



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to all of you! I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable summer with your children and, like us, are looking forward with great excitement to the new, academic year ahead now that restrictions have been lifted. I sincerely hope too that your children have come home feeling positive about the way that school has started for them. If there have been any wobbles though, please remember that it is early days and that things always tend to settle once the children are used to new routines and faces. However, if this doesn't happen after a week or two, please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

I have to say that it has brought my Deputy: Mrs. Ashwell, Assistant Head: Mr. Laight and me, in my first week as Headteacher, a huge amount of pleasure to stand on the gates at the beginning and end of the day in order to welcome both our children and their families. To see the smiles on faces and have the happy buzz of parents and carers on our playground again at the end of the day has been a joy to behold.

In school, the removal of bubbles has felt like The Coppice family has come back together again. To be able to have children back in assemblies and mixing again on the playground and at lunchtimes has felt amazing and is something that has been missing for too long. We have all been given a huge boost by this and hope and pray that it continues for the long-term because the children are so happy with this return to normality. We can't predict the future but, for now, we will just savour the moment and move forward positively.

This week in school, all of your child's teachers and us, as a Senior Leadership Team through our assemblies, have been talking to the children about our whole-school behaviour approach, which we are calling 'The Coppice Way'. Your child may well have mentioned some of this learning at home and it's great if they have. Basically, we want to ensure that all of our children have a clear and consistent behaviour approach and expectation that they all understand. Importantly, we are also spending a lot of time explaining to the children WHY we have the routines, rules and expectations that we have as a school e.g. ensuring that our school is a calm, safe, happy place where everyone has the conditions they need to all learn without distraction and where everyone has equal respect for one another, both adults and children.

The whole system is based around ensuring that our children understand exactly what being 'Ready, Responsible and Respectful' means and what it looks like in all aspects of school life. Alongside these 3Rs, we have other school rules and distinctive sayings that run alongside these e.g. 'Dress to impress' 'Fantastic walking' and 'First time every time' so that the children hear the same consistent messages every day. I will be communicating more to you about our approach in more detail in next week's newsletter and your child's teacher will also be touching on them at the Parent Information Evenings next week.

On a different subject entirely, It gives me a huge amount of satisfaction to announce to you in this first newsletter of the academic year about a couple of fantastic developments that have been completed in school over the course of the summer break.

**The Coppice Way - ready, responsible and respectful!**

# Message from Mr Hutt....continued

The first of these is the addition of an amazing, school library which has been built near to the main entrance of the school – you won't be able to miss it when you come to your child's Parents' Information Evening next week and I think you'll be stunned at what we have created in what was once a fairly lifeless and tired space.(PLEASE SEE ON THE NEXT PAGE SOME AMAZING BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES!)

When I was appointed Headteacher during the summer term, our school Business Manager: Clare Webster asked me whether there was anything in particular that I had a vision for should the money become available. The first of two major things (the second I'll tell you about shortly) was the creation of a fantastic 'living' library in the heart of our school that would further inspire all of our children to want to read and to develop a lifelong love of books. I always say that 'Reading is the key to the door'. It is the skill that when mastered can bring limitless opportunities and joy to our children. Therefore, anything that we can do to help to ensure that all of our children are fluent, skilled readers with a wide vocabulary has to be considered and, where possible, make it happen.

The desire to have a library in the space mentioned earlier was something that I had held for a number of years. As soon as I told Mrs. Webster my thoughts, she went away for a while before returning to say that, with the help of a generous donation from our wonderful PTA, she could make the project work from a financial point of view and I was elated! This then began a back and forward design process with a number of companies, who install libraries in schools, getting different quotes and design ideas – new libraries don't come cheap! The one that we eventually settled on was through Peter's books, who we had previously brought many books off for our in-class libraries.

The final design was decided on late in the summer term and installed over the course of the summer break. As you will see next week, or when you visit school, the library is woodland themed as this fitted perfectly with the school's name: The Coppice. We are thrilled with what has been created and I know that it will bring huge benefits and pleasure to our children over the coming weeks, months and years.

We already have many special books in the library but we want A LOT more. Therefore, I have tasked my Assistant Head: Mr. Laight, who is also our fantastic English Leader, with getting creative about how we plan to involve our parents and community in obtaining the books that we want to go in the library. I won't say too much now though as Mr. Laight will be contacting you separately with his thoughts and ideas on this very soon.

The second major development that has been carried out over the course of the summer break has been the complete refurbishment of our Coppice Nursery. Again, this is an area of school that I had looked at for a number of years now and wanted to make changes to. Thankfully, Mrs. Webster was again on board and managed to find the great deal of money that it would take to make the project happen as I wanted. This involved the removal of the central wall that connected the two previous Nursery classrooms in order to create one, big, bright, welcoming space. The toilets and changing area have been completely ripped out and replaced by brand new toilet cubicles, wash basins and a modern, spacious changing station area. In addition, we have filled our Nursery with beautiful and exciting resources for the Nursery children to use whilst they are learning and interacting through play. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS). I think you'll agree that the transformation has been incredible!

