

The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to another sunny weekend and a chance to spend some quality time outside with your children.

Parents' Evening:

Please make sure that you have read the letter that I sent out yesterday regarding the enforced postponement of Parents' meetings from next week to the week beginning 2nd May – thank you. Once again, please understand that this was not a decision taken lightly and was made purely because of the current staffing issues that we are experiencing due to Covid. We fully intend to still hold these meetings and are greatly looking forward to them.

Science Fair projects - well done children!

It has been an absolute joy to see the many science fair projects that have been coming into school this week. I have had so many lovely conversations on the Key Stage 2 gate with children regarding the work that they have produced. The projects have been very interesting to read and to talk about and I have been very impressed with the range and quality of the projects produced. The children deserve great praise for the effort that they have put in and it is great to see what has been produced displayed proudly in our Phizz Lab (see pictures below).





The deadline for the projects was today so we will have had more come in today that aren't included in these photos. However, they will still be part of the competition. Judging will take place next Thursday afternoon and I will announce the winners on next week's newsletter. Just to remind you all, there will be prizes in the following categories: EYFS (Nursery and Reception), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6).

I greatly look forward to announcing the winners next week but, in the meantime, I just want to say a huge well done to all of the children who entered. All entrants will receive a Headtecher's award sticker and ten team points for their house team.

Well done Frankie, Betsy and Eva - we are very proud of you!

It seems like every week that we are able to celebrate the many and varied talents of our wonderful Coppice children and this week is no exception! This week, we are celebrating the theatrical talents of one of our Year 5 boys: Frankie and two of our Year 3 girls: Betsy and Eva, who this week made their acting debut on the big stage in the production of the opera 'Carmen' at The Alexandra theatre (see pictures below). This is a fantastic achievement and we want to say a huge well done to all three of them. You never know, but one of these children may well end up following in the footsteps of previous Coppice Pupil: Glen Facey (now in his 20's) who is appearing in the West End musical of 'Mary Poppins'. Good luck for the future Frankie, Betsy and Eva!









Red Nose Day:

A huge thank you to all of you for supporting our recent Red Nose Day. I'm extremely pleased to let you know that we managed to raise a fantastic £562.99 which will obviously make its way to supporting a number of good causes and will help make a difference to many lives.

Suncream:

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather this week and it's been fabulous for us all to feel some warm sun on our faces. However, with more sun to come (hopefully) over the course of the rest of the spring term and the summer term, it is a good time to remind you all of the school's policy regarding the application of suncream. I'm sure that you can all appreciate that it would be impossible for us to apply cream onto all children. Therefore, we ask that all parents and carers apply suncream to their child before setting off for school in the morning so that they are already protected.

Obviously we will continue to reinforce sun safety messages in school on hot, sunny days i.e. drinking plenty of water, wearing hats, not running around too much and seeking shade when necessary.

Shorts and summer uniform:

Linked to the above, a couple of parents have enquired as to whether their child can start wearing summer uniform early due to the warm weather. My answer to that at the moment is no and I will explain why. Firstly, I don't actually feel that it is in fact quite warm enough yet to warrant this and, secondly, from looking at the forecast for next week, the warm weather is due to come to an end and very much cool down again. Therefore, we will stick to children wearing winter uniform until we break up for Easter. Children can then, of course, start to wear summer uniform when we return for the new term and I will clarify those uniform expectations in next week's newsletter.

That just leaves me, as always, to end by wishing you all a lovely weekend – enjoy the sunshine everyone! We look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Year One's visit from Florence Nightingale

On Monday Year One took part in a drama workshop led by Florence Nightingale. The children in Mrs Tomkinsons class described their day.

"We pretended that we were all Florence Nightingale's nurses. We pretended to go to Turkey on a boat, some of us got sea sick. When we arrived we had to do lots of cleaning so that the soldiers didn't get poorly from disease. Some of had to pretend to get rid of rats from the hospital! We had to help the soldiers. Florence Nightingale showed us how to put on a bandage and we put bandages on our teddies. We learned all about life in Queen Victoria's times. Florence Nightingale had to carry a lamp as they didn't have electricity"

Mrs Tomkinson said Florence was very impressed because the Year One children knew all about a contemporary of Nightingale's called Mary Seacole, a British-Jamaican nurse who also tended to the soldiers during the Crimean War. They had learned all about her as part of their history unit 'Why do we commemorate special people from history?' Thank you to Florence for ensuring that the children had a really memorable day!







Upcoming PTA events



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 29th March - Y6 trip to Warwick Castle

29th, 30th, 31st March - Parents Evenings - please book via School Cloud (<u>https://thecoppice.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u>)

Friday 1st April - Break the Rules for April Fools fundraiser and also Easter tuck shop- see poster below

Thursday 7th April - Year 1 parents are invited to a short Phonics Screening Information afternoon in the Infant hall 2.30-3.00pm. This will be led by Mrs Russell and Mr Laight. Please enter through the church doors - no need to register in advance.

School Council



Attention Year 3 and 5! Bring 50p on the 4th of April to join us for an Easter Egg hunt. You could win some chocolate or some team points!

The hunt will take place at breaktime. You'll be given the chocolate at the end of the day and there will be adults watching you so don't cheat! The first three people to find out the word get chocolate and 5 team points. Give them to the School Councillors and they'll tell you where placed.

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Poster by Seth, 5F

St Mary's News





An informal service with tea and scones an opportunity to be creative a gift of flowers and a focus on love

St Mary's Church Shawhurst Lane B47 5JN

Community News



Coppice Care Club - Holiday Club 11TH TO 14TH AND 19TH TO 22ND APRIL 2022

Book now for lots of fun activities for 3 to 11 years AM / PM / School day and Full Day Sessions available





To Book: www.coppicecareclubmanager@gmail.com Telephone: 07914825141

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