



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break with your children and got chance to spend some quality time together. It has been a joy to welcome the children back for the start of the summer term and I'm full of excitement for the term ahead with events such as Sports' Days and the Summer Revel to look forward to. There are also many exciting learning opportunities awaiting the children!

NEU strike action:

Many of you will already be aware that the NEU (National Education Union) have announced two further strike dates. These are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Please make sure that you read my communication regarding this that is also being sent out today.

Celebration Assemblies:

A real highlight of our first week back has been our Celebration Assemblies for Years 1-6 where we recognised the children's achievements for the half-term before we broke up for Easter. We always hold these assemblies at the very beginning of the next half-term as it allows the teachers to reflect on all of the children in their class over the holiday and to decide who they think should be the trophy winners. As you can appreciate, this is never an easy task!

Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to front all of these assemblies and to hear the reasons why the children, who became the recipients of the trophies, were awarded them. What really stood out to me again was how our curriculum, and the awards that we have created for the different subject disciplines, have allowed for all of our children's talents and abilities to not only be recognised but also discovered. As you know, I am passionate about The Coppice being a school where no child's talents go undiscovered during their time with us.

You can see a full breakdown of who the trophy winners and team point medal winners were later on in this newsletter.

We will also be celebrating the achievements of our Nursery and Reception children over the course of the next couple of weeks. Presenting certificates and giving out stickers to our youngest children is something that I always look forward to doing and both Mrs. Ashwell and I can't wait to be doing so as they are always lovely occasions.

Uniform:

Just a quick reminder, as per my newsletter before the Easter break, that children can now wear summer uniform if they wish to. You can find a full list of the school's uniform expectations on the school website in the 'Parents' section. Here you will find a link called 'whole school information' and within this you will find a link to 'uniform'. Please remember that all uniform expectations (both winter and summer uniform) need to be followed in full, including Physical Education (PE) kit. **Please note carefully what it says about children not wearing leggings for PE.**

Snacks and healthy lunches:

We have noticed in school that a number of children are not bringing in what we would call a balanced, healthy lunch into school. In some lunch boxes, we have noticed that there are too many sugary or unhealthy items. Because of this, on Monday, you will all be receiving a healthy lunchbox guide that makes clear what constitutes a balanced, healthy lunchbox in school. We also have a healthy lunchbox and breaktime snack policy on our website that outlines the school's expectations in these areas and the rationale for why we take the position that we do with regards to healthy eating.

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 that they are avoiding eating or drinking items that contain unnecessary sugar and salt.

To both clarify and reassure, even though the guide states no sweet treats, as a school, we are not saying that children cannot have a small 'sweet treat' as part of a healthy, balanced lunchbox. What we are saying though is that the breaktime/morning snack needs to be healthy and in line with the guidance issued and a child's lunch box needs to be well-balanced. 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.

As always, I trust that I can count on your support with ensuring that these guidelines are adhered to at all times – thank you.

Indoor Athletics success!

On Tuesday of this week, Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells took some of our Year 5 and 6 boys to the Redditch District Sports' competition. Incredibly, as with last year, our boys won the competition!

I can't begin to tell you how proud we are of the children who took part in this competition. It was an incredible achievement to win this competition for the second year running and is testament to the athletic talent that we have at The Coppice and the quality of coaching that is provided by Mr. Edwards and Miss. Wells. Once again, this competition was a fiercely contested affair and the Redditch Middle Schools proved to be tough competition. Nevertheless, The Coppice boys came through on top!

What also needs to be said is that the sportsmanship and behaviour of our children was once again highlighted as being exemplary and this aspect is every bit as important to us. 'The Coppice Way' was very much in evidence and is something that everyone associated with these children can be extremely proud of



Please support Kathryn!

Our Chair of Trustees: Kathryn Byng, who is also a parent to a child at The Coppice, is currently training hard to complete the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice. You will see further details regarding this below. Please support her if you can using the link provided. Good luck Kathryn!

Gates at the end of the day:

Please be aware that the gates to let parents onto site at the end of the school day may open a little later than they were doing over the course of the autumn and spring terms (this has already happened a couple of times this week). The reason for this is that with better weather (hopefully!) we will now be in a position to have some of our Physical Education lessons on the school field. However, this does mean that we have to ensure that the children have left the field and have returned to class before the gates are opened, obviously for safeguarding reasons. We will always endeavour to have the gates open by 3.05pm at the latest though and thank you for your patience and understanding with why this is the case.

That just leaves me wish you all a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to welcoming all of them bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards, Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Flower tubs



You may have noticed that our flower tubs near our school office/Nursery gate have been replanted with some stunning flowers and plants.

Thank you to Mrs Walton, one of our site staff, who gives up her spare time to plant and tend these pots.

