



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you've all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. Unfortunately, I don't think that we are going to have the lovely weather that we had last weekend. Nevertheless, it's still a chance for families to spend some quality time together and I know for a fact that bad weather certainly doesn't stop many of our children from still enjoying being outside and getting lots of fresh air. We see this adventurous spirit every week with our youngest children when they are heading off to Forest School!

### **Black History Month:**

This coming Monday, we will be introducing our new theme to the children in our Year 1 - 6 assemblies. This theme will focus on Black History Month.

The 'Proud To Be' campaign, which is the title for the 2021 Black History Month invites black and brown people of all ages throughout the UK to share what they are 'Proud To Be'. The main focus is on the contributions and achievements of black and brown people throughout history and the vast richness of diversity that these people have brought to the UK and the wider world. It has the message that all people, no matter of race or background, should be able to live life to the fullest without having to compromise who they are. Basically, everyone in society deserves the right to be proud of who they are. There will also be a special focus on encouraging all children and young people to share what they are 'Proud To Be' and encouraging them to also talk about and understand issues of race and equality.

As a school, over the coming weeks, we will be sharing real-life stories of some of the black and brown people from around the UK and the wider world, in order to honour the often unrecognised accomplishments that they have had in every area of society throughout history. For example, I will be telling the Year 5 and 6 children on Monday about the incredible contribution that four black women from the USA had in the space race.

If your child has been inspired by a black or brown person, either now or from history, please encourage them to share who it is with their class teacher so that it can be shared with the wider class. We'd love to hear about these people!

### **Re-launch of School Council:**

I am very excited to announce that we will be re-launching our Key Stage Two School Council over the coming weeks. Miss. Keogh is taking responsibility for organising the elections, which will take place during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October and she has worked incredibly hard to ensure that the children will get a 'real-life' election experience. There will be an opportunity for candidates to present their speeches and for all children in the juniors to cast a vote for candidates in their year group. Votes will be counted by year group volunteers and the children with the most votes will then become year group representatives. Through these elections, our children will learn a great deal about how elections work in a democracy.

We have decided that Early Years and Key Stage One children are a little too young at the moment to participate fully in the School Council but we still value their opinions and want to ensure that they are involved. Once School Council is up and running, we will have a team of 'link representatives' who will visit Early Years and infant classes twice each half term to listen to ideas and update them on council action. Obviously though, our youngest children will get their opportunity when they enter Key Stage 2.

There are some very exciting projects coming up in school, which our School Council will be involved in, and we can't wait to tell you about them in the future. In the meantime, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and is interested in being a School Councillor, please help them to practise their speeches at home. Even if they don't get voted in, this will still be a great experience for them.

### **Healthy Snacks:**

We have had a couple of queries regarding the healthy snack guidance that I issued in last week's newsletter. To both clarify and reassure, I am not saying that children cannot have a 'sweet treat' as part of a healthy, balanced lunchbox. What I am saying is that the **breaktime/morning** snack needs to be healthy and in line with the guidance I issued. By approaching things in this way, we are ensuring that the children don't have too many sweet things over the course of the day, which will benefit them in many different ways.

### **Free School Meals:**

Just a reminder that even if a child is receiving universal free school meals, they may still be entitled to register for free school meals funding. This is true even if they are in Reception or infants. If you think that this may be the case for your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. If you qualify, it would mean that we can help you with the payments required for trips, lunches, and the sourcing of uniform and P.E. kit. Please follow the link to apply.

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals/2](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2)

### **Second-hand uniform, PE kit and winter coat donations required:**

Our Coppice PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) are appealing for any good condition second-hand uniform, PE kit and winter coats to be donated so that they can help with sourcing these items for families who may need them or want them. If you have got any of these items that you are willing to donate, please gather them together as they would be very much appreciated. The PTA will soon publish the date/s and location of collection on the school newsletter so please look out for this.

### **Covid advice:**

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of Covid cases in school this week, which has highlighted to us the need to continue to be constantly sensible and vigilant with regards to both hygiene and social interactions. Thankfully, things have settled down as we have reached the end of the week but it is just worth giving this reminder, especially as we enter the Autumn and the weather gets colder. As you know, my primary aim is to ensure that school continues to operate completely normally and that we maintain the sense of joy at all being back together again. However, it is always worth just reflecting on how we (parents, carers, staff and children) can play their part in ensuring that this happy time continues.

That just leaves me to wish you all a great weekend and I look forward to seeing your children and you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## Can you help?

