

The Coppice Newsletter 12.03.2021



HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS; WELL PREPARED FOR LIFE.

It's great to be properly back!

It has been a lovely first week of full schooling at The Coppice.

Overwhelmingly, the children seem so happy to be back. Also, overall, children have come back in a very good frame of mind, ready to work and seemingly unaffected by the oppressive impact of lockdown. It's been delightful having them back, feeling like a proper school again (though still sticking rigidly to our Covid risk assessment).

We are now starting to look ahead with optimism, wondering when our first educational visits can happen, our first PTA event, our first assembly, etc. However, we know there is still a way to go. Only a week in, and the mass return of children to school seems to have already impacted on infection rates. Accordingly, to avoid yet another school closure, we must all keep working together to reduce risk, keeping up with the precautions (this does mean continuing with social distancing at pick-up and drop-off, and wearing masks on site). We already know of one school in our partnership that has had to close a whole year group this week because of a positive case being identified. We need to try our utmost to avoid this here.

Infection rates locally (Bromsgrove/Solihull) are still marginally above the national figure, at 52 per 100,000 (though Redditch is well above, at 137 cases per 100,000, as opposed to 50 per 100,000 nationally), so we do need to continue to be cautious.

Understandably, there is some anxiety amongst parents regarding children who have missed out on significant chunks of schooling. We do have a plan. However, this plan is reliant on children getting to school promptly. Our 'catch-up' programme will rely heavily on catch-up sessions first thing in the morning (more information to come).

With everybody back, I've had some lovely comments from parents, wishing me well for my retirement from September and people seem reassured by Mr Hutt taking the reins (understandably so).



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STAR OF THE WEEK

- RF - AJ
- RH - EBONY
- RL - ISLA
- 1T - FLORENCE
- 1RB - ARIANA
- 2A - FLORENCE
- 2CA - MAYA & ERICA
- 2J - EVA & BEN
- 3P - MIA
- 3K - CALLUM
- 3HK - JOHN
- 4MW- EVA
- 4J - AARON
- 5G - ALFIE
- 5MS & 5K - EVERYONE FOR BEING AMAZING LOCKDOWN-LEARNERS
- 6L - MAISIE
- 6G - EVERYONE!

RED NOSE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to celebrate Red Nose Day as we usually would. We would still like to mark the day in some way though and would like to collect donations for their worthy cause.

So on Friday 19th March we will be holding a non uniform day and we are asking for a £1 donation.

You could wear something red and perhaps bring in a joke to share with your class.

Unfortunately we are unable to sell red noses at school this year but they can be purchased from Sainsbury's. Red nose t shirts are available online from TK Max but these are not in anyway a requirement.

There are two ways to make your donation this year. You can either bring in £1 as usual or you can pay online and add Gift Aid by following the link below. If you add Gift Aid the charity will receive an additional 25% for their cause (you just have to be a UK tax payer to be able to do this).

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2407>

IMPORTANT DATES—UPDATED

The government have recently announced a special extra bank holiday for **2022**. The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee .

The term dates we published a couple of weeks ago will not be affected as June 3rd will fall during the half term holiday. However we have replicated them below and have changed the detail about the last day of the Spring term this year which was incorrect in a previous newsletter. To clarify, the last day before Easter will be THURSDAY 1ST APRIL as Friday 2nd April is Good Friday.

REMAINING DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

	Closes at end of day on	Reopens on
Easter	Thursday 1st April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
Summer half term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer term ends	Monday 19 th July 2021	Not yet available

Other closure days:

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

Monday 3rd May 2021- May Day Bank holiday

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 -Summer Term TED days.

School term dates and TED days for the academic year **2021/2022**.

Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn term 2021	Not applicable	Monday 6th September 2021 (Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September are TED days)
Autumn half term	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022 (TED day Tuesday 4 th January 2022)
Spring half term	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
Summer half term	Thursday 26th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer term ends	Thursday 21st July 2022	Not yet available

Other closure days:

Monday 2nd May 2022- May Day Bank holiday

Summer Term TED days.

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

ST PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL MENU

Alliance in Partnership have changed the menu for next Wednesday to accommodate a St Patrick's Day themed meal.

The new choices are listed below. **All meals already booked for Wednesday have been cancelled so you will need to re book from the new menu.** Hot meals are only available for Nursery, reception, Year and Year 2 and any child in receipt of means tested free school meals.

St. Patrick's Day Themed Hot Dinner of Dublin Coddle (Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes) with Gravy, Peas, Cabbage and Bread

St. Patrick's Day Themed Hot Dinner of Veggie Dublin Coddle (Veggie Sausage and Mashed Potatoes) with Gravy, Peas, Cabbage and Bread

St. Patrick's Day Themed Hot Dinner of Baked Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise and, Peas, Cabbage and Bread

Packed lunches will have a special themed cake.



SOLIHULL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: LIGHT HALL SCHOOL
HATHAWAY ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, B90 2PZ
STARTING: SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2021

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	= 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 **20 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2021. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between **4 and 12**.

ABOUT THE 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 currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**

Children will be 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 **outdoor** course held on the grass pitches, therefore children may wear boots or trainers and dress according to weather.

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 AWARDS

On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**

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 £6.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £24.00 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:

LIGHT HALL + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)

and receive confirmation by text to:

07027 922700