



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 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.

Eco-Council:

It is fantastic to be able to announce that the members of the Eco-Council have now been elected for the academic year 21-22 (please see photo below). The children are as follows:

3P - Florence T	3KP - Maeva P	3K - Isabella R
4MW - Daniel W	4J – Harry D	4AW - Florence T
5BG – Cruz T	5F - Isla M	5W - Yousef A
6K - Grace B	6G - Rocko T	6C – Elsa P

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward, both those who were elected and those who weren't. As you will see from Miss. Whiteley's item later on in this newsletter, we were extremely impressed with the effort that all of these children put in and for the ideas that they put forward in support of their campaigns.

It is a fabulous thing for the school to have an Eco-Council and I know that it will have a big impact moving forward in ensuring that any decisions that we make as a school always consider any possible impact on the environment. As Miss. Whiteley mentions, we will also be working towards achieving an Eco Schools' Green Flag award and I look forward to updating you over the coming months with our progress towards that goal.



Christmas:

I am thrilled that we are still able to hold our Year 1 and Year2 nativity productions and Nursery and Reception singalongs with parents present, especially after not being able to do these last year. I can't wait to see the children perform and I have to say, I think it will be a very emotional time.

I completely understand that not all schools are in the position to be able to hold live performances but, thankfully, we are fortunate to have a big enough hall space where we can accommodate visitors (albeit a more limited number than would usually have been the case) in a safe and socially distanced way. We have also put in other measures e.g. requesting parent/carers to take a lateral flow test before they attend performances and not serving teas and coffees, in order to prevent unnecessary mixing. We believe that these measures will ensure that we can hold the performances whilst at the same time not putting anyone's Christmas break at risk.

For our Junior children and classes, they will be recording some Christmas songs, which will be videoed and shared with parents. These will serve as a lovely keepsake and ensure that all parents, carers and children throughout the school can share some Christmas cheer together. As a large school, it is not possible to hold Junior Christmas performances for logistical reasons and I know that you will all understand this. Therefore, Junior children recording a Christmas item will be the approach that we will be taking in future years too. The children still have plenty of opportunity to perform to their parents though through their class assemblies and drama productions in Years 5 and 6.

I think you will all know by now that one event that we won't be having is our traditional Christmas Fayre. This was an event that unfortunately, due to the fact that you can't ensure social distancing and, due to the numbers of people who attend, we couldn't guarantee could be held safely. Hopefully this will be different next year! The plan, all being well, is therefore to make up for this with a fantastic Summer Revel – fingers crossed!

Finally, I hope that you all enjoy seeing the Christmas decorations that have been put in the small garden area and on the large conifer tree at the front of school. I'd like to thank the members of our school PTA and other volunteers for giving up their time to do the decorating – as usual, it is very much appreciated.

Red light/Green light game – please be vigilant:

We are urging parents and carers to be vigilant after we became aware of some of our children talking about and playing a version of a game from the Netflix series: Squid Games (rated certificate 15 and over).

The game is called 'red light, green light' although traditionally, it is known as 'Grandmother's Footsteps'. In the game, players must try to reach a finish line while the 'Grandmother's' back is turned. They must then freeze on the spot whenever the 'Grandmother' turns around or else they are out.

Thankfully, at present, we have not experienced our children playing a worrying version of the game, nor have we discovered that any of our children have directly viewed the show 'Squid Games'. We are aware though of a small group of pupils within school discussing the show, which has led us to believe that some children might be accessing content linked to the television series, possibly without their parents' knowledge. For example, social media users such as Tiktok or YouTube have posted their own versions of the game. Other developers e.g. Roblox have also made various mini-games based on the series.

As a primary school, we obviously strongly state that children should not watch Squid Game, nor should they be watching related content on other social media platforms. We know, as fact, that watching this kind of content can have a detrimental effect on children's mental health and can cause nightmares.

We are therefore advising all parents (we know that most of you already do) to regularly check the settings on your children's devices and to monitor their screen time so as to ensure that they only ever access age-appropriate content.

We also want to give a general reminder regarding the playing of other games such as Fortnite (certificate 12), Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty (both certificate 18) as these are not appropriate for our children to be playing. Where we receive reports that children are playing these games, they will be treated as safeguarding concerns and will therefore need to be logged on our school's safeguarding system.

As always, I hope that you have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday when we start to count down towards the upcoming festivities.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate time!



Miss Whiteley's eco news

Today, I had the fantastic job of announcing the names of the children who have been successfully appointed as Eco Ambassadors for the school. This follows a busy and exciting few weeks where children have been preparing and practicing their speeches for their class presentations. I was so impressed with their ideas and I am really looking forward to working with them!

These children have the very important responsibility of ensuring their class is doing everything it can to be as green as possible. They will take responsibility for recycling and energy saving in their class as well as being a part of our Eco Committee. Our first Eco Committee meeting will take place next Wednesday where we aim to start an environmental review of the school and begin to discuss what we would like to put in place over the course of the year to help us on our journey of achieving the Eco Schools' Award along with a green flag.

