



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 17th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children – thankfully Spring is on the way!

Support for families over half-term:

With half-term coming up, it is important that families know where to go and get help. We know that where to start or what to ask for can sometimes be a challenge. Worcestershire County Council have therefore developed a Virtual Family Hub to give you a range of different types of resources that are available to you online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly yourself.

On this page, you can find detailed information on a wealth of topics such as:

Family support, Parenting support, Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Housing and financial support, Relationships and sexuality, School holiday activities and food programme, SEND support and guidance, Autism Information and advice and Family Learning.

The link to this page can be found here:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20643/the_family_hub

Here2Help:

If you need help with paying your household bills, need advice about managing your debt or finances, emotional support or getting back into work, you can contact Here2Help on 01905 768053 (option 3). The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Car park Letter – very important!

You will all be receiving a letter shortly regarding the school car park. Please make sure you all read this in time for our return after the break – thank you.

Goodbye Mrs. Webster!

Unfortunately, our School Business Manager, Mrs. Clare Webster is going to be leaving us today to take up a new position at Stratford Girls' Grammar School. I know how hard a decision this has been for her because she loves The Coppice and has been hugely invested in it as an SBM, a Trustee, a parent to two children at the school and a member of the PTA. However, sometimes you get one opportunity in life that comes along and we completely understand why she felt that she had to accept it. I want to put on record what a fantastic person Mrs. Webster is and how amazing she has been at her job; her support has been invaluable to me. I call her the 'magician with money' and, thanks to her diligence, we have made great things happen at The Coppice such as the library that I'd wanted for so many years. We will be very sad to see her leave but wish her all the very best with her new role.

Thankfully, we have a ready-made replacement in Mrs. Webster's husband Dave, who will be taking over until the end of the school year in the first instance. Those of you, who have had dealings with Mr. Webster will know that he has been another great addition to our office team. I also know that he will have all of your support as he takes up his new position.

Mrs. Witham, who has been another great addition to the office team, will now be taking over Mr. Webster's current role. Mrs. White and Mrs. Marks, who we are thrilled to see back fit and healthy, will be carrying on in their existing roles.

Summer Music Concert – well done children!

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of being at our school's Winter Music Concert. I have to say, as I did to the Parents and Carers who came to watch their children perform, that I was completely wowed by the children who performed and, as Headteacher, I was filled with pride. The bravery that the children showed in getting up to give individual, instrumental performances was incredible, as was the standard of their performances.

The level of talent here at The Coppice is really quite incredible and it was a privilege to be in attendance. The performance finished with our fantastic choir belting out four songs that they had sung at the recent Young Voices' Concert and their performance was equally incredible. The quality of singing was a joy to behold.

The evening completely summed up my belief in the power of music and singing to bring children happiness and wellbeing, give them a sense of belonging but most importantly, to develop confidence that will stay with them forever. This is why I am adamant that we will continue to drive forward with the development of our music curriculum so that every child in school gets the opportunity to regularly experience the benefits that music can bring.

More gymnastic success!

Last Saturday, Eliza and Chloe from Year 5 represented Coppice at the West Midlands Sports Acrobatic Competition where they competed a Pairs Floor Routine to music. They were a credit to the school with their high skill, expressive performance and impeccable behaviour and were placed third, receiving a Bronze Medal.

Both Chloe and Eliza train 12-15 hours a week at Wythall Gym Club and are therefore unable to attend School Gym Club as well, so a special thanks goes to Kirsty Garratt for preparing them in extra sessions at her club and giving them the opportunity to represent our school. Well done girls – we are so proud of you!



Poetry Slam competition:

You might remember me writing previously in a newsletter before Christmas, that a group of children from Year 6 were invited to take part in a poetry workshop with well-known Birmingham poet 'Spoz'. This workshop was a huge success, where 'Literally Literature' (Ben, William, Jack, Marina, Harvey and Charlie) made the final! They wrote a fantastic poem all about the importance of protecting our environment. The children wrote this whole poem (all seven verses!) on their own and it was clear that they were very passionate about poetry and the environment.

On Wednesday evening, the final was held at Birmingham Hippodrome in front of a live audience and thirteen schools took part in the competition. Staff and parents in attendance all commented that this was a brilliant night that was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Literally Literature performed superbly and represented the school amazingly - making everyone very proud. **Well done 'Literally Literature' and remember, "We need a solution to stop pollution!"**



And finally...

I want to end by wishing you all a lovely February half-term break. Thank you, as always, for your support of the school and your children over the last eight weeks and much has been achieved.

