - JOSH & REILLY  
 3P - RABIA  
 3K - MIGUEL  
 3HK - ELLIE  
 4W - BEN & AARON  
 4MW- BILLY  
 4J - NEVE  
 5G - SHANNON  
 5MS - HEIDI  
 5K - HAMZAH  
 6C - OLIVIA P  
 6L - EVA  
 6G - MILLIE

## ASSEMBLY THEME

The theme for next week's assembly will be normally posted here but assemblies are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to COVID 19.

### COPPICE MATHS SUCCESS

For the past 7 years The Coppice has been entering our most able mathematicians into the Primary Maths Challenge Competition. This is an incredibly difficult competition and we have never had anyone get past the first round before. We are delighted to say that this year we have not one, but TWO children through to the second round. Thomas P and James S will be representing the school in the New Year as they take on the next level. Well done boys!

### SCIENCE AT HOME

Here are some free ideas for the keen scientists to do some Christmas based science activities over the holidays - just for fun!

[Fun Science Christmas Activities](#)

### ART AT HOME

We know we have so many budding artists at The Coppice who are always looking for new things to do. Why not try a little photography at home? A guide to how to take the best photographs is available on the website. (Under - Our pupils/ school clubs/art club)

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Photography-at-Home.pdf>

## COVID REPORTING OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We have been informed by the Worcestershire Public Health team that we are to continue with our Covid reporting track and trace system over the Christmas period for any children who develop symptoms within 48 hours of having been in school.

Therefore, if your child is in school on **Friday 18th December and develops symptoms at any point up to and including Sunday 20th December**, no matter when the test is taken, you **must inform the school** using the email address [covid@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:covid@coppice.worcs.sch.uk). This is the only email address which will be regularly monitored over the Christmas period.

I am sure you will, for your own piece of mind, but please act as quickly as possible to get a test if your child does develop symptoms so we can raise the alert to other parents if necessary before potentially seeing relatives. Thank you all for your understanding and assistance with this.

Furthermore, the Worcestershire guidance states that “under no circumstances should any child return to the school if they are exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way.” Instead, you are to arrange a test and inform the school at the start of term in the usual way.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It is such a shame that our usual Christmas celebrations have not been possible this year. We normally love to invite parents and carers to attend plays, nativities, music concerts, carol singing etc. This year we have found a different way for each class to send you their Christmas greetings. If you access the Home Learning section of our website you can click on your child's class and watch a video.

<https://sites.google.com/coppice.worcs.sch.uk/coppice/christmas-greetings>



## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOOD LUNCH—18TH DECEMBER

There are **no hot meals** on the last day of term (Friday 18th December) but a party packed lunch will be available for all year groups. This should be booked on Parent Pay as usual.



**Nativity Trail Wythall Park Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 12noon**

Are you good at following a trail and finding hidden clues? Do you think you can solve the puzzle? A great fun activity for this Christmas time organised by St Mary's Church and Hollywood Christian Life Centre. Come to Wythall Park anytime between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The trail will probably take you about half an hour. It involves finding QR codes so bring a smartphone to watch the videos to solve the trail. You might also need your wellies! There is a goodie bag for everyone who completes it. See you there!

Rev Amanda (St Mary's church)



## RECEPTION CHRISTMAS STORY AREA

Reception have been really creative in their outside area this week, encouraging the children to explore the Christmas Story.



SCHOOL TERM DATES AND TED DAYS FOR THE **NEXT** ACADEMIC YEAR  
**2021/2022. PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL THIS ACADEMIC  
 YEAR AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021.**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>School closes on (all usual school finishing time)</b>	<b>School re-opens on</b>
Autumn term 2021	Not applicable	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> (Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September are TED days)
Autumn half term	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b> (TED day Tuesday January 2022)
Spring half term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Summer half term	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer term ends	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>	Not yet available

**Other closure days:**

Monday 2nd May 2022- May Day Bank holiday

**Summer Term TED days**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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**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>

Calendar- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/calendar/>

Suggestions box- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/suggestion-box/>

Official Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>