Please ensure that your children do not pick or remove petals from the flowers so ensure that they remain looking beautiful

Trophy Winners for Spring 2 term

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
THE COPPICE WAY	1D - Oliver	2AT - Harrison	3A Scarlett	4MW - Betsy	5D - Harry	6LC- Phoebe
STAR MATHEMATICIAN	1T - Jake	2P - Oscar B	3K - Jack	4AW - Isla	5D - Lucas	6RC - Jack R
STAR WRITER	1D - Madison	2RL - Tessa	3L - Arlo	4AW - Honey	5F - Jack H	6LC- George
STAR READER	1D - Vinnie	2AT- Amelia	3A - Oliver	4MW - Maddison	5F - Isobel	6RC - Bethany
STAR SCIENTIST	1T - Charlotte	2AT - Don	3K - Louis	4AW - Amelia	5D - Rabia	6LC- Amber
SPORTS STAR	1B- Louie S	2P - Kai	3L - Jess	4AW - Maeva	5BR - Eliza	6W - Aaron
THE ARTS STAR	1B - Rose J	2P - Connie	3A - Poppy	4J - Chloe	5BR - Matthew	6W - Marina
HUMANITIES STAR	1T - Harry	2RL - Leo	3K - Ariana	4MW - Alex	5F - Miguel	6W - Nancy

Three Peaks Challenge



As mentioned in Mr Hutt's section of this newsletter, Kathryn Byng (Chair of Trustees) will be completing the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice. You can read her story and make a donation through her Just Giving page by following the link below.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/kathryn-byng-1681729513248?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/kathryn-byng-1681729513248&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=6f2eb0b243684f57a625972ab6ee0a66



Team Point Medals - top 3 in each class

	3rd (Bronze)	2nd (Silver)	1st (Gold)
1D	Lexi (Eagle)	Oliver (Eagle)	Ellimay (Owl)
1T	Lola (Owl)	Jake R (Owl)	Eva (Hawk)
1B	Oliver (Owl)	Alice (Owl)	Jamie (Hawk)
2AT	Don (Falcon)	Rosie (Eagle)	Keaton (Eagle)
2P	Freya (Hawk)	Isabelle (Falcon)	Siena (Eagle)
2RL	Beatrix (Hawk)	Alice (Owl)	Krish (Owl)
3K	James (Falcon)	Sienna (Owl)	Poppy (Hawk)
3L	Zac W (Owl)	Qasin A (Owl)	Chloe W (Eagle)
3A	Florence T (Eagle)	Ivy F (Owl)	Zechariah (Falcon)
4AW	Oliver (Hawk) Evie V (Eagle)	X	Ellie (Hawk) Jessica (Eagle)
4MW	Olivia K (Owl)	Alivia C (Owl)	Holly-Ann (Hawk)
4J	Alex (Falcon)	Sienna (Eagle)	Isabella (Falcon)
5BR	Jessica (Falcon)	Tayt (Hawk)	Abdullah (Owl)
5D	Lily (Hawk)	Zayn (Falcon)	Harry (Falcon)
5F	William (Falcon)	Miguel (Owl)	Ellie-May (Owl)
6LC	Daniel (Falcon)	George (Falcon)	Evie-Mai (Eagle)
6W	Ben (Hawk)	x	Nancy (Owl) Megan (Hawk)
6RC	Reuben (Falcon)	Jack R (Eagle)	Hollie (Eagle)

Donation requests for various projects within school

Mrs Small would appreciate any old magazines they are able to donate? Picture magazine are great for cutting up for collage materials.



Mrs Blundell wonders.....Do you have any old (but clean!) fitted sheets to use for covering tables during art lessons?

Do you have any spare seeds? These can be either flower or vegetable seeds. They will be then planted in the sensory garden/quad area.



Please drop to the school office if you can help. Thank you,



PTA News




6 REASONS TO JOIN...

FOR THE CHILDREN BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION. THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.	FOR YOU VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.	FOR THE SCHOOL HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS. HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.
BE CONNECTED THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL. MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.	IT IS FUN! WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES. FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL, IT'S EXCITING!	KEEP IT GOING AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING. COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

THE COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS:

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FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

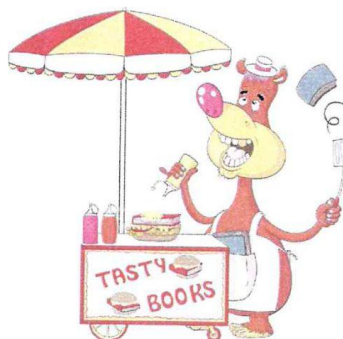
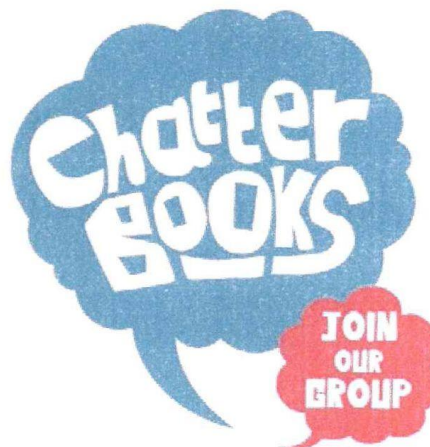
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE INFANT AND JUNIOR PLAYGROUNDS

PLEASE BRING CASH IF POSSIBLE

Community News

Aged between 8-11
and love reading?

Come along to
Wythall Library and
join our new
Chatterbooks group



Friday 28th April
3.30.4.30

Ask a member of staff
for details

The theme this month is
David Walliams



Join in with activities, crafts and
all things book related.

We meet once a month on the
last Friday of each month

Chatterbooks is free with an
optional £1 for a drink and a
biscuit.

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