

The Coppice Newsletter—25.09.2020



HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS; WELL PREPARED FOR LIFE.

IMPORTANT . . . CRITICAL . . . URGENT!

Please do read all of the below.

We all know now that the second wave of Covid-19 infection is upon us. The Government are really ramping up precautions in an attempt to avoid lockdown. Accordingly, we need to 'ramp up' things too. To avoid drastic measures being imposed on our school and/or community, we must all do our bit!

It is far too easy for individuals to get into the mind-set *"The rules don't apply to me,"* or think, *"Well, I haven't got coronavirus, so it doesn't matter."* If everybody thought this way, we would see more infections and more deaths. It is this sort of self-centred, selfish attitude that puts us all at risk and will result in deaths.

As a school, compared with other schools in the area, we have so far got off lightly, (I'd like to think that some of this is due to our care and diligence). However, we are not immune!

Virtually all parents have been brilliant, supportive and most considerate (thank you). Sadly, we have had one or two parents who have not been this, endangering our whole community, obstinately determined that the rules do not apply to them or, just, "I'm not going to follow the rules." Like many people, I have an aging mother. She has a debilitating condition. If she catches Covid-19, she will die, and, it is through the selfishness (and dare I say callousness) of these ignorant individuals that this will happen for many like my mum.

Parents have no legal right to be on any school site. Schools have the right to enforce a ban. It is only because of a lasting 'open invitation' that parents are allowed on school sites at all, which, being a welcoming school, we would want to continue with. However, if we become aware of anyone ignoring our expectations, we may have to withdraw the invitation for that individual.

Our expectations are these, which all parents should be aware of, and everybody needs to stick to them:

- Respect our pedestrian one-way system around the school at pick-up at the end of the day (some parents are slipping out through the KS2 gate or coming in via the KS1 gate - this is not allowed).
- No parking on site, save for blue badge holders. Still some parents are slipping in early and parking up in the morning or afternoon (if you are a culprit, do not be surprised if you get a knock on your car window from Mr Mace or Mr Hutt or myself - it is a PRIVATE car park).
- Do wear a mask on site unless you have a condition that prevents this.
- Do observe social distancing; this is the one quite a few parents are not doing. Do not approach a member of staff to discuss things unless it is absolutely critical/urgent. Please email or phone the school office instead.
- Do stick to the strict timings of drop-off/pick-up (if children are late to school, they will be turned away).
- If there's the slightest suspicion that your family have been infected by Covid-19, you must keep children at home and let us know

I make no apologies for the tone of this letter (the tone is aimed at those who break the rules). This is my fourteenth year as headteacher of The Coppice, a position I treasure. In that time, as any longstanding parent knows, I have hardly ever (if ever) given such a firm message (my default is to be friendly and welcoming), but, desperate times need desperate measures.

We love our school, we love having our children back - please help keep us open!

Bill Heptinstall

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Birmingham and Solihull Rugby Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of The Coppice students have had a chance this week to play (and develop their skills in) Tag Rugby during their PE lessons.

It is currently the start of the rugby season and therefore it is an ideal time to join a local club and see if it's something that you would enjoy.

With that in mind, Birmingham and Solihull RFC, based in Forshaw Heath Lane, close to Junction 3 of the M42, are offering six weeks coaching free of charge to any Coppice students who would like to have a go at rugby. It is an enjoyable, non-contact sport for both girls and boys and there's no limit on squad size.

There are already many children, who attend Coppice, enjoying playing rugby at the club.

Birmingham and Solihull RFC run Tag Rugby for Under 7's and Under 8's (year 2 and 3) with a varied style of contact for Under 9's onwards. Each age group has a specific coach.

Training is on Sunday mornings and starts at 10.30 am. Our kitchen is always open and teas and coffees are available.

If your child would like to come and give it a go, please email:

Pete Carr - Mini and Junior Chair.

petercarr70@outlook.com, or text on 0784043670.

Kind regards,

Mr Edwards

(Coppice Physical Education Coach)

MR EDWARDS WILL BUY A HOTDOG FOR EVERY COPPICE PUPIL WHO COMES ALONG ON SUNDAY!!!!

Star of the week

RF /RL/RH - Reception haven't started selecting a star of the week yet.

1D - Mia –Rose

1T - Poppy

1RB - Emilia

2A - Levi

2CA -Beau & Finley

2J - Olivia

3P - Lucy

3K - Archie

3HK - Max

4W - Nancy

4MW - Cruz—also a mention to Noah for his bravery after he fell and cut his chin open.

4J - Reuben

5G - Zak

5MS - Jacob

5K - Ben

6C - Lola

6L - Poppy

6G - Sadie

ASSEMBLY THEME

The theme for next week's assembly will be normally posted here but assemblies are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to COVID 19.

