



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 17th september 2021

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 really lovely this week to welcome so many of you in person to our Parent Information sessions that were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To have parents entering our school building again has been a great feeling and I know that those of you who have attended have felt the same way. It has also been fabulous to show-off our new library area and Nursery refurbishment and to see how impressed you've been with what we have created. I sincerely hope that the information that you have received has been very useful and informative as this is what we want it to be. Should anything remain unclear though, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher.

We do appreciate that not all of you were able to attend these meetings in person. However, it is vital to us that you still receive the information that was shared. Therefore, in order to help everyone to either access the information again, or to receive it for the first time, we have uploaded the Year Group presentations into the Year group newsletters area on the school website. Each presentation will sit alongside this week's Year Group newsletter.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our teachers have been working very hard with your children to establish a culture of exemplary behaviour in our school. Many of you will know by now that we are calling our approach to this aim 'The Coppice Way'.

'The Coppice Way' is a behaviour curriculum that our Senior Leadership Team: Mrs. Ashwell, Mr. Laight and I have designed to teach children the rules, routines and habits that will ensure our school is a place where everyone can thrive. We believe that children need to be taught and not just told how to behave. Our behaviour lessons formed the basis of the first week of school and gave detailed expectations for how children should behave in different situations around school. Please see overleaf for our one-page, 'stick-on-the-fridge', printable pull-out of 'The Coppice Way' lessons that were taught, our whole-school rules and memorable acronyms that we are using in school every day.

We have endeavoured to make our school a place where it is easy for the children to behave and hard not to. The Teacher Education Day at the start of term was used by the Senior Leadership Team to train all school staff working directly with children: Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Special Support Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors, in key principles and strategies of our approach to both the teaching and managing of behaviour. This was incredibly well received by all staff and we are grateful for the energy and effort that they have put into implementing 'The Coppice Way' with the children.

Furthermore, our Senior Leaders and me have been thrilled with the way the children have engaged with 'The Coppice Way'. From greeting the children on the school gate and our regular walks around school every day over the last two weeks, it is clear that the children have been putting their learning into action. For example, we've been practising a routine of meeting and greeting which we call GLASS greetings (see over page) and we are delighted with the number of children for whom this is becoming a habit. We know that many of you have noticed and commented upon how your child has shared this learning with you. We are really grateful for the very positive feedback we've received so far. Your support in reinforcing our behaviour ethos is immensely valuable in helping to ensure its success so we thank you for this.

We all think extremely highly of our Coppice children and believe that our behaviour culture in school can be exemplary. We feel we've made a really good start with this and we're excited to reinforce and develop this work over the coming weeks, months and years.

Finally, I want to end by saying what a joy it has been for Mrs. Ashwell and me to meet our 'Stars Of The Week' from last week for a cup of hot chocolate in the staffroom this afternoon. This will be a regular feature of the end to our week in school and I know that everyone will love sharing this special time

That just leaves me, as always to say that I hope you have both a restful and enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards, Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## The Coppice School Rules



- \* Be ready, responsible and respectful
- \* Be kind to yourself and others
- \* Always try your best
- \* Move calmly and quietly around school
- \* Dress to Impress
- \* Take care of one another and our things
- \* Let everyone learn

## The Coppice Way Acronyms

### GLASS

...Meet and Greet

- G - Greet the person
- L - Look at the person
- A - Ask how they are
- S - Smile
- S - Share how you feel



### BLAST

... Listening

- B - Be Quiet
- L - Listen carefully
- A - Ask and answer questions
- S - Sit up straight
- T - Track the speaker



### SHAPE

... Speaking

- S - Speak in full sentences
- H - Hands away from you face
- A - Articulate clearly
- P - Project your voice
- E - Eye contact



