



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It has been another great week in school and our fantastic children have made sure that I've loved every minute!

School Council Elections:

As you will all know from my newsletter last week, this week has seen all of the year group candidates for the School Council presenting their campaign speeches. Thanks to Miss. Keogh, the children have had an amazing experience that is as close to a real-life election as possible. Passionate speeches have been delivered through a microphone to the watching voters, votes have been confidentially cast in a ballot box and results delivered after a carefully observed count.

I have had the pleasure of watching a number of the speeches and I can honestly say that I have been bowled over by the enthusiasm, confidence and articulate way that the children have put over their manifestos. All of the watching staff have felt such pride in seeing our children seizing the opportunity to express what is important to them and how they see our school developing further in the future. For example, we have had lots of focus on eco issues and how our school can be more ecologically friendly moving forward e.g. a greater focus on recycling. We have also had children talking about how they want to see a greater range of playground equipment and how they want to further develop our school's buddy systems in order to provide support for children who may need it.

I therefore want to say a huge thank you and well done to all of the children, both candidates and voters, for how they have engaged so positively with this process. Thank you too to parents and carers for encouraging your children and for helping them to prepare. Obviously there have been children elected and others not. However, despite this, what has really stood out has been the amazing way that all of the children have supported each other and graciously congratulated those that were voted in. Pleasingly, a lot of children have already said to me that they will be back next year to fight again or to be a candidate for the first time! What a fantastic attitude to have! **Now for the results:**

The elected School Councillors for Years 3-6 for 2021-22 are as follows:

Year 3	Alfie 3P Megan 3K Levi 3P	Year 4	Dolly 4J Sam 4MW Isobel 4AW
Year 5	Seth 5F Poppy 5BG Reuben 5W	Year 6	Daisy 6K Hamzah 6K Jacob D 6C

The Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 19th October and we can't wait for them to get down to business...

These are all of our candidates who took part

(plus a couple of videos from home!)



Class Assemblies – parents and carers are back!

It has felt absolutely amazing to be able to welcome parents to a Class Assembly again today. There is nothing like seeing the joy on both children's and parents' faces when there is a live performance by children that their parents can actually see live and in person. As you know, I sincerely hope that all parents will be able to have this opportunity this year. To enable this to be the case and to keep everyone safe, we have put in some additional requirements for parents and carers to be aware of before and when attending an assembly. These will be emailed to all the parents and carers in your child's class in the week before their performance. Please make sure that you read these carefully when you receive them so that there is no confusion about anything – thank you.

Hot chocolate with the Headteacher:

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have given me such positive feedback about this reward which is given to the children who are 'Stars of the week' (Reception to Year 6) for their class. I can honestly say that it is an absolute pleasure and highlight of my week to spend half-an-hour in these children's company and to hear about all of the fantastic things that they have done to become the star pupil.

Uniform for after the half-term break:

Just to remind everyone that after the half-term break, this brings an end to the wearing of any summer uniform items. On return to school (Monday 1st November), all children will be expected to be wearing winter uniform and meeting the expectations in their entirety (including those for PE kit). These expectations are included on an additional page in this newsletter so that everyone is again completely clear about them. Our children are certainly looking 'dressed to impress' at the moment and this is something that I fully intend will always be the case moving forward. As always, thank you for your support and efforts in making sure that your children meet and maintain the expectations – it is very much appreciated. Please remember though to speak to the school office if you are finding it difficult to meet the expectations from a financial point of view. We have a few different options where we can help and are more than happy to discuss these with you.

That just leaves me to say I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Restart a Heart

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in Restart a Heart live saving training today. Nurse and trainer, Ali Spencer, taught the children how to administer CPR and also how to deal with choking. We hope that no one ever needs to use these skills but it may save a life.



Covid advice

We have been advised that there have been several confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school / setting. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend the setting as normal.

However, due to the increasing numbers in the local area we do ask for you to remain cautious and if your child is symptomatic, however mild, please arrange a PCR test and let the school know.

As the School is no longer responsible for Track and Trace procedures we ask that, if you are notified by NHS test and Trace or Public Health that your child is a contact of a case of COVID-19, please access a PCR test for your child as soon as possible and carefully follow the guidance on how to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Children aged 5 and under are not be advised to take a test unless the positive case was someone in their own household.

PTA EventsNext week!



Can you help?



Do you have any mannequins or Barbie type dolls that you no longer need?

If so we would love it if you could donate them to school for use in an art project.

You can drop them at the school office or take them to your classroom.

Thank you.



Want to apply for Coppice Reception for September 2022?

The portal to apply for Reception places in September 2022 is now open. You should apply to the local authority in which you live. If you pay your Council Tax to Worcestershire (Bromsgrove) you should apply through the Worcestershire portal https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F.

If you pay your Council tax to Birmingham you should apply through the Birmingham portal https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

Online applications should be made by January 15th 2022.

If you require any help with or advice on this process please do ask at the school office.

Star of the week- Hot chocolate with Mr Hutt

Mr Hutt, Mrs Ashwell and Mr Laight met with the Star of the Week children from last week and the week before. This is proving to be a very popular event!



Halloween fun

We have heard about a couple of fun Halloween events which we thought you might like to know about.

Parkridge Nature Centre is found in Brueton Park, Solihull. They are also holding some pumpkin carving craft sessions.



Parkridge

Halloween Treasure Trail

Saturday 23rd October – Sunday 31st October
9AM – 3:30PM
(No trail maps sold after 3PM)

£3.50
per child
Free for accompanying adults

Purchase your treasure map with clues from the café counter; follow the trail around the nature reserve to find the secret scary word; collect your prize upon completing the treasure trail

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There is also a spooky Halloween trail at RSPB Middleton Lakes (near Tamworth) Details can be found on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1030933657720270?ref=newsfeed>

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