



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It's been a beautiful week of weather so hopefully that will continue into the weekend – fingers crossed!

We have had another fantastic week in school and have been really proud of how the children have settled into 'The Coppice Way' routines and expectations and are wanting to impress. Walking around school, it has been great to see how hard the children are working and to see the excellent attitude to their learning, which is exactly what we want to see from our children at The Coppice.

This week's theme in school has been 'Respect for our World' and we have been talking to the children in both assemblies and in class about how we can all make a positive difference to our planet. As we all know, there is much work to be done in this area across the world and your children will be a huge part of making that change in the future. We have talked a lot about plastic pollution and the damage that this causes to our environment and how we can make a real difference through picking up our litter and also through recycling. The children have been shown the recycle logo that can be found on packaging and we have used the words 'Recycle', 'Reuse' and 'Reduce'.

It has been really lovely to sit and chat to the children at lunchtimes and for them to share with me the things that they already do at home with regards to recycling and it is very clear that so many of you are educating your children about environmental issues, which is fantastic. Our Year 1 children were particularly impressed when I showed them the cover of a notebook that I've got which is made out of recycled car tyres! They loved touching it and seeing how it felt but also thinking about the fact that this used to be a car tyre on a road!

On a different note, there have been a couple of questions raised about why I am so determined to ensure that all of our children fully comply with our uniform policy. Before I address this, I just want to make the point about how fantastic the children are looking overall and I want to thank you all for ensuring that your children meet the requirements.

I want to stress though, as I have done previously, that the expectations that I want for our school are designed to be both achievable and affordable and will ensure a uniform standard for all children that gives a clear statement about what we stand for as a school and the pride we have at belonging to The Coppice. I believe strongly that having this sense of identity and belonging is incredibly important in preparing our children to not just be part of our school community but also wider society, as they move forward in their lives.

Due to the above, we will be continuing to contact parents where an item of a child's clothing does not meet the expectations and asking for this to be sorted out as soon as possible. I do understand that there have been some delays with some shops and we have made some short-term allowances due to this where parents have communicated directly with us about this. Please continue to do this if this is the case for you.

I have also been asked recently by a few parents about what constitutes a healthy snack for children from a school point of view. I have therefore produced a short guide (see below) that outlines the school's expectations on this and the rationale for why we are taking the position that we are. On reading this list, please understand that it is a school's job to educate our children in eating a balanced, healthy diet and that we therefore have a responsibility to ensure that our children are eating as healthily as possible when on the school grounds and avoid eating or drinking items that contain unnecessary sugar and salt. Due to these reasons, I therefore trust that I can count on your support with ensuring that these guidelines are adhered to at all times – thank you.

As always, have a lovely weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing your children and you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School).

The Coppice Primary School healthy break time snack guide for parents:

Childhood is an important time to establish good eating habits for future health. School healthy eating education gives pupils the knowledge and opportunity to make healthier choices. A healthy snack at break time can help pupils with both concentration and behaviour in the classroom. Suitable drinks and snacks help to prevent tooth decay and reduce salt intake. It also helps children meet the healthy target of five or more portions of fruit and vegetables a day.

***What drinks are included in the healthy break time snacks that children bring to school for snack time or break times?**

It is important that children drink enough during the day so that they don't become dehydrated and tired. Due to this, we make sure that water is freely available throughout the school day, both at break time and lunch time.

Without doubt, water and milk are the most suitable drinks for children. This is why we allow children to bring re-fillable water bottles to school and also why milk is provided for children in Early Years.

***Drinks that are allowed during the school day are:**

-Water: tap water or unflavoured, still bottled water

-Milk (unflavoured) in Early Years

***Not allowed:**

Fruit juices (including pure fruit juice), smoothies, sparkling water, squash or fizzy drinks and also those that are labelled 'no added sugar', 'diet' or 'zero'. All of this list usually contain added sugar or additives.

***What food is included in the healthy break time snacks that children bring to school for snack time or break times?**

Help your child to get their 'five a day' by including some fruit or vegetables as a snack for their morning break or snack time.

***Snacks that are allowed during the school day are:**

- All fresh fruit and vegetables including pots/bags of fruit and vegetables
- Raisins/sultanas (but not coated raisins)
- Dried fruit flakes

***Not allowed:**

Fruit in syrup, processed fruit or fruit winders. These are often high in sugar and are therefore not suitable as between-meal snacks.

***Bread-based snacks:**

Children need more or less energy (calories) depending on their age and stage of development. Some bread-based snacks can therefore help to meet these extra energy needs and help your child feel more satisfied.

Bread-based snacks that are allowed during the school day are:

- Plain bread sticks
- Unsalted rice cakes

***Not allowed:**

-Cereal bars or sweetened breads and pastries, pancakes, scones, fruit bread and croissants as these often contain a lot of sugar and or fat/salt.

****PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TO PROTECT SOME OF OUR CHILDREN, WHO HAVE NUT ALLERGIES, WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS AS SNACKS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES****

***IF YOUR CHILD HAS A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WRITTEN SPECIAL DIET THAT MEANS THEY CAN'T MEET THE ABOVE GUIDANCE EXACTLY, PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH US AT SCHOOL AND PROVIDE US WITH THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION -THANK YOU.**



Harvest at the Coppice and St Mary's

Friday 8th October will be our Harvest Festival Assembly Day. We will again be collaborating with St Mary's Church to provide food and toiletries for Birmingham City Mission through Harvest Festival donations. We will be accepting donations on Monday 4th October, Tuesday 5th October and Wednesday 6th October only. Each classroom will have a collection box, so goods should be sent in with the child and not through the school office please

The items specifically requested by Birmingham City Mission are: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk (powdered or UHT), sugar, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, rice, noodles, spaghetti hoops, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, breakfast cereal, biscuits, jam, marmalade, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls, nappies, deodorant & sanitary products. However, they accept all dried or tinned food and toiletries, and the only item they don't currently need is pasta; that's the only thing they have a good amount of already!

This Sunday, 26th September, is very special at St Mary's. It is both our Harvest Celebration AND it's the farewell service for Ria Taylor, our Youth, Children and Families Minister. Many of you will know Ria from assemblies, JAM Club or other activities, and we'd like to invite you to come along this Sunday as we thank her for all she has done here, and say goodbye. This will be an 'All Together' service - adults and children will be in church together. We invite you to arrive at around 10.30am for cake and a drink before the service, which starts at 11am. There will also be an opportunity to donate dried or tinned food or toiletries to Birmingham City Mission; this is our harvest collection for those in need. Please note that we continue to ask you to wear masks in church as we help to keep each other safe.

Last week's Star of the Week have hot chocolate with Mr Hutt



Alice's Fundraising update

You may recall from a previous newsletter that Alice has been fundraising for the Princess Trust by having her hair cut. As you can see from the photos below she has had the chop and she has raised £335 so far with donations still coming in this week! Well done Alice for braving the scissors and for being so kind..



Amazing achievement in football

The Coppice is always pleased to celebrate the achievements of our pupils as it reinforces our aim that no talent goes unrecognised.

This week we are delighted to share with you that George P from 5F has just signed for Aston Villa! He leaves Hollywood United to join AVFC's Under 10's. Hollywood United said last night on social media "George was part of our first ever Hollywood United team when we started the club 4 years ago. Over this time he has developed into a fantastic player through playing for the Hollywood United Lions and Hollywood United MJPL team.

For any young footballer who is striving for development and success, quite simply it comes down to this: work hard, stay focused, never stop believing and most of all play with a smile on your face. Huge; congratulations to George, we are sad to lose you at Hollywood United but super proud of you and excited to see you shine even brighter as an Aston Villa player."

We want to join George's team in congratulating him and want to let him know that The Coppice is right behind him!

Well done George - we will follow your footballing career with interest and are super proud of you!





Vacancy

Catering Assistant, Coppice Primary ,Hollywood .Birmingham

A Temporary position has arisen for a catering assistant at Coppice Primary School . Reporting to the Catering Manager, the successful candidate will have excellent organisational skills, financial awareness and will work well in a team.

Duties include general kitchen duties, food preparation, serving lunches to children. Washing up in an extremely busy fast-moving kitchen

Hours of Work: 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only

Rate of Pay: National Living wage

Qualifications: No qualification needed- all training will be given

Interested applicants should apply by mailing CV to pp.coppiceschool@ainp.co.uk



Community News..... focus on local clubs

Loves Football are a fun, confidence-building football group, with sessions in Woodrush School (amongst other locations locally) I am also head of football for Kings Heath Sports FC and we are looking to add to our current squads at several age groups.

5-a-side league
thursdays
8-15 years

kings heath boys school
6pm - 8-c11 years
7pm - c11-15 years
Age range is just a guide
Individual players welcome
We mix the teams up for you :)

book @ www.lovesfootball.com



KINGS HEATH SPORTS F.C.

School Years
1/2/3/4/5

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

Register @
www.lovesfootball.com



Ages 5-7 years - 6pm
ages 7-8 years - 7pm (Futsal)
every friday
woodrush sports centre
www.lovesfootball.com



stardust danceacademy

DANCE & GYMNASTICS
@ Coppice Primary School
Shawhurst Lane B47 5JN

INFANT GYMNASTICS
Wednesday 5.00-5.30pm
Ages 3-7

INFANT DANCE
Wednesday 5.30-6.15pm
Ages 3-7

JUNIOR & SENIOR GYM
Wednesday 6.15-6.50pm
Ages 8+

SENIOR & SENIOR DANCE
Wednesday 6.50-7.30pm
Ages 8+

For more information please contact Carla
07957 283 608 | info@stardustdance.net

Find more classes and details online at
www.stardustdance.net

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When : Every Monday 5.45pm - 7.00pm
Where: Kingswood Meeting House , Packhorse Lane.
Who?: Boys aged 5 to 9 years
What will we do?: Games. Art, trips and having lots of fun.
How do I find out more? : Contact Trish Godson on 01564 829445

INFORMATION ON COPPICE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL BE SHARED NEXT WEEK!

TEXTING SCHOOL

We have notified parent son several occasions that the text number for reporting absences and communicating with school has changed. Some parents are still texting on the old number and we are not getting those messages. Plesae save the following number in your phone

07984 441282

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

<https://sites.google.com/coppice.worcs.sch.uk/yeargroupnewletters/home>

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OUR ONLINE LINKS

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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/>

