

# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children – thankfully it looks like we are in for a week of lovely weather so fabulous timing!

### Support for families over half-term:

With half-term coming up, it is important that families know where to go and get help. We know that where to start or what to ask for can sometimes be a challenge. Worcestershire County Council have therefore developed a Virtual Family Hub to give you a range of different types of resources that are available to you online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly yourself.

On this page, you can find detailed information on a wealth of topics such as:

Family support, Parenting support, Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Housing and financial support, Relationships and sexuality, School holiday activities and food programme, SEND support and guidance, Autism Information and advice and Family Learning.

The link to this page can be found here:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20643/the family hub

#### Thank you to the Basement Project, Bromsgrove:

Linked to the above, we would like to extend our gratitude to The Basement Project in Bromsgrove for donating food parcels and some six-month SIM cards for some of our families here at The Coppice. The Basement Project is a drop-in centre, floating support and food bank for young people under 25 years of age and under who are in crisis, homeless or at risk of homelessness. Anyone across Worcestershire can access the project although they will still accept calls from people outside of that age range and give advice about who can help if they are unable to – no-one is turned away. I have included details of how they can be contacted below.

We were absolutely delighted when Jayne Gwillam, who volunteers at the project, contacted our Pupil Premium Leader: Mrs. Chivers and extended this very kind offer of food parcels to us. As you all know, we fully understand that this is a very difficult time for many people financially and, obviously, help like this can be a real lifeline to some of our families. We will now make sure that it reaches those who need it most. Thank you again Basement Project!



## Playground development – it's going to get exciting so please support the PTA!



You will remember a little while back that I mentioned that there were going to be some exciting playground developments here at The Coppice over the course of the summer term and holiday. However, the eagle-eyed of those amongst you will have noticed that some changes have already taken place in the corner of the playground with the addition of some new fencing (pictured). Over the course of the half-term break, some low-level metal fencing is going to be put around this area, which will be the start of our new quiet garden area. This will be an area where children, who need a break from the busyness of the playground, will be able to access in order to sit quietly, read a book, do some drawing etc. This will be a fantastic addition to our playground, we are very excited about it and know that it will be much-valued by many of our children.

We are expecting all further developments to be completed by mid-September/early October and I will, of course communicate more about those as they happen or are about to happen.

## Please come and support our PTA events – your children will be the beneficiaries!

Linked to the playground developments mentioned above, obviously our Parents' and Teachers' Association (PTA) will be a big part of raising funds towards these projects. Therefore, please try to attend as many of their events as you can and show your support e.g. The Coppice Summer Revel as well as supporting our pop-up tuck shops etc. Remember that every pound we raise will go towards ensuring that we can achieve as much of our 'wish-list' as possible and can also make these projects happen more quickly!

## Sports Days:

Preparations for our sports days after half-term are already underway and the excitement is starting to build! Children have been starting to practise the different events with their teachers in their Physical Education (PE) lessons so that the children are primed and ready for some fantastic competition. As always, the children in Years 1-6 will be competing in their house teams where the House Sports Day Cup will be at stake. We can't wait for the games to begin and to, once again, welcome you all into school in order to enjoy these events and give your children your support.

You have already had the dates and times of these events but, just to remind you, these are as follows:

## Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception): Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Monday 12th June 1.00 pm - 3pm

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6): Tuesday 13th June 1.00 pm – 3pm

### Onwards and upwards for our rising cricket star Isaac!



It's wonderful to again be able to celebrate Isaac from 4AW, who is in the Warwickshire under 10 cricket Academy. He is on the professional pathway programme and will be playing against different counties such as Staffordshire, Northants and Yorkshire this season.

Isaac took three wickets on his Warwickshire debut which was obviously a fantastic start for him at the start of his Warwickshire journey and, as a school, we are absolutely delighted for him. Well done Isaac – we are all very proud of you and look forward to hearing more about how the rest of the season goes. I know from talking to you on the gate yesterday that you are playing Staffordshire this weekend and we wish you good luck.

Isaac can be seen in the picture proudly wearing his Warwickshire tie on the pitch at Edgbaston.

#### **Celebration Assemblies:**

We will begin the final half-term of the year (I honestly can't believe I'm saying that already) with our Celebration Assemblies where we will again celebrate the achievements of children from Nursery through to Year 6. I will communicate who our subject trophy, team point and Early Years certificate winners were in my first newsletter on our return and I can't wait to do so!

#### Finally...

I want to end by wishing you all a lovely half-term break. Thank you, as always, for your support of the school and your children over the last six weeks – it is very much appreciated. Without doubt, much has been achieved by your children and the progress that they have made in so many different areas. You can feel very proud of them and, as a staff, we certainly are.

As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)



# Dates for June

Date - all June	Time	Year	Event
5th	Normal school times	All	Return to school after half term
7th, 8th, 9th		Y4	Upton Warren trip
9th	After school	All	PTA Frozen Friday - treats for sale in the playground
12th	1pm-3pm	Y3, Y4	Sports Day
13th	1pm-3pm	Y5 Y6	Sports Day
14th	9.30 - 11.00	RT, RF & Mon - Weds Nursery	Sports Day
14th	1.30 - 3.00	RR, Full time and Weds - Fri Nursery	Sports Day
15th	1.00-3.00	Y1, Y2	Sports Day
16th	2.30pm	4MW	Class assembly
20th	All day	1B & half 1T	Sandwell Valley Trip
20th	All Day	Y2	Botanical Gardens Trip
21st	All day	1D & half 1T	Sandwell Valley Trip
21st	Morning	6W & half 6LC	Big Bang Fair Trip
22nd	Morning	6RC & half 6LC	Big Bang Fair Trip
27th	During the day	All classes	Class group photos
30th	2.30pm	2P	Class assembly

# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Meal ordering - VERY IMPORTANT

Alliance In Partnership, (our catering company) have asked us to give you some reminders about ordering meals.

- Everybody should order the meals for their children themselves via Parent Pay ONLY. The teachers should not be ordering in class on your behalf. This is relevant for paid meals, Universal Free School Meals (for Reception, Year 1 and Y2) and all means tested Free School Meal orders.
- If your child is absent it is your responsibility to cancel any meal booking otherwise you may be charged (as the meal will have been prepared and cooked if it is not cancelled).
- All bookings, changes to selections, cancellations etc MUST now be done by 9am as Parent Pay will close after 9am.
- All this is in place to safeguard the children with allergies and intolerances, to reduce food waste and to ensure that your child gets the meal that they requested.

# **SCOFF - New dates**

The following new dates for SCOFF for the rest of the school year are now available on Eventbrite for you to book.

7th June 21st June 28th June 12th July



Games, crafts and activities followed by a hot meal



### Fun and Food for the whole family Wednesdays during term time

All Welcome

From 3pm-5pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Please book a place at Eventbrite.com and search 'Scoff'

Or use this QR code



St Mary's Church, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN (to the rear of the Coppice School site)

> churchoffice@wythallchurch.net 01564 823 248 www.wythallchurch.net

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# Coming after half term!

Look out in the playground after school on Friday 9th June for the PTA who will be selling lollies and other frozen treats.





AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND FROZEN TREATS FOR SALE

PLEASE BRING CASH

# **PTA Summer Raffle**



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