

# The Coppice Newsletter



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## Reading

Having recently celebrated World Book Day in school, it is worth mentioning something about children's reading. On the 1st December 2020, the DfE published the national report for England from the International early learning and child well-being study (IELS). One of its findings was that, by age 5, parents reading to children, helping them read words and sentences, and having back-and-forth conversations is associated with greater development in a range of domains, primarily:

- Better development in emergent literacy
- Better regulation (ability to cope with stress) and social-emotional domains, when compared to those who did this less than once a week.

Children whose parents helped them to read words and sentences on three or more days a week had greater development in both emergent literacy, emergent numeracy, and the self-regulation measures than children whose parents did so less than once a week or never. Also, it was noted that, those with more books in the house did better in all areas.

Also, interestingly, reading to children at least 5 days a week was associated with greater achievement. We acknowledge this, and have encouraged parents to read to their children. Even though my son is high school age, I still do this - we share a book, where he reads a page out loud then I read a page (with me demonstrating expression and intonation as well as unpicking difficult words for him). So I can personally recommend this approach. He used to struggle with reading, but, since doing this (at Mr Laight's suggestion), he's come on a storm with his reading, reading much more fluently. So it's worth the effort!

Reading is definitely the gateway to academic success, which improves life-chances.



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We have had lots of communications from various agencies offering help, advice and training courses for parents. This information has been posted to our website.

There are three items from Worcestershire County Council giving advice—these can be found in the COVID support section under the Parents tab.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/covid-19-support-information/>

- 1) COVID 19 self isolation advice for families
- 2) COVID 19 general self isolation advice
- 3) Lateral flow testing for adults with children in education letter.

There is also information about financial assistance with fuel bills for families in receipt of various benefits. As part of the Worcestershire Winter Warmer Fuel Support Scheme. The deadline for this is 31st March 2021.

There is a flyer from Worcester County Council Adult Learning on free courses available for parents.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/general-letters-and-forms/>

This includes courses to help parents support children with school, for parents and children to learn together, on family matters such as e-safety and cooking on a budget and also support for SEND families.

We have also seen an interesting article on screen addiction which we would like to share with you.

<https://www.comparethemarket.com/broadband/content/screen-usage-guide/>

## STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - EVA

RH - HARRISON

RL - DANİYAL

1D - SOPHIE

1T - MAISON

1RB - GRACIE

2J - HOLLY & ELIANA

2CA - THE WHOLE CLASS FOR A GREAT RETURN TO SCHOOL.

2A - CHLOE -

3P - NIAL

3K - AVA- MAE

3HK - CONNOR

4MW- TILLY

4J - ERIN

5G - AIDEN

5MS - LOGAN

5K - EVIE

6C - ZAC

6L - HOLLY

6G - CALLUM

## WORLD BOOK DAY MASKED READER



We hope you enjoyed trying to identify our masked readers on World Book Day.

Just in case you weren't sure, here are the answers and how many people were able to identify them. Some staff were obviously easy to spot and others proved a little more tricky!

86.1% of people guessed that the bear was Mrs Ashwell (Assistant Head)

52.7% of people guess that the white cat was Miss Keogh (Y5 teacher)

20% of people guessed that the unicorn was Miss Harris (Reception teacher)

Only 3% of people guessed that the dragon was Mrs Webster (School Business Manager—office)

82.5% of people guessed that the T-Rex was Mr Laight (Y6 teacher & Assistant Head)

A massive 91.3% of people guessed that the lion was Mr Hutt (Deputy Head)

26.4% of people guessed that the yellow cat was Miss Whiteley (Y4 teacher)

77.9% of people guessed that the chicken was Mrs Robinson (HTLA based in Y6)

76.3% of people guessed that the pig was Miss Gatfield (Year 6 teacher)

Only Dylan L and Ben W (Year 4) managed to get all of them correct! Well done boys it was a tough game.

## EARLY YEARS UNIFORM SHOP

Early Years School Schoolwear company (Stratford Road, Shirley) is being rebranded and renamed.

They have sent us the following flyer to notify parents.

<https://www.earlyyearsschoolwear.com/brand-update>

All uniform with logo is sold here and also at Clive Mark, Poplar Road , Kings Heath.

School ties (elasticated and 'tie yourself') are available from the school office for £6.50 each. You can pay by cash (in an envelope please) or just ask for the payment to be put on Parent Pay and pay online.

We also sell school logo book bags (£5), backpacks (£8) and water bottles (£1.50 for bottle and lid or spare lids at just 50p each).



## RARING 2GO MAGAZINE

For several years now we have been receiving the Raring 2go magazine for all families. It is always jam packed with activities for children over the next upcoming school holiday.

With lockdown hopefully being relaxed over the coming weeks the magazine has plenty of ideas for places to go and things to do.

The magazine is being released digitally this month and you can find the link below.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bromsgroveandredditch/spring/>