Mrs Small is collecting items for the Thrive Room and would really appreciate it if anyone could donate any of the following items :

Thick plain coloured blankets/fleece blankets

Windchimes

Conkers

Wall art

Pebbles



## Reminders

Have you returned your Flu vaccination form? The form needs to be completed whether you want your child to have the vaccine or not. Please return by Monday.

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - Have you seen the email about Photography Club? If you would like to join please follow the instructions on the letter.

Did you change the absence text number on your phone?

**07984 441282**

## After school clubs

We have pleasure to issue our clubs timetable for the Autumn term. We are still finalising some other clubs and will let you know all the details as we have them. Please see the next page for the timetable.

Emails about registering your interest in Y2-Y6 gymnastics club have been emailed this afternoon/ Please check your inbox.junk.

Emails about Y5 dance club will be sent on Monday - this is a first come, first served club with 16 places available.

Day	Time	Club	Year	Staff	Location	Start date	Length	Cost
Monday	3.15-4.15	Multi sports	Y4	Mr Edwards	Outside/ Junior Hall	w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Until 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	£5 per session
Tuesday	3.20-4.25	Multi sports	Y1 & Y2	David Morris	Outside	Already started		
	3.15-5.30	Gymnastics	Y2-Y6	Miss Carter	Junior Hall	6 week course – will be advised	6 week block	£5 for 1-hour course additional for longer sessions
	3.15-4.00	Science	Y2	Mrs Tomkinson/ Miss Dixon	Phiz Lab	After half term	6 weeks	Free
Wednesday	3.20-4.25	Multi sports	Y5 & Y6	David Morris	Outside	Already started		
Thursday	3.20-4.25	Multi sports	Y3 & Y4	David Morris	Outside	Already started		
	3.30-4.30	Photography	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Education in Focus	Classroom	4 <sup>th</sup> November	6 week course	
	3.15-5.45	Competition squad gymnastics	Invite only	Miss Carter + coaches	Junior Hall	To be confirmed		£5 per session additional cost for over 1 hour
	3.15-4.15	Dance	Y5	Miss Whiteley	Infant Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 weeks	
Friday	3.20-4.30	Friday Club	Invite only	Mrs Small	Infant Hall			£3.00
	3.20-4.30	Choir	Y 4, Y5, Y6	Ms Croft	Junior Hall	24.9.21	All year	£1.50 per week
Other clubs that we are in the process of planning		Spanish  Rapid reading  Debating  Sewing  Art						



## Star of the week- hot chocolate with Mr Hutt



## Latest COVID advice

Covid-19: Self-isolation

# When should you self-isolate?

There are new rules **from 16 August**. Here's what to do if:

**NHS**  
Test and Trace



**You've had a positive PCR test:**



You need to **self-isolate**, even if you've been vaccinated



If you're 18 or over and **not double-jabbed** you'll need to **self-isolate**



If you're **double-jabbed**, or **under 18**, take a **PCR test**, but only self-isolate if it's positive



You should **self-isolate** and take a **PCR test** even if you've been **double-jabbed**



## Community news

 **Five Ways Old Edwardians**

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**ALL INCLUSIVE FOR BOYS & GIRLS JOIN IN THE FUN!**



**Micros preschool**  
Sunday 10-10:30

**All ages: reception to year 9**  
Sunday 10:30-11:30

**Year 4 and up**  
Friday 6:30-7:30

Call Joy on:  
07904967975  
for more info

Subscriptions are a one-off yearly fee

**Preschool, reception & year 1 - £15**  
**Year 2 and up - £48 per year**  
**1st sibling - £35 year**  
**Other siblings - £20 year**

  

**Five Ways Old Edwardians are located 2 minutes from Junction 2 off the M42**

 **Five Ways Old Edwardians Sports Club**  
'Masshouse', Ash Lane, Hopwood, Birmingham B48 7BD  
0121 445 4909 [www.fivewayssoerfc.co.uk](http://www.fivewayssoerfc.co.uk)

**MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY**  
AT BIRMINGHAM MOSELEY RUGBY CLUB



## NEW PLAYERS WANTED

Join a team,  
develop new skills,  
make great friends.

- Fully qualified and DBS checked coaches.
- Training and games every Sunday morning.
- Girls and Boys welcome.

**Under 7s - Under 16s**  
**Beginners & Experienced Players Welcome**

To find out more; and contact us visit: [www.moseleyrugby.co.uk/juniors/](http://www.moseleyrugby.co.uk/juniors/)

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

