



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

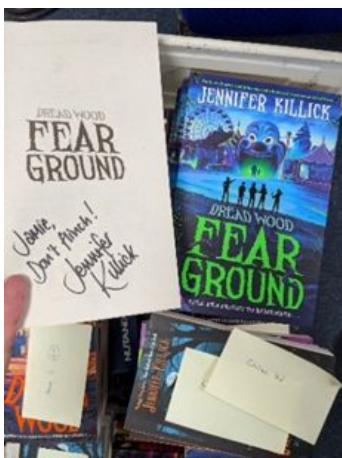
I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It has been another very busy week in school and the children are continuing to work very hard as we move towards the half-term break in a week's time.

### Author Visit from Jennifer Killick:

Our Junior children were left absolutely buzzing on Tuesday after well-known children's author Jennifer Killick visited our school to talk to the children and to sign copies of her books (**see pictures below**). Jennifer is making a real mark in the world of children's fiction with her books such as: Crater Lake, Dreadwood and Crater Lake Evolution. This was an incredibly inspirational event with the aim of continuing to encourage a love of reading in our children but also to allow them to see what hard work and dedication to something that you love can achieve.

I personally had a chat with Jennifer and asked her about her journey. She said that, as a child, she loved reading and writing and immersed herself in books. She also said that, despite this, her journey to being an author was not straightforward and she had to overcome a number of knock-backs along the way. She also had to work in a number of jobs, that she didn't enjoy, as she continued to work hard outside of these to fulfil her dream of becoming an author. Eventually, after displaying a huge amount of resilience, she got one of her books accepted by a publisher and the rest is history! To have our children exposed to real-life determination to succeed is extremely important to us, as a school, and we aim to ensure further visits from inspirational authors and people in the future. For example, on Monday next week, our Year 5 and 6 children are going over to Woodrush to listen to another children's author: Aisling Fowler, who has written the 'Fireborn' series. Thank you to Year 6 teacher: Miss. Caddick for organising this.

Finally, a special mention to Charlie, from Year 6, who had his own 'Diary of a Cool Kid' work read and signed by Jennifer herself (see below)! Without doubt, a budding Coppice author of the future!





### **Nursery and Reception Open Morning:**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding an open morning on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022** for Parents and Carers who are considering applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception for the academic year September 2023 – August 2024. This event will involve a chance to listen to a presentation from Mrs. Ashwell (my Deputy) and me, a chance to visit the Nursery and Reception classrooms and the opportunity to tour the wider school. If you, or anyone you know are interested in signing up for this event, please view the flyer that is attached to this newsletter as it gives further details on how to do this.

### **Energy-saving Event:**

Obviously, we are all aware of the challenging climate in which we are all living at the current time. It's fantastic therefore when members of our school community approach me to offer ways in which they think that they can help others. This was the case with Mrs. Chippendale, who works for her family heating business: L.S. Toth and Sons. She approached me to say that her dad, a very experienced boiler and heating engineer had offered to give a talk about heating awareness and boiler controls, which will help people to understand their heating controls better and to use their system more efficiently with the aim being to lower energy bills, especially during the winter months. We have therefore agreed that this will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November (5.30 – 6.30 pm)** in our Infant Hall. There will be a half-an-hour presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. This will be a drop-in event so please don't worry that you have to sign up for it. If we manage to help just one person, it will be worth holding this event. Access and exit will be via the St. Mary's Church doors.

### **Emailing teachers reminder:**

I have become aware this week of some teachers receiving emails outside of our agreed protocol for communication with staff and expecting a response, particularly on weekends. I therefore want to remind all parents and carers that our agreed protocol is that **'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.

### Isaac cricket:

Well done to Isaac, from Year 4, who, 2 weeks ago, went for Warwickshire County trials at Edgbaston Cricket ground. He was put forward by his cricket club for trials with the under 10's (a year above his age group!) and he made it through to the final trials last week. There were a lot of very strong players in attendance and Isaac did well. He is now waiting to hear whether he has made it into the development squad, especially as they only take around thirty children a year. If he gets in, this could be the beginning of his professional career! Good luck Isaac – we have everything crossed for you!



That just leaves me, as always, to wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning for our final week before the half-term break.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate





# Nursery & Reception - Open Morning - Sept 23 Intake

We are delighted to offer the Open Morning to all prospective families for the September 2023 Intakes in Reception & Nursery.

To book your place at the Event please either click on the image below or scan the QR code.

Please also be aware that we have Virtual School Tours on our website which can be found at:  
<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/the-coppice-primary-school-whole-school-video-tour/>

For more information on school admissions, please visit our website at:  
<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/admissions/>



## Open Morning

The Coppice Primary School & Nursery are holding an Open Morning on **Saturday 26th November from 9:30am—12:30pm.**

If your child is starting in either Reception or Nursery in September 2023, come along and see our fantastic and recently refurbished Reception and Nursery.