### Politeness STEPS

- S Say ...
- T Thank you
- E Excuse me
- P Please
- S Sorry



## The Coppice Way - Week One lessons



Focus	Behaviour/routines
Day 1: <b>How to behave</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How to start the school day</li> <li>◆ How to move around school</li> <li>◆ How to enter and exit the hall for assembly</li> <li>◆ How to behave on the playground</li> <li>◆ How to behave at lunchtime</li> <li>◆ How to sit properly in lesson</li> <li>◆ How to come into school and leave at the end of the day</li> </ul>
Day 2: <b>How to communicate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How to meet and greet</li> <li>◆ How to be polite</li> <li>◆ How to be charming</li> <li>◆ How to work with a talk partner (listening)</li> </ul>
Day 3: <b>How to be part of our school community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How to take responsibility for your personal possessions</li> <li>◆ How to take responsibility for our school and its possessions</li> <li>◆ How to be a good friend</li> <li>◆ What are the school rewards and consequences?</li> </ul>
Day 4: <b>How to learn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How to present with pride</li> <li>◆ How to be resilient</li> <li>◆ How to speak well</li> </ul>
Day 5: <b>What is The Coppice Way?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How to remember</li> </ul>

## Hot chocolate with the Head



## Sporting success

Last week two of our pupils, Poppy D (Y5) and Ethan D (Y2) took part in a Gaelic Football tournament organised by The Gaelic Athletics Association. They both represented St Brendan's club in their age group. They, along with over 2000 other young people, travelled to London for the weekend to take part in a tournament. Poppy's team played 5 matches and won 4 and Ethan's team won 3 of their 5 matches. Well done to both children!



## Easy Fundraising

For some time now we have been registered with easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to our PTA for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Please click on to the link below to find out how you can support The Coppice everytime you shop online. With Christmas shopping looming on the horizon, now is a great time to sign up.!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thecoppicepta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thecoppicepta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1)

## Harvest Festival

We will soon be collecting non perishable goods for our Harvest festival and donating them to Birmingham City Mission. We will be doing this in collaboration with St Mary's Church. More details to follow.

## Term dates 2021/2022

Holiday	School closes on	School re-opens on
Autumn half term	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2021	<b>Wednesday 5th January 2022</b> (TED day Tuesday 4th January 2022)
Spring half term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
Summer half term	<b>Thursday</b> 26th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
Summer term ends	<b>Wednesday 20th</b> July 2022	Please note that this date has changed
<b><u>Other closure days:</u></b>	Monday 2nd May 2022	May Day Bank holiday
<b><u>Summer Term TED days.</u></b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

## Other important dates for Autumn 2021

Friday 15th October	Y6 - Restart-a -heart day
Friday 15th October	6G -Class assembly
Monday 18th October	Rec- Y6 Flu vaccination day (NOT COVID Vaccination)
Thursday 21st October	Y2 Trip to Wythall Transport Museum
Friday 25th October	School closes normal time for half term
Sunday 31st October	Closing date for High School applications (Y6)
Monday 1st November	School reopens

## Term dates 2022/2023

Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn term 2022	Not applicable	<b>Wednesday 7th September 2022</b> (Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September are TED days)
Autumn half term	Friday 21st October 2022	Monday 31st October 2022
Christmas	Friday 16th December 2022	<b>Wednesday 4th January 2023</b> (TED day Tuesday 3rd January 2023)
Spring half term	Friday 17th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
Summer half term	Friday 26th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Summer term ends	Friday 21st July 2023	Not yet available
<b><u>Other closure days:</u></b>	Monday 1st May 2023	May Day Bank holiday
<b><u>Summer Term TED days.</u></b>	Monday 24th July 2023	Tuesday 25th July 2023

## Flu Forms

All children in Reception through to Year 6 should have received their flu forms this week. Please complete and return these as soon as possible (but definitely before 6th October). Please note that this vaccination is the annual spray vaccination and not a Covid injection. Also note that forms must be completed whether or not you want your child to receive the vaccination. Thank you.

## Job Vacancies at the Coppice

We currently have job vacancies for lunchtime supervisors and also a Special Support Assistant. Details for the SSA can be found on our website. Enquiries and application forms for both jobs are via the school office.

# Morrisons's Grow tokens

Between 4th September and 24th October Morrisons' supermarkets 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.

**Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters. This week you can also find the presentations from the Parents Information Evenings if you missed the meeting.**

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

## CONTACT US

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**Absence test line- 07984441330. Please save this number in your phone. Please check that you have the right number as this has changed in the last few months.**

## 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>

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/>