As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 27th February.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



We had two hot chocolate days this week - Tuesday, for previous Friday's stars of the week and Friday for last week's stars.

SCoFF

The next SCoFF dates available for booking on eventbrite are:

- Tuesday 21st 3-4.30pm Pancake party (during half term) - use the Pancake Part QR code only
- Wednesday 8th March 3-5pm - Use the SCoFF QR code
- Wednesday 15th March 3-5pm - Use the SCoFF QR code



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World Book Day- reminder

World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 2nd March. At Coppice, we love to read and so we're greatly looking forward to a day of celebrating and enjoying books. Here's what you need to know about World Book Day at Coppice:

As with previous years, we will not be asking for children to dress up as characters for World Book Day. We want the day to be a celebration of books rather than costumes. Instead, we invite children to come to school on the 2nd in 'cosy clothes' (e.g. pyjamas and dressing gowns) and to bring a favourite book with them to share with their friends. They can also bring slippers, a cushion and/or a teddy. This is to ensure that part of the day can be used for cosy reading for pleasure.

If children don't want to come in their pyjamas/dressing gown, they can choose to come in their school uniform. If the children do come to school wearing their cosy clothes, it is important that you ensure that they have a coat and appropriate footwear for break and lunch times.

There will be no charge for this non-uniform day: we warmly encourage Parents and Carers, if they're able to, to spend any money that would've previously bought costumes on books for their children. We'll be sending the £1 World Book Day vouchers home with the children as always. These can be exchanged for any of the World Book Day books or used to get a discount of £1 off any book that costs £2.99 or more. Independent bookshop *How Brave is the Wren* will be setting up a pop-up bookshop at The Hub where you can use these vouchers to take a discount from a range of titles. There will be primary and secondary-appropriate books available on the day and we warmly encourage you to support an independent store while finding something your child will really enjoy.'

Lastly, if you're feeling creative, we invite you to participate in our 'book plate' competition. We will be giving children a paper plate, which they can choose to transform into a character from a book or a scene from a book, which we will then display in our library. You can find ideas in the attached picture:



Mr Hutt, Mrs Ashwell and Mr Laight will (anonymously) choose three winners who will all be allowed to choose a book from the Scholastic book fair, which will be visiting our school from 6th - 9th March.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Coppice from **Monday 6th March until Thursday 9th March.** The book fairs we have run in the past have been very popular and so we are delighted to be able to host one at our school again. The book fair will offer the children the chance to see a range of brilliant books - from familiar favourites like the *Dog Man* series to 'hidden gems' by brilliant authors that you won't find in supermarkets. The other piece of great news is that every purchase from the book fair generates credit that the school can then use to get free books for our library!

For more information (and to see some of the offers) you can [click here](#) to view your invitation.

Want to explore more? You can find previews and first chapters for some of the books that will be on offer here (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>).

Payments can be made on the day by scanning a QR code to take you to an online site. Alternatively, gift vouchers can be purchased from <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers> and brought into school.

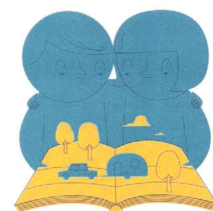
To celebrate World Book Day 2023, Woodrush High School is excited to host a pop-up children's bookshop!

Library
(first floor of the Community Hub)

Friday 3rd March

2-4pm

All welcome to browse!



Independent Book Fair

www.howbraveisthewren.com

Community News



**HUSTLE & BUSTLE
CRAFT MARKET**

FEB. 26, 2023 | 11AM - 4PM
WYTHALL VILLAGE HALL
B47 6JL



Come join us at our new Craft Market at Wythall Village Hall, Birmingham.

We feel so passionate about showcasing local makers, artisans and small independent businesses, whilst building a strong sense of community and fellowship through our quality markets.

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Shop local, eat well and have an amazing time.

For more information, please email brumshustleandbustle@gmail.com

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Free holiday arts and crafts club - FSM only

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Here's a holiday club just for you.

Arts and Crafts Camp delivered by Brain Art!

Times: 8:45am – 1:00pm (1 hour lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm free hot meal provided)

Held at: Redditch United Football Club Sallie Swan Street Redditch B974AU

A reminder of all information and any extra bits you may need will be sent out 1 week prior to the beginning of the camp.

The unique code must be entered in the relevant section in order for the booking to be valid and accepted.

For any enquiries please email Rory.budge@redditchunited.co.uk

Please complete the form below! And use the code FEBHT23.

<https://forms.gle/tXSF8X8S8kDFAk9L7>



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[Click here](#)

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School email—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>

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