**Saturday 26th November, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The Headteacher and Deputy Head will be giving short talks about the school followed by the opportunity to meet the teaching team and take a tour around the Nursery and Reception classrooms and outdoor environment. We will also offer the ability to view the whole school so you can see where your children will grow and thrive during their time with us.

Nursery focussed talks are at 9:30am and 10:30am.

Reception focussed talks are at 10:00am and 11:00am.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our lovely school.

To book please visit this link [OPEN MORNING BOOKING](#) or scan this code:



# Restart a Heart

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in Restart a Heart life saving training on Thursday. Nurse and trainer, Ali Spencer, taught the children how to administer CPR. We hope that no one ever needs to use these skills but it may save a life.

For further information on this wonderful project please follow the link below

[https://www.resus.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/RSAH%20Supporters%20Pack%202022\\_FINAL\\_RGB.pdf](https://www.resus.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/RSAH%20Supporters%20Pack%202022_FINAL_RGB.pdf)



## Other School Messages

### **School Clubs**

Thanks to everyone for submitting your requests for school clubs. This has now been reviewed and information issued to club leaders. Letters to pupils will be issued over the coming days for those who have been allocated places at each club, detailing the specific arrangements for each club.

### **School Gymnastics Club - Spaces for Boys!**

The club has a long standing successful program for working with boys and girls of all abilities, but since the big imposed break of Covid, the numbers of boys attending the club has decreased. Our boy gymnasts often do very well at Local, Regional and National School Competitions, where last season they placed 2nd and 3rd in the National Schools Finals. The sessions are:

- Year 2 & Year 3 - Tuesdays: 3.15pm to 4.40pm
- Year 4 & Year 5 - Tuesdays: 4.40pm to 5.55pm

Please contact the office to register your interest and to get more information.

### **Infant Playground - Donations Please**

We are looking for donations of unwanted/outgrown plastic picnic style children's garden benches eg Little Tikes to add to the Imagination space in the infant playground. If there is anyone who can help with this, please bring this to the school office - Many thanks!

# New School Menu - Autumn/Winter 2022/23

Alliance in Partnership is at the forefront of promoting a healthy lifestyle. We believe that nutritious, healthy meals designed by students and teachers, with help from our staff of experts, enhance the curriculum and help children learn. Your menu offers a choice of fresh, healthy cooked food which meets the Government food based standards and has been nutritionally analysed to create balanced, healthy meals. Your menus retain the Food for Life served here award and are freshly prepared using the finest, fresh and local ingredients:

- Red Tractor, Farm Assured British Meat from local butchers
- All fish products carry the MSC logo
- No undesirable additives and hydrogenated fats
- A variety of locally sourced fruit, vegetables and Fair Trade bananas served fresh daily. If you would like more information please visit our website.
- Creative Meat Free Mondays are used each month to promote sustainable living
- Whole grains and fruits used in all baked desserts
- All sauces enriched with vegetables to help increase the daily vegetable uptake
- Limits on added salt and sugar used in cooking and baking

## Food Allergies and Intolerances

If your child has been advised by their GP or Health Care Professional to follow a special diet, please complete our Special Diet Information Form available from your school. All allergen information relating to this menu is available on request.

## Free School Meals

If your child does not currently have a delicious healthy school meal what a great time to start! If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be eligible for a free school meal.

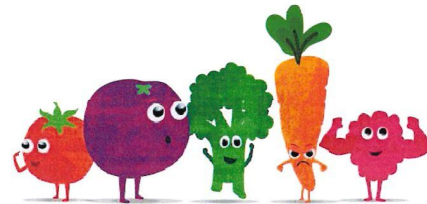
## Our Mission Statement

Deliver more than expected. Care more than expected. Quite simply we do not want to be just good we aim to deliver the best.

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## FOOD Be More SMART FOR BODY AND BRAIN



### WEEK 1 - 31st Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec, 2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 13th Feb, 6th Mar, 27th Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese (v)	Chicken and Vegetable Stew with a Filo Twist and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meat Pizza	Fish of the Day and Chips
Vegetable Pilaf (v)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v)	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Veggie Plait and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
Hot Seasonal Vegetables				
Apple Shortbread	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard	Ruby Chocolate Cake	Fruit Jelly	Fruit with Custard
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

### WEEK 3 - 14th Nov, 5th Dec, 26th Dec, 16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 20th Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges (v)	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Roast of the Day with New Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Beef Chilli Nachos with Brown Rice	Fish of the Day and Chips
Sweet and Sour Veggie Noodles with Edamame (v)	Veggie Biryani (v)	Vegan Quorn Fillet with New Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Cheesy Baked Mediterranean Gnocchi (v)	Cheese Toastie and Chips (v)
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Hot Seasonal Vegetables				
Raspberry and Coconut Flapjack	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Jelly	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Fruit with Custard
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

### WEEK 2 - 7th Nov, 28th Nov, 19th Dec, 9th Jan, 30th Jan, 20th Feb, 13th Mar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Veggie Lasagne (v)	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Brown Rice	Fish of the Day and Chips
5 Bean Chilli Nachos (v)	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Vegetable Frittata with Salad (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips (v)
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Hot Seasonal Vegetables				
Apple Cinnamon Loaf	Fruit Jelly	Autumnal Iced Cake	Cookie	Fruit with Custard
Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt	Fruit/Yoghurt

## (v) Vegetarian option

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.

