



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you've all had a good week and are once again looking forward to the weekend with your children. We've had another week packed full of learning so, without doubt, the children are ready for some down time too.

Uniform and PE kit:

We have noticed this week that there are a few children wearing items of clothing and footwear that do not fully comply with our uniform and PE kit expectations. Obviously, the overwhelming majority of children are meeting all of the expectations and I want to thank parents and carers for ensuring that this is always the case.

As you will all know from my previous communications, we are a school that strongly believes in the many positive benefits of wearing a school uniform and a standard P.E. /Forest Rangers kit. This is therefore our school policy and, as such, we expect every child to meet these expectations in full, in the same way that they will be expected to when they go to secondary school.

I therefore want to remind all parents and carers of the expectations (**see the school website or the noticeboard near the school office.**) and ask that changes are made, if needed, for your child to meet them in every respect.

As I have said many times before, our uniform expectations are purposefully designed to be both achievable and affordable. However, if for financial reasons you are finding it difficult to meet the expectations or are in receipt of means-tested free school meals and need some support in purchasing items of uniform or P.E. kit, please contact our school office so that we can have a chat about how we may be able to help you in purchasing items.

Another option for parents and carers is to contact our school Parents and Teachers' Association (PTA) directly at thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com or to contact them via the school office as they have a lot of excellent condition second-hand uniform in a variety of sizes that you can either have or give a small donation for. We will also be holding a uniform exchange event at some point during the next couple of weeks where you can either obtain or donate good -quality second-hand uniform. We will let you know the date of this soon.

Science Day and appeal for help:

I am really pleased to announce, and to give you notice, that on Wednesday 16th March, we will be having a Science Day in school that will coincide with National Science Week, which runs between the 14-18th March. On this day, the children will be off their usual timetable for the day and will partake in many exciting science challenges, investigations and activities.

We already have a brilliant science curriculum here at The Coppice and are one of the few primary schools fortunate enough to benefit from having our very own science lab. For parents and carers who are new to the school, this is known as the 'Phiz Lab'. This fantastic resource enables our children to have the opportunity to conduct science investigations in an environment outside of their classroom, which I know they greatly enjoy and look forward to.

Through our science curriculum and enrichment activities e.g. Science Club, we want to inspire our children to have a love of science and its individual subject disciplines: physics, chemistry and biology. By doing the things that we do, we hope that many of our children will want to take their science learning to greater advancement at secondary school when they leave us, and that some will want to pursue areas of science as a career.

Linked to the above, during the Science Day, we would very much like parents, carers or other relatives who work in the science field to come into school and talk to some of the children about their job and what it entails and then answer questions. If this is something that you or a family member are able to give up some time to do, we would greatly appreciate it. This is why I am publicising the Science Day a number of weeks in advance, as we fully understand that you may need to book time off work. We know that the children would get a great deal from learning about your job from you and therefore I hope that we will get some offers to help us. It would be really great if some offers came from women who work in any field of the science world.

It is very important to us as a school that we demonstrate to children that science careers are open to both genders to aspire to. Linked to this, on Monday 7th February we will be holding assemblies linked to women working in science throughout history.

Please contact the school office or me if you think that you can help - we look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs. Tomkinson, our Science Leader in school, will be sending home more details of the day closer to the time as well as setting an optional homework task that we think the children will really enjoy.

Reception celebration certificates:

It was lovely to be able to go into all of the Reception classes this week in order to give out certificates and stickers to some of the children. It was fabulous to reward children for reasons such as being kind to others, always following 'The Coppice Way' behaviour expectations and making fantastic progress with writing.

What really impressed me was the way that the children, who weren't receiving a certificate on this occasion, were so pleased for their friends and listened so intently to the reasons why they had received them. To be able to appreciate and recognise the achievements of others is something that we work hard on with the children at The Coppice, so to see this so clearly was wonderful to see and a real highlight of my week. I'm already looking forward to going back to Reception in a few weeks' time in order to hand out more certificates.

King Edward's maths challenge:

Some of our Year 5 pupils attended the maths challenge at King Edward's Grammar School this afternoon. This is always a fantastic opportunity for our children and one that they really enjoy. In the competition, they get chance to compete against a number of different schools on a range of maths challenges and to put their mathematical brains to the test. Obviously, at the time of writing, I don't know what the results are but I greatly look forward to letting you know next week. Thank you to Mrs Giles and Mr. Mace for accompanying the children.

Phonics workshops, rhyme time and storytelling sessions in Early Years and Key Stage 1:

We are fully aware that the issues that have been caused by the pandemic over the last couple of years have prevented us from being able to have parents into school in order to demonstrate and explain key areas of children's early reading journey in a face-to-face way. We fully recognise how valuable you, as parents and carers, find sessions such as this. I therefore want to reassure you all that I have had conversations with Mrs. Flynn (Early Years' Leader), Mrs. Russell (Reception teacