# The Coppice Newsletter 27.11.2020



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

#### **NO CHRISTMAS CARDS - AN ALTERNATIVE!**

We have given Christmas in school a lot of thought this year, trying to do things to celebrate the season as much as we can within the restrictions we are under, as you should be aware from previous communications.

We were saddened by having to prohibit the exchange of Christmas cards between children as well as gifts and cards to teachers. However, we have decided to set up a JustGiving site as an alternative, where children and families can make a small donation (what they would have spent on Christmas cards, anyway) and leave a Christmas message for all to enjoy.

The charity all of the donations will go to is an obvious one, Birmingham Children's Hospital that currently supports some of our Coppice children and has treated many of our children over the years. Whenever we have raised money over Christmas before, this has been our preferred charity. The site address is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coppicechristmas As said, just give the amount you would have normally spent for your children's Christmas cards (even if that is just one or two pounds - all of those pennies will add up). My thanks go to Mrs Moran for suggesting it (wish I'd thought of it

- what a great idea).

#### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO STAFF**

We pride ourselves on being a 'listening school'. We may not always give the response some parents want to hear, but we do listen and weigh things up. One parent (Mrs White) pointed out to us that during this crazy year (her words), parents would appreciate the opportunity to show their appreciation and thanks to school staff for the support. I cannot help wholeheartedly agreeing. School staff have worked exceptionally hard to adapt teaching and extend additional care and consideration to children and families during this difficult time. In addition, we do feel very much on the front line in schools. As said previously, there cannot be many workplaces as crowded (with thirty or more to a room) where staff are told not to wear PPE by government. I know our staff have been resilient, and, as much as possible, been there for the children.

Accordingly, children can bring in gifts and we will 'quarantine' them. We always try our utmost to do our best, and, given the recent infections in school, nobody can blame us for our caution. However, on this occasion it seemed sensible to reconsider. However, still <u>no</u> exchange of Christmas cards between children, please (see alternative suggestion above).

I would like to add that <u>all</u> staff in school have made a monumental effort, walking the extra mile to enable the school to function. So, in your generosity, please consider our office staff, cleaning staff, site manager and lunch supervisors (not that I'm fishing). They've all done their bit!



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#### CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELLED!

Hollywood Christian Life Centre and St Mary's Church have collaborated over a Christmas picture competition. Inspired by the homemade pictures of rainbows in windows of local houses over lockdown, the churches have come up with a way to brighten up the community over the festive period.

They have provided a different picture for each year group for the children to colour, paint, stick and decorate. They are then asking parents to put the picture in a front window for everyone to see as they walk to and from school and around their area over Christmas.

To enter the competition parents should take a photo of the picture and post it on a special new Facebook page called "Christmas isn't cancelled". The churches will then decide the winners.

The first 100 entries will all receive a small prize and the winner of each year group will receive a voucher for 'The Entertainer' Toy shop.

Meadow Green and Hollywood Schools are also being given the opportunity to take part in this competition so get really creative and let's see if Coppice pupils can take the prizes!

#### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### RH - WAHENOOR

1D - EVERYONE FOR GREAT HOME LEARNING

1RB - ROHAN

2A - BOBBY

2CA - NOAH & BETHANY

2J - ALEX & CHARLOTTE

4W - EVERYONE FOR GREAT HOME LEARNING

4MW- SAVANNAH

4J - KYLE

6L - KATIE

6G - ABI

#### 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

Here is a summary of points awarded this school year so far....

1st –2056– Falcons 2nd– 1989- Owls 3rd– 1771- Hawks 4th–1507– Eagles

# You are invited to ...



## CELEBRATING TOGETHER

ST MARY'S ONLINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

# 50 FREE Christingle Kits

You will need:

Orange Candle Red ribbon Cocktail sticks Sweets Pin Sellotape Includes all you need,

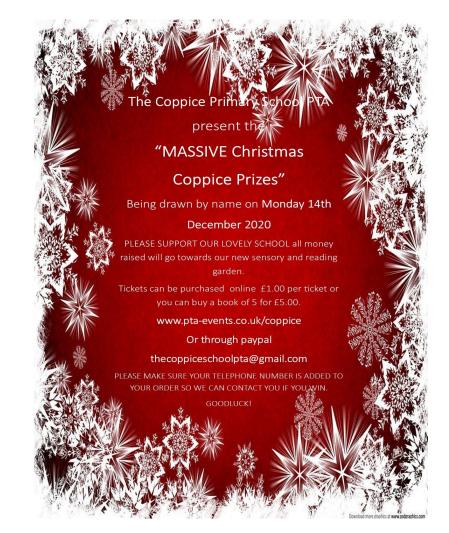
just add an orange!

Pick up from New Hall/Church on

Thursday 3rd December\* -

From 2:50pm—3:30pm 🗡

### PTA RAFFLE— BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



Very exciting ....our massive raffle is now live! Please support us by sharing with all your friends and family . You can purchase your tickets at www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice or through paypal <u>thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com</u> £1.00 per ticket or a book of 5 for £5.00.

The raffle will be drawn at random on the 14th December 2020. Please make sure your contact number and email are up to date on this system so we are able to contact you should you win. All tickets will be given a raffle number by the PTA these numbers will then be drawn at random. If you buy a book of 5 you will get 5 entries. The top prize will be given to the first name chosen and so on until

all 42 prizes have gone.

This will be filmed and can be shown at request.

Prizes will be collected by yourselves from an address in Hollywood Wythall or if you are local we can drop off.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE COMPANIES AND PARENTS BELOW WHO HAVE DONATED, YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL!!!

Good luck and thank you for your support!

Please see the next pages for a list of all the amazing prizes.



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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/