Fresh fruit, yoghurt and fruit jelly available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

## Special Diets

A dairy free, gluten free and egg free menu is available on request. Please complete the special diets information form available from your school. On return we will issue you with a specific menu for you to make your choices from. For students with multiple allergen requirements or more complex special diets we will liaise with our team of nutritionists.

All our food is prepared in a kitchen where gluten and other allergens are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. We have a nut free policy in all of our kitchens. If you have a food allergy, please let us know before ordering. All allergen information is available on request from the kitchen.

## Coconut

Coconut is not considered a nut and does not fall into the peanut or tree nut allergy categories. We do use coconut in our kitchens.



# Community News

## School Cleaner

Woodrush are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking individual to join our fantastic team, helping to create a great working environment.

**Start:** ASAP

**Contract:** Permanent

**Hours:** Term Time Monday to Friday

10 Hours per week (2 hours per day flexible between 3pm and 6pm)

Plus annual 27.22 'bank' hours to be completed in school holidays

**Salary:** SCP 1 (£9.50 per hour) (subject to National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay award (% tbc), effective April 22)

To find out more information please download a job pack and application form from our website, where details can also be found on how to apply.

Alternatively, you can contact Laura McCleary on 01564 823777 or email [hr@woodrush.org](mailto:hr@woodrush.org). Interested candidates are welcome to come and look around the school by prior appointment.



# WE ARE MOVING LOCATION!

Our store at 407-411 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4AA is closing on **Sunday 16th October**.  
But not to worry, our new store at 1 Mell Square, Solihull, B91 3AZ will be opening on **Monday 24th October!**



During this time of closure, you can browse and purchase anything you need from our website at [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

**We look forward to welcoming you at our new branch soon!**

# Cost of Living: Let's Work Together



**Everybody will be facing a change in their circumstances this Winter as the cost of living is set to increase.**

Through this leaflet we wanted to provide the contact details of organisations & agencies across Bromsgrove & Redditch, who can offer expert advice & support & signpost you to the correct help which you may need. Whether you receive benefits or not, there is support & advice from trusted services available to you.

## Take action ASAP

- If you're experiencing financial difficulties, it's always better to deal with them straight away. Acting quickly could make a big difference to you.
- Let your relevant agency or creditors know you are struggling. You may be able to agree with them a temporary reduction on your payments. It is always better to pay something than nothing.
- Help is available, it's best to face things head on & get in touch with the relevant agency as soon as possible.
- Prioritise essential household bills like rent, mortgage, Council Tax, gas & electricity above credit cards & loans - let creditors know you are struggling.
- If you can't keep on top of gas & electricity payments, please continue to pay what you can & talk to your supplier.

- Make sure the advice you are given is from a trusted & official source.

**Work Together**  
Please share  
information with  
neighbours, friends  
& colleagues.  
Let's Work  
Together.



## We're here when you need us

### Act On Energy

Energy advice - including energy efficiency tips; billing issues; grants & funding for energy efficiency measures & grants for broken heating systems & help with fuel bills & energy debt.

**Freephone 0800 988 2881**

[www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk)

**Age UK Bromsgrove, Redditch & Wyre Forest**

Free & confidential advice for people over 50.

**01527 570490**

[enquiries@ageukbrwf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbrwf.org.uk)

[www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf)

**bdht**

bdht can support its residents with budgeting, employment & generic support. Contact us if you are struggling financially or worried about paying your rent.

**0800 0850 160**

[contactus@bdht.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bdht.co.uk)

**Bromsgrove and Redditch Network (BARN)**

Signposts to a variety of voluntary sector services & helps find the right service if you need help to access food, furniture, school uniform, money advice, support when facing homelessness, disability advice & more.

**01527 60282**

[office@barn.org.uk](mailto:office@barn.org.uk)

**Libraries**

Free PC access, WiFi & activities.

**01905 822722**

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

**Citizens Advice Bromsgrove & Redditch**

General information & advice & specialist debt support.

**0808 278 7890**

[www.cabr.org.uk](http://www.cabr.org.uk)

**Bromsgrove District Council**

We are here to support you so please keep in touch.

**01527 881213**

[benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk)

[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/benefits)

**Redditch Borough Council**

We are here to support you so please keep in touch.

**01527 534050**

[hbenefits@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:hbenefits@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/benefits)

It is very important that you continue to pay your rent, so please get in touch.

**01527 587000 Option 1**

[housingrevenue@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:housingrevenue@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[housingrevenue@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:housingrevenue@redditchbc.gov.uk)

[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/costofliving)

[www.redditchbc.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/costofliving)

**Here2Help Worcestershire**

**01905 768053**

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)

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Need this information in another language/format? Call **01527**

**548284** or email [equalities@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

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**[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/>