This award recognises the school's commitment to developing strategies that sustain and enhance the environment. The Eco Schools' programme inspires and influences young people in schools to create and change environmental actions through projects and small changes to everyday behaviours within the school and the local community. I look forward to updating you all in the coming weeks about our plans to create a brighter and greener future for the school.

Miss Whiteley

Electronic sign in/out

The Coppice has finally moved into the 21st Century this week with the introduction of our new electronic signing in (and out!) system. You will notice a screen mounted on a stand in our lobby by the school office. All staff, visitors, contractors and parents coming in to school now need to sign in electronically. **If your child is late into school, leaving early or returning from an appointment you will need to come into the lobby and sign them in yourself.**

This record is for safeguarding and fire safety reasons and therefore it is critical that children are signed in and out every time. Office staff will be on hand to assist if required.

Community News

Over the next month we will be holding two 'Drop-In' police surgeries every week in the Wythall area. If you have any issues, concerns, or you would simply like to have a chat with us for some advice or security recommendations please come along to one of our sessions and speak with a member of the team.

We will be hold drop in sessions at the following times/locations:

Woodrush Community Hub - (Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood)

Tuesday 30th November: 5pm-6pm

Thursday 2nd December: 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 8th December: 11am-12pm

Thursday 9th December: 1pm-2pm

Wednesday 15th December: 6pm-7pm

Thursday 16th December: 6pm-7pm

Drakes Cross Parade - (Alcester Road, Drakes Cross)

Friday 3rd December: 5pm-6pm

Sunday 12th December: 1pm-2pm

Wythall Park - (Silver Street, Wythall)

Monday 20th December: 12pm-1pm

For more information please email the team at: aw.snt@westmercia.police.uk



Mobile police surgeries in
your area



Year 4 Egyptian Day

Year 4 have had an amazing Egyptian Day today. They have fully immersed themselves in Egyptian culture by dressing as Egyptians, painting Tutankhamun, making masks, writing in hieroglyphics and watching a mummification video provided by Birmingham University. A great time was had by all.



Weekend Football Coaching



SOLIHULL FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: LIGHT HALL SCHOOL
HATHAWAY ROAD, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, B90 2PZ
STARTING: SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY 2022

Saturdays:

Group 1: Reception & Year 1	= 9.00am-10.00am
Group 2: Year 2 & 3	= 10.00am-11.00am
Group 3: Year 4, 5, 6 & 7	= 11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 20 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2022. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an indoor course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)

www.seccorcoachinguk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
SOLIHULL + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:

07827 322780

PTA Christmas Raffle

Coppice Christmas Raffle 2021

Tickets are available at pta-events.co.uk/coppice or scan the QR Code below until

**Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday
14th December**

We would like to thank our amazing Supporters and all the fantastic businesses who have supported us this Christmas and throughout the year.

All Monies raised will be used for the quad development within school, which will be an amazing outdoor classroom, sensory garden and an extension of our new library.



Our Amazing Prizes

£250.00 Smyth's Voucher.

- Nintendo Switch Lite donated by RFL Electrical Services
- Admission for 2 adults and 2 children to West Midlands Safari Park, donated by West Midlands Safari Park
- Xootz Electric Light up Scooter donated by Lee Brotherhood Golf Ltd.
- Family History Research Package, worth £250.00, donated by Oakwood Family Trees
- Two months Karate Training, including a free suit, donated by Ruach Karate
- £50.00 Beauty Voucher donated by Sugarbrows
- Echo Dot, donated by Adam Kent
- Lego Star Wars, 501st Legion Clone Troopers Set, donated by RCM Roofing
- Selection of Christmas Items, donated by Lollellops by Design-aholic
- 2 x Body Shop sets donated by Vicky Hardy
- Body Shop Hamper donated by Rachel Gould
- Christmas / Winter Tub donated by Sunflower Gardening
- Three Cheese and Wine Hamper, (A choice of Red, White or Rose Wine) donated by Ally's Goodie Box
- Thomas Kent Clock, donated by A World of Time
- Waffles and Milkshake for 2, donated by Bean 47
- Manicure Voucher donated by Beauty Works
- Two Open Jump Tickets donated by Rush Trampoline Park
- Avon Voucher donated by Jackie Berry
- Plus, more prizes

Easy Fundraising

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to The Coppice Primary School PTA, Hollywood at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food or anything else. #ThisMeansMore than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a difference!. Please sign up and help us raise more at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thecoppicepta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-chts21-f1

You could WIN a £250 donation EVERY day for The Coppice Primary School PTA, Hollywood until Christmas. For each day you enter, you'll also get a FREE entry to the Christmas Day Grand Prize Draw for £1,000 to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £10,000 donation for us! Visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-advcal21-f1

British Legion Fundraising



Thank you on behalf of the British Legion for your contributions to their poppy appeal. Your donations raised the total of £851.74

Thank you for your support with our chosen fundraising partners.

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

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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/>