

The Coppice Newsletter 14.05.2021



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by thanking all of you who have had your SchoolCloud meeting with your child's teacher this week. The teachers have greatly enjoyed having these meetings and the opportunity to talk to you about your child and their progress. Thankfully, despite the pandemic, technology has enabled us to maintain this connection with our families as this is something that is extremely important to us here at The Coppice. We also feel that, by using technology, we have been able to give greater flexibility with regard to when appointments take place and, although we greatly look forward to having face-to-face meetings in the school building again in the future, we are going to keep SchoolCloud as an option if parents or carers are unable to make the set days or times given for these face-to-face meetings. We appreciate that sometimes parents have unavoidable commitments or are working away and therefore a SchoolCloud meeting will still allow you to talk to your child's teacher.

Speaking of the future post-Covid, obviously you will all be aware that there is due to be a Government announcement about the further loosening of restrictions in wider society on Monday. Once we receive the detail of this announcement, we will meet as a Leadership team in order to discuss possible implications for our school community over the remaining eight full weeks of the school year. However, our current thinking is that we will only be making minimal changes, if any at all, to how things are working at present in the run-up to the summer break. The reason for this, which I know you'll all understand, is that both children and parents are in a clearly understood routine that is working well and the school is thankfully remaining open to all. We are so proud of how the children have returned to school and how well they have coped with this. Therefore, instead, we are currently busy planning for a full return to 'normal school' in September, all being well. Hopefully, by then, we will all be in position for everyone to make a fresh start with new routines. Obviously, I will write to you all over the course of the last half-term to outline what the September return will look like.

On a different note entirely, I want to ask for everyone's support and vigilance with regards to the supervision of your children whilst on the wider school site and especially when in the car parking areas. Unfortunately, a few days ago, a member of Woodrush staff reported that there were a few Coppice children running in and out of parked cars. The potential consequences of this are stark. Although most of you are keeping your children close by and in sight at all times, which is exactly what we want and very much appreciated, this is not always the case for everyone and it needs to be. I do understand, as I've said before, that there are wider issues with the car park that we are looking to solve moving forward. However, whatever the solutions that are eventually put in place, they would still require the aforementioned close supervision and vigilance by all parents and carers. I never want to be in the position where I am having to write to you all again because one of our children has been injured. I therefore know that I can rely on everyone's support with this crucial, safety message.

To end on a very positive note, I am in regular contact with Mr. Heptinstall and, even though there is still quite a way to go, his recovery from surgery continues to go well and he is making good progress. He has asked me to send you all his good wishes and to thank you for the get well soon messages that he has received. He greatly looks forward to returning at some point in the final half-term.

That just leaves me to say have a lovely weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Deputy Headteacher)

NEW ARRIVALS IN RECEPTION

Every year the Reception classes have eggs and incubators delivered from Woodrush school and are able to observe baby chicks emerging from their eggs. On Monday night, when all the school was quiet, the first two chicks made their way out of their shells.

As of Thursday afternoon there were a total of 12 chicks hatched.



You can watch a video of a chick coming out of its shell on our official Facebook page.

[https://
www.facebook.com/
coppiceps](https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps)



STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - FLYNN

RH - ALEXIS

RL - KRISH

1D - ZAC

1T - SCARLETT

1RB - ROHAN

2A - HARRY

2CA - JUNIOR

2J - BETSY & OLIVIA

3P - JACOB

3K - BILLY

3HK - JHANAVI

4W - AVA

4MW- SIENNA-ROSE & JACOB

4J - SHELBY

5G - PAIGE

5MS - LILY

5K - FREYA

6C - ANNABEL

6L - JACOB

6G - THOMAS

KS 2 HISTORY COMPETITION



WANTED: THE COPPICE'S BEST WRITERS!

Are you an avid pen-smith with a penchant for history? If so, we need you!

This Summer, we are searching for the best examples of historical fiction to represent our school. Any child from Key Stage 2 can submit a story, set in any time period, and be in for a prize!

What are the rules?

- Your story needs to be historically accurate.
- Your story can be between 400 and 3,500 words.
- Your story needs to be submitted to Miss Keogh by Tuesday 8th June.

One story from Year 3 and one story from Year 4 will win a special, historical prize.

Five stories from Years 5 and 6 will be sent to the Historical Association and may win a £25 voucher and a paper-weight!

NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, FREE SCHOOL MEAL PUPILS.

Have you booked your special themed menu lunch for 20th May?

There will be a Hungry Caterpillar themed meal on this date for all the above children. This needs to be booked by 19th May via Parent Pay.



ABSENCE PROCEDURE/ CHANGE OF DETAILS REMINDER

Just a reminder for all parents/carers about our absence procedure.

Illness— School should be notified daily of any child illness. There are several ways of contacting the school :

1. Via our text service **07984441330** or **07984441282**—do not try to call these numbers as they are virtual mobile text numbers only.
2. Calling school and leaving a message on our answerphone as prompted or speaking to a member of the office team—01564 826709
3. Via email—office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk. If you email the teacher please copy the office in on the message.

If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea the they MUST stay off school for 48 hours after their last episode.

Funerals—Please complete a leave of absence request form and return it to the office as soon as you can.

Holidays— All holidays during term time will be classed as unauthorised absence. Forms should be completed 6 weeks prior to departure.

Religious observance e.g. Eid—this will be classed as authorised absence but a form should still be completed.

You can collect a form from the school office or download one from our website. We now have a Useful Forms section under the Parents tab and you can find the form here.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/useful-forms/>

Also in this section is the form for letting us know any change of details.

We need to know if you :

- A) Change of address or if there is a change of personal circumstances and one parent moves to a different address.
- B) Change of number (mobile, home, work) for any emergency contact (parent, carers, grandparents, relatives and friends). It is helpful to know part time working patterns in order to make contacting you easier for us.
- C) Change of email address for either parent.
- D) Please also notify us of any removal of emergency contacts, home phones that are not in operation anymore or any other important information.
- E) If you wish to add or remove people from the list of people authorised to collect your child please contact your child's teacher directly.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We want you!

My name is Victoria and I go to The Coppice Primary School and I wondered if you could help. We need lunchtime supervisors to help out over lunchtimes.

I like dinner time staff who are always smiley and jolly. I like it when they help me when I hurt myself and cheer me up when I am sad. They play in the playground with me and look after us in the classroom when it is raining. I love it when they tell me jokes too.

If you think you can be a lunchtime supervisor like this please let us know (we will pay you too!)

Love from Victoria

The Coppice Primary School, Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood, B47 5JN

Tel – 01564 826709

Email- office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk

Hours are 1 hour and 5 minutes per day between the hours of 11.25am- 1.35pm depending on year group.

Monday to Friday, term time only.

We, The Coppice Primary School, are wholly committed to safeguarding our children and as a part of this successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th May– Class photos—please wear uniform on this day. If you have an after school club please bring your kit to change into.

28th May– Break up for half term at the usual time

7th June—Group one Bikeability (Y5)

9th, 10th, 11th June—Upton Warren trips for Y4

14th June— Group two Bikeability (Y5)

15th June—Individual school photos—Uniform to be worn

21st June—25th June—Malvern residential (Y6)

Monday 19th July– Last day of Summer term. Yes , we know this is unusual but school is open to all pupils for an end of year party day. More information to follow. Woodrush will also be open.

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July are Teacher training days and school is closed to all pupils.

Monday 6th September—Autumn term begins.