TEAM POINTS

Points awarded to the children during the week will be recorded here. Who will win Eagles, Falcons, Hawks or Owls?

APPLYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL?



WOODRUSH HIGH SCHOOL

AN ACADEMY FOR STUDENTS AGED 11 TO 18

Virtual Open Week

21st to 28th September

- Take a virtual tour of the school
- Hear the Head Teacher's talk
- Get admissions information
- Hear from our students
- View the school prospectus

All live on the school website from 21st September

www.woodrush.org



'Parents, staff and pupils are unanimous in their praise for the excellent pastoral care provided to pupils'
Ofsted 2018/19



'Pupils achieve well because of strong teaching and the exceptional support and care they receive'
Ofsted 2018/19



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Although the date for Henley has passed you can still visit the school website– see below

Light Hall School link <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/virtual-open-day/>



**HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL**

Achieving Excellence Together



Virtual Open Evening

Thursday 17th September 2020

Video Presentation available on our website.

Staff are available to take your questions on the night between 6pm-8pm. Please call 01564 792364

- Pupils achieving 5 or more "strong" GCSE's is above national averages*
- Over 75% of students achieved pass or above in **both** English & Maths*
- Over 90% English & over 80% Maths pass rates*
- Education Awards - Secondary School of the Year - Finalist 2019
- Fantastic opportunities for extra-curricular enrichment

"I would definitely recommend HIAS," (Y10). "The teachers are brilliant," (Y10). "Fantastic school" (Y9). "Absolutely superb," (Y7). "Teachers are enthusiastic and passionate," (Y9). "A positive and motivating culture," (Y7)."

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*Based on provisional 2020 data available at time of going to press. **All quotations are taken from annual parent surveys. Part of the Arden Multi Academy Trust.

YOUNG VOICES 2021

Some of our choir members have been asking Ms Croft about Young Voices 2021. The latest news is that the dates have been changed from the usual January, to later in the year. We have registered to take part in the Resorts Worlds concert, where are five dates available from 21st—25th June and it won't be long until we find out which one we are invited to. Ms Croft is so sorry that we aren't able to hold our choir practices but there is something you can do to get ready! Go to the Young Voices website, look in the parents section click on Music Room and put in the school access code YV2021 and there you will find the songs, the dances and the lyrics for you to practice at home. We will be in touch as soon as we know more.



YEAR 4'S SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

This week Year 4 has been finding out if ice always melts at the same speed. Children predicted what they thought would happen, wrote up the method, observed the changes over a period of time and then evaluated our results. The children engaged in some superb scientific discussion about why different shaped ice cubes melt at different speeds and produced some lovely work.



Time	10 mins	20 mins	30 mins	40 mins	50 mins
Star	Melted the least	Beginning to melt.	Melting more.	Some melting	Melting a lot.
Heart	Started to melt.	Melted more than star	Melting more	Melting least	Melting a lot.
Shell	Started to melt.	Melted quite a bit.	Melting more.	Melting a lot.	Melting a lot.
Donut	Melted a lot.	Nearly melted.	Nearly melted.	Some melting	Melting a lot.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Vaccinations UK will be carrying out flu immunisation for all children in Reception through to Year 6 on Monday 30th November 2020.

Immunisations are via nasal spray only and you will receive paperwork to complete nearer to the time.

IT'S GETTING COLDER!

As we progress into the autumn, obviously, things will get colder. We have been trying our best to stick to the guidance around keeping classrooms well-ventilated, so we need to be mindful of drops in temperature.

Our classrooms average sixty square metres. Allowing for a teacher and TA as well as thirty children, this means there is less than two metres squared on average for every person (that's not even allowing for the heaps of furniture). Given Covid-19 restrictions, there can't be many workplaces that are more crowded than school environments at the moment. Accordingly, things like ventilation are important if we are to combat this air-borne disease.

Given this, we will strive to keep windows open throughout the winter too and classrooms might be cooler for it. To keep children comfortable, we recommend 'extra layers' - either a vest or some sort of undergarment, and/or a sweat shirt/hoody (in addition to a jumper). However, sweatshirts need to be non-branded (plain) and either navy blue or black, to fit in with school uniform policy.

SPECIAL MENU DAY for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and children in receipt of means tested Free School Meals

Please note it is not possible to change the menu on Parent Pay for just one day so if you require BBQ chicken select the meat option in the menu. If you require veggie hot dog please select the vegetarian option.



LET'S BE
FOOD
SMART
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

WILD WEST LUNCH
Thursday 1st October

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OUR ONLINE LINKS

School website- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

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/>