



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope that you have all had a good week and are very much looking forward to the weekend with your children. Again, there is much to share with you all after another busy and enjoyable week in school.

### **Remembrance:**

As you will all know, yesterday was Remembrance Day and this will be followed by Remembrance Sunday over the weekend. As a school, we always believe it is vital to make all of our children aware of the importance of this event and feel it is our duty to ensure that the sacrifices that our service men and women have made throughout history and into the present day are forever remembered and fully understood. We also have a number of children in our school, who are sons and daughters of service people, and it is vital that these children see how much the school values the contributions of their parents.

This week, our assemblies have all been about Remembrance and it has been lovely to see how thoughtfully and respectfully the children have engaged with these. The key messages have focused around how lucky we all are to have our freedom in order that we can come to school and safely learn because of the selfless actions of others who have fought to ensure that this is the case. We have also been selling poppies and other poppy- related items over the last few days. All of the proceeds of these sales will of course go The British Legion in order to help support both former and current military personnel.

Yesterday, our School Council, accompanied by Miss. Keogh, Mrs. Dawson and me, attended the service at the Drake's Cross war memorial where we lay a wreath on behalf of the school. It was an honour to be able to attend this service and the attendees from the local community were extremely impressed with our children.



### **Well done Dhruv!**

I want to send huge congratulations to Dhruv from Year 5 (see photos below) who continues to be a passionate charity fundraiser for Crohn's and Colitis UK. He has completed a number of charity challenges in the past, raising significant amounts of money in the process. This year, he was supposed to do four challenges but, unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, he was unable to complete all of them. However, ever the optimist, he hopes that he will be able to complete the ones missed next year. Nevertheless, he still managed to complete two of the proposed four:

The first challenge completed was the Bubble Rush 5K at Tudor Grange park on 31st July. The second challenge he completed was the Inflatable run in Bicester on 7th August

Dhruv raised a massive £1335.00 altogether which will go to Dhruv's chosen charities in the hope that a cure will soon be found for these diseases. We are so proud of Dhruv for his selfless attitude and desire to help others – a truly remarkable, young man! You are a credit to The Coppice Dhruv!



### **Thank you St.Mary's!**

Our relationship with St. Mary's Church is a hugely important and valuable one to us as a school. For example, they support us with assemblies at key times during the year and are always extremely supportive of our many other school events and developments. It was therefore fabulous to receive a large donation of brand new books that will go into our school library to support our Religious Education curriculum and complement our existing collection of books about different religions and world views. Thank you St. Mary's!



### **Thank you Phoenix!**

We are very lucky to have a close connection with the Phoenix Insurance Group and, this week, we benefitted greatly from this when a number of volunteers from the company came into school in order to prune back trees and bushes and generally tidy up our Forest School area. This is a vital task that needed doing in order that the site remains safe and accessible for our children to use. Therefore, to have this work done for free is a massive help to the school. Not only did they complete the general maintenance of the site this week, but they will also put down lots of new bark chippings which are being bought and paid for by them. We are incredibly grateful for the work that was done and we can't thank Phoenix enough for both their time and effort on our behalf. As they will be back next week there will be some photos to follow on next week's newsletter.

As with last week, there has again been a lot of great news to share and I hope you have enjoyed reading about it. I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards, Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

## Children In Need 2021



Next week is Children in Need and as usual we will be fundraising. We are delighted to have secured a special visitor to KS1...Pudsey will be dropping by to say hello to the younger children sometime in the morning of **Wednesday 17th November**. Thank you to Mrs Small for organising this, we are lucky as many schools will have to make do with an online visit.

On this day the whole school should come dressed in bright and/or spotty clothing and bring in £1 so that we can give it to Pudsey's helpers when they visit. You can pay in your £1 on Parent Pay and they will be able to add Gift Aid to our donation.

## PTA fundraising over the Festive period

Unfortunately due to the number of Covid cases being on the rise again the PTA had had to make the decision not to hold our usual Christmas Fair. However that doesn't mean that there won't be events taking place. The PTA have stalls at the upcoming Wythall Winter Wonderland event, plans for a visit from Santa and Christmas tuck shops. So keep reading the newsletter to find out what is happening when.

The PTA will still be holding their collections of donated items and would appreciate your help with the following.

Please would Nursery, Reception /and Year 1 donate pre packaged cakes

Year 2/3 - multi packs of sweets and chocolates

Year4/5 - wine or Prosecco

Year6 - boxes of chocolates

Anyone could donate clean, good quality uniform, crafts or unwanted gifts/smelly and good quality books.

Please bring these items to the Junior Hall door (front of school) from 8.20 - 8.50am on **Thursday 18th November**



## Star of the Week - Hot chocolate time!



## Ready, Steady, Read sponsor money

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in Ready, Steady Read. We now need to collect all of your sponsor money in. The final day for sponsor money is 15th November so all money should be paid into Parent Pay this weekend.

We can then calculate which year group has collected the most money and then we can start buying the books for the library. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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