

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RB- Emily A
RT- Rozie W
RD- Jayden D
1A- Everyone for an amazing assembly.
1H- Ada R
1J-
2A- Seth S
2K-
3M- Briley Z
3P- Jacob P
3C- James F
4VW- Lydia R
4B- Isla T
6L- Isaak G
6G- Alex R

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be:
"Forgiveness".

Team Points

Week ending 12.04.19
First- Hawks 156
Second- Eagles 113
Third- Owls 65
Fourth – Falcons 64

Head Teacher's News

Happy Easter

We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 29th April. Don't forget that when we return children will be able to wear our summer uniform if they wish. They can continue to wear standard uniform too. Blue dresses or white polo shirts and school skirts or school shorts can be worn in Reception to Year 6. Yellow dresses, yellow polo shirts and grey shorts can be worn in Nursery. Ties do not need to be worn with polo shirts.



IMPORTANT

It is VERY important that parents/guardians notify school in the event of a change in their child's medical conditions. This includes asthma, migraines, allergies, long term conditions, any new diagnosis of a condition or any change in medications.

Please remember that it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all inhalers, auto- injectors etc. are replaced before they expire.

In case of vomiting and/ or diarrhoea, please do not send your child back to school until 48 hours after their last episode.

It is also important that all parents notify school of any change of address or telephone numbers so that we can reach you in case of illness, accident or for staff to speak to you.

Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.18-5.4.19					
RD	96.8	RT	95.1	RB	96.1
1H	95.2	1A	96.9	1J	97.4
2K	97.5	2CA	96.7	2A	97.3
3C	96.2	3M	97.1	3P	95.6
4VW	97.4	4B	96.0	4AW	97.7
5J	98.0	5AD	95.5	5L	95.9
6L	97.4	6G	95.2	Whole school 96.5%	

Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 1.4.19

Congratulations to RD (98%) and 5J (99.7%) for having the highest weekly attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 2K KS2: 5J

Sporting news

On Friday 5th April the Year 4 boys' football team travelled to Studley FC to take part in the annual Sports Stars 6-a-side tournament.

There were 16 teams in total, placed into 4 leagues. In our league were Tanworth in Arden, Webheath A and Vaynor B.

The Coppice players were straight into the competition against Tanworth in Arden, we played some lovely football against a good team and managed to win 2-1. The next two matches against Webheath A and Vaynor B saw Coppice in full flow winning both matches 6-0.

Coppice won their league and progressed to the knock out round which was against Mount Carmel B. This match was a tough game that either team could have won but eventually Coppice prevailed, winning 2-0. This win gave the Coppice team quarter final place against a strong Batchley A team.

Batchley were the strongest team we had played so far and Coppice had to work hard. Our determination saw us through 3-0 and we were into the semi-final.

We played Mount Carmel A, who were just a little too strong for us and Coppice lost 2-1. The team were disappointed at not reaching the final but it had been an excellent display from Tayven, Stanley, Zac, Nathan, Dom, Jacob, Evan and Charlie M.

Thank you to Miss Brown for coming with us

On Friday evening, 5th April, 14 students were invited on a school rewards trip to watch England U18's Schoolboys play football against Northern Ireland at the Trico Stadium in Redditch. Pupils had been nominated by their teachers for sporting endeavour and sportsmanship.

Although the match itself ended 0-0, the trip was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the experience and behaviour was exemplary. Well done everybody. If your child came home with a vuvuzela, I apologise for the noise!

Thanks to Mrs Rowles for coming with us.

On Monday 8th April the Coppice Year 5/6 tag rugby team went to Bromsgrove Winter Games at Bromsgrove School.

The games were officially opened by Charlie Fogarty MBE, a promising footballer who suffered an accident and battled back to set up a disability football team at Solihull Moors. It was a really inspirational story for the students to start the competition.

Tag rugby is a demonstration sport at the games which means that there was no official competition. The four teams from across Hereford and Worcester were treated to coaching from Worcester Warriors community coaches and staff from the RFU.

After completing their session, students were free to take part in the other activities, the favourite of which was the Redpoint climbing wall.

Again behaviour was excellent and all of the students showed respect and courtesy to other participants and staff. Well done to Molly, Lily S, Miles, Charlie, Oscar, Tom L, Alex, Fin F, Dylan S and Joseph H and thanks to Mrs Rowles for coming with us.

Community News

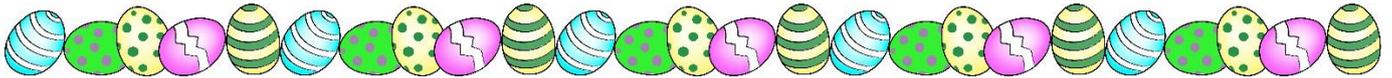
Easter Events at St Mary's

There are lots of events and services coming up over the Easter period at St Mary's. Of particular interest to families might be the following:

All Age Service for Palm Sunday - this will be on 14th April at 10:30am at St Mary's, a short, fun service lasting about an hour.

Create Space Kids - This is an event for 7-16 year olds on Easter Saturday, 20th April. It's a morning of creativity running from 10.30am-12noon at St Mary's. Cost is £3.

Details of our other services and events, including our Easter Day Celebration and a Seniors' Information Day, are on our website www.wythallchurch.net and Facebook page www.facebook.com/StMarysWythall



Hollywood Fish Bar, Flakes at Moseley, Flakes at Highter's Heath and Pete's Pan fish and chip shops will be serving up a treat for charity this Easter. Deep fried, battered Crème Eggs will be available at all four shops at £1 per egg. All money raised will be given towards helping to fund cancer drugs for an ex-parent of ours (Liz). Please support the charity and your local business.



Focus on SATS and Phonics Screening

We are rapidly approaching the time where our Year 1, 2 and 6 children will complete statutory assessments. This guide is designed to help you understand what the assessments are and how we can work with you to support your child. Please ensure that your child is in school during the dates mentioned as it is vital that they complete these assessments. Should your child be ill for any reason please notify us straight away, thank you.

Children in English schools take SATs twice during their school career:

In Key Stage 1 assessments will take place at the end of Year 2, during the month of May. The children are tested in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Teachers try to keep the testing procedure informal, with the tests usually taking place in a normal classroom situation with smaller groups to keep the pressure off the children. Writing is not tested but is assessed using independent pieces of work.

Teachers will use the results from the tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is achieving at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the Summer term. There are certain key objectives that the children need to achieve in order for them to be classed as reaching ARE (Age Related Expectations). These are taken into account when making the teacher judgements.

In Key Stage 2 assessments will take place at the end of Year 6, during the week beginning 13th May. More formal than Key Stage 1, these written tests in Reading, maths and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) are 30-60 minutes long. The papers are sent away for marking and the results are known before children leave Primary School in July.

These assessments are an opportunity for children to show what they've learned in Primary School. Our Year 6 have been working hard all year and we're feeling confident in their ability to achieve well in their assessments.

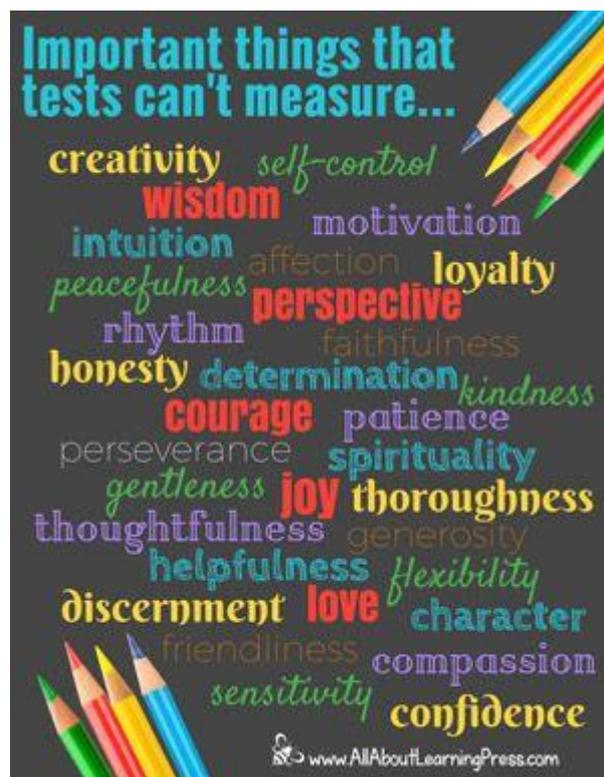
We want all children to go into the week feeling relaxed, confident and ready. However, as you may have seen on the news recently, the wellbeing of Year 6 children is a national concern: the idea of SATs can trigger anxiety in many children.

The wellbeing of the children is paramount. As such we have included a few key messages for parents. These are the kind of things we will be saying about the assessments in school, so it would be helpful to reinforce these messages at home if your child says they are nervous.

A few key messages:

- **We can do this!** Our Year 6 children are intelligent and hard-working. They've achieved a great deal of very complex objectives this year and our practice tests show that they are very capable of achieving well. This is something that should fill them with confidence and determination as we enter the week itself.
- **They are only a part of the 'big picture'.** SATs will show what the children know about Maths and English at this time in their lives. They don't show how talented our children are in areas like Art, PE or Science, and they also don't reflect many of the positive personal characteristics of our children, such as kindness or honesty.
- **No need to worry.** There are no major negative consequences if SATs do not go well. Some children can worry about how their performance might affect their future. All we want is for children to genuinely feel that they have done their very best.
- **They don't last long.** In reality, the children will only have to do one or two papers that last for 30-60 minutes each day.
- **It's good to talk.** The most positive thing any of us can do for the children's wellbeing is to talk to them, reassuring and encouraging them if necessary.

In our experience, Coppice children usually relish the challenge of this week. Success at tackling this challenge can give children a real feeling of pride and this is what we want for them. With support at home and in school, we believe that SATs can actually be a positive experience for our children. However, we hate the thought of any of our children feeling unnecessarily anxious. If you feel this is the case, please come and speak to a teacher.



Phonics screening in Year 1 will take place between Monday 10th and Friday 14th June. To support your child ahead of these tests, please keep practising reading real and 'nonsense' words including sets 1, 2 and 3 'special friends' (digraphs). Please encourage your child to always:

1. Spot any special friends
2. Fred talk the word
3. Read the whole word.

You can also follow 'Ruth Miskin Training' on Facebook for weekly tips on how best to prepare your child.

Having read this guide, if there is anything that you are unsure about or want to clarify please ask your child's teacher.

We are extremely proud of ALL our children's efforts and know that they will do their best. This all we would expect of them!

Our Website Links

School website- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/main-school-newsletter-and-nursery-newsletter/>

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/>

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