I strongly believe in investing greatly in our Early Years' provision across both Nursery and Reception and the associated outdoor area. The Early Years Foundation Stage is exactly that: the foundation or 'bedrock' of everything that comes next. It is so important that our children get the very best provision and very best environment in order to make the best possible start to their education at The Coppice.

Well, after delivering all the above exciting news, that just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend with your children, welcome back again and I look forward to seeing you all next week at The Parent Information Evenings. Thank you also for all of the lovely messages of both congratulations and support that I've had off parents and carers this week - it really does mean a great deal to me. I love this school with a passion and I look forward to serving you all for many years to come.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher– The Coppice Primary School).

# Introducing our new library - Before and after

Before the library was installed



Ater the library was installed.





# Introducing our newly refurbished Nursery



## After School Clubs

We are happy that after school clubs will be returning to The Coppice this term. We are currently working on creating a timetable and will get this out to you as soon as all clubs have been confirmed. Letters have already been emailed out to Years 1-6 about David Morris's sports clubs and an email has gone out to Years 4, 5 and 6 to invite them to join our choir. If your child would like to join choir please complete and return the form to us as soon as possible. Thank you. We are unable to give information on gymnastics at present but will let you know as soon as we have news to give you.

## The Coppice Way.....Being kind

We are very proud to have kind and thoughtful children at the Coppice and this has been demonstrated by Amelia who, at the beginning of the summer holiday, decided it was time to have her hair cut. Her auntie had had her hair cut and donated her locks for the Princess Trust previously and Amelia decided she wanted to do the same. She had 27cm cut off and was very proud of herself! She has raised £315 for the Princess Trust towards the making of the wig!

This was all her own idea and we felt it was important to share as we are so proud of her!

We also have news of Alice who is intending to do the same but is fundraising via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alicephair> Please do donate to help her raise money for Acorns.



Fundraiser for Acorns Children's Hospice  
**acorns**  
*Your local children's hospice*



Alice has been growing her hair now for nearing 2 years and she is donating her hair to The Princess Trust. We are cutting her hair in 2 weeks and she would like to see if she can get some donations for The Acorns Children's Hospice.

Anything you can spare would be so appreciated.

Thank you, Alice





# Morrisons' Grow Tokens



Between 4th September and 24th October Morrisons' supermarket will be giving out tokens for every £10 spent online or in store. We will be collecting these tokens and Morrisons will give us free gardening equipment. You just need to download the MyMorrisons app or visit their website, head to the "It's good to grow" section and select the school you want to donate your tokens to. Please ensure that you select the right Coppice as there are other schools with the same name. Hopefully we can really benefit when you do your weekly shop. We haven't had the confirmation from Morrisons just yet but keep checking to see when our registration goes through. Thank you in advance.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th September 5.30 -6.00pm - Y6 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 14th September 6.00 -6.30 pm - Y5 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 15th September 5.30 -6.00pm - Y2 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 15th September 6.00 -6.30pm - Y4 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 16th September 5.30 -6.00pm Y1 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 16th September 6.00 - 6.30pm Y3 Parent Information Evening

Friday 15th October 2.30pm - 6G class assembly - parents of 6G only

Monday 18th October - Reception to year 6 inclusive. Annual flu jabs - forms will be distributed next week

Link to our uniform special newsletter

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/28.05.21-uniform-special.pdf>

# Community News

We are thrilled to tell you that we have just made a sponsorship deal for our school sports team kit. Arden Estate agents have kindly paid for a super new kit (photos to follow when they are delivered).

Arden are offering the following deal to all parents and carers from The Coppice.

- 50% off our sales fee (with no VAT)
- Sale Guarantee
- If we don't sell your house within 30 days then it's FREE
- No withdrawal fees
- No setup fees
- They will also make a donation to the school for each sale completed.



## SOLIHULL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



**AT: LIGHT HALL SCHOOL**  
HATHAWAY ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, B90 2PZ

**STARTING: SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

<b>Saturdays:</b>	Group 1: Reception & Year 1	= 9.00am-10.00am
	Group 2: Year 2 & 3	= 10.00am-11.00am
	Group 3: Year 4, 5, 6 & 7	= 11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 20 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2021. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building CONFIDENCE, improving FITNESS and providing the most important ingredient FUN!
- Children will be fully supervised at all times.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an indoor course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)

[www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk](http://www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk)

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:**  
**SOLIHULL + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)**  
and receive confirmation by text to:  
**07827 322780**

**Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters.**

**<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/letters-to-parents-by-year-group/>**

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PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

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/>

