# The Coppice Newsletter -02.10.2020











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

#### **UNIFORM - PLEASE SUPPORT**

We have made an adjustment to our uniform policy, to allow children an extra layer whilst we are trying to accommodate extra classroom ventilation in the light of Covid-19 (as recommended). Rest-assured, classrooms will not be cold, but may have some temperature fluctuation.

As parents will know from last week's newsletter, we are recommending either an extra 'undergarment' (e.g. vest/tee shirt) or hoodie/sweatshirt. Any hoodie/sweatshirt must be either black or navy blue. These can be bought cheaply. However, where there are proven hardship issues, the school will support with purchase.

Given the relatively short notice we are allowing some flexibility around this, permitting hoodies and a sweatshirt, in the right colour, which have a <u>small</u>, unobtrusive badge or logo (see accompanying photos, as examples); though, ideally, we would want no logo or badge.

It is really good to see the children looking smart in their full uniform at this time of year, setting the scene for the year ahead. As I have mentioned before, we hold great store by uniform, we know it makes a real difference to children's readiness to work. We thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

For details of our uniform expectations in general please see page 5 of this newsletter. Thank you.





#### SAFETY ON SITE

We appreciate that things have got a bit more congested on site with pedestrians, due to our Covid-19 restrictions around pick-up and drop-off, meaning people no longer 'drop and go' but are often having to wait to hand over. Accordingly, this has increased risk around drivers through the car parks that we share with Woodrush and The Hub. (Coppice does not have sole ownership of the car park, instead we co -own with Woodrush and Woodrush own the barrier). I believe we have had one or two 'near misses'. Firstly, can all parents please take charge of their children at this time? This would cut down on the risk. We are aware that most parents do this (thank you). Secondly, if you witness any vehicles being driven recklessly, then please do take the car registration (by smartphone camera, perhaps?) and email it to the school. We will then follow this up, robustly. It may be, because of restrictions around parent motorists on site, that any culprits are members of staff of either school or The Hub. In which case we will take the matter up with them directly.

Thank you in anticipation of your consideration around this.



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#### NURSERY AND RECEPTION

During the week beginning the 12th October, EYFS will be having a joint Special Harvest week. For this project (Nursery and Reception), we are asking parents to either donate a bedding plant or send in £1 on **Friday 9th October**. In return, the children will be invited to wear their own clothes for the day . We will also be asking parents to bring in old newspaper and then we will quarantine it over the weekend.

We are going to be learning all about Harvest and Autumn. The children will be doing some gardening and by the end of the week, we will be displaying handmade scarecrows around our Outside Classroom.

#### ST MARY'S INVITE YOU TO THEIR ONLINE HARVEST SERVICE

This Sunday, 4th October, we are celebrating Harvest! Our Harvest Service will be online, on our YouTube channel St Mary's Wythall Tech <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6Mn2tG-8WJ84kklv-eayA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6Mn2tG-8WJ84kklv-eayA</a> This year we will be looking at how we care for God's world, and our guest speaker will be Rev Michelle Parton who some of you will remember from her time as Curate here. We will also hear from members of St Mary's about practical things they are doing to move towards being a more eco friendly household. There will be an activity sheet for 3-14 year olds on the same theme; this will be available on the front page of our web-

site <a href="https://www.wythallchurch.net">www.wythallchurch.net</a>. Our service is available online from 9am onwards on Sunday; we invite you to watch at 10.30am, to give a sense of togetherness, or at any time to suit you!

## MATHS CHALLENGE COMPETITION

On Friday 25th September, four Year 4 children took part in an online Zoom Maths Challenge.

In previous years we have travelled to King Edward's School to meet up with other talented mathematicians to compete against them in a series of complicated maths challenges.

This year they organised a Zoom version so that everyone could still take part.

The challenge consisted of two rounds. The first round was a 'cross number' round where the children had twenty minutes to answer as many questions as possible. They managed to get a brilliant 46 out of 51.

The second round was a relay race where the children had to work as pairs to answer two sets of questions. They could not move onto the next set of questions until both pairs had correctly answered their question so team work was critical. The children worked together brilliantly and scored a fantastic 27 out of 28!

This amazing score means that we won our heat and are through to the next round.

A brilliant well done to Ben (4AW), Noah W (4MW), Dylan B (4MW) and Zoe (4J).

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

1D - Baxter

1T - Cole

1RB - Cassius

2A - Lucy

2CA - Maya & Toby

2J - Kane

3P - Ethan

3K - Rohan

3HK - Jamie

4W - William

4MW- Noah W

4J - Holly

5G - Esme

5MS - Chanpreet

5K - Tamzin

6C - None last week

6L - Annie

6G - Dolce

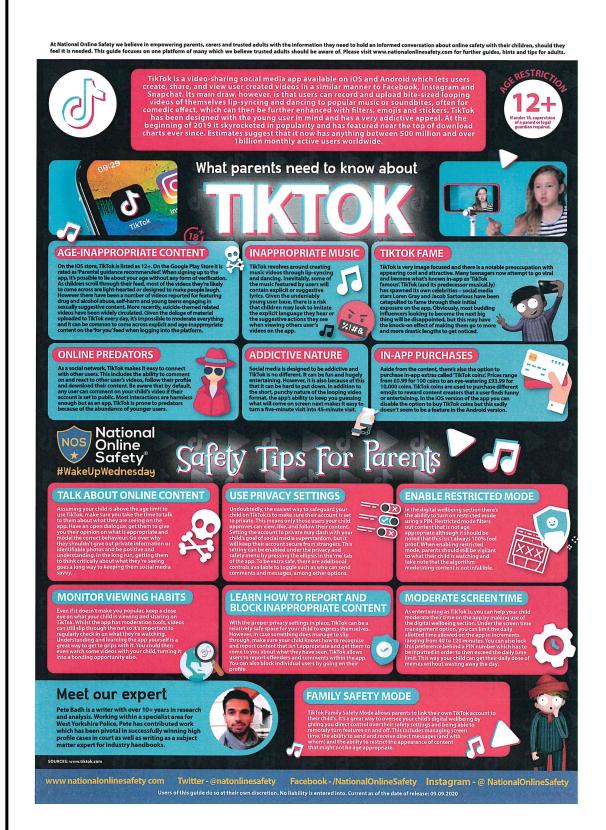
## **MEET THE TEACHER**

Normally at this time of year we would be holding our Meet the Teacher evenings. As this is not currently possible we have set up a new section on our website so you can access all the information you need about your child's year ahead. The site goes live today and you can access it by following the link below.

https://sites.google.com/coppice.worcs.sch.uk/meetyourteacher/home

# **TikTok**

There is a growing trend that younger children are using the TIKTOK App. There is an age restriction of 12 years old on this App due to the content—see below. No child at The Coppice should be using this App because of their age but also because it is creating friendship issues amongst some groups that are using it inappropriately.



## LOCAL FOODBANK

The Hollywood Christian Life Centre on Simms Lane have a food bank which runs each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.30 to 2.30pm. They say;

We have seen a steady demand since Easter and anticipate that local need of a foodbank may increase as redundancies start now the furlough scheme is coming to an end, and with it being now relatively so close to Christmas.

We have had financial support from the Parish and District councils as well as from local people in addition to the investment we are making as a local church, so donations are not our current aim, but rather making sure that people know that if they are struggling, help is available.



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## **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

Calendar- http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/calendar/

Suggestions box- http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/suggestion-box/

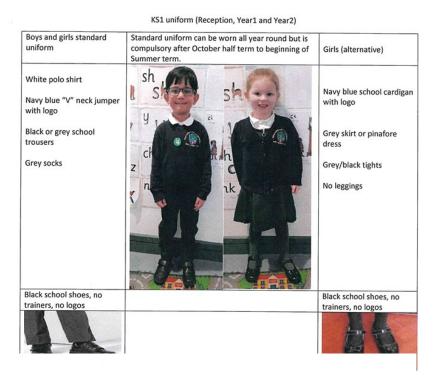
Official Facebook page- https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/

PTA Facebook group—https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that Summer Uniform can consist of a white polo shirt and no tie and grey or black school shorts or a blue gingham dress. When children return after the October half term standard uniform must be worn. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



# KS2 uniform (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) Boys and girls standard Standard uniform can be worn all year round but is Girls (alternative) uniform compulsory after October half term to beginning of Summer term White school shirt School sweatshirt with logo School cardigan with logo Coppice school tie Grey skirt or pinafore dress Black or grey school trousers Grey/black tights Grey socks Black school shoes, no Black school shoes, no trainers, no logos boots or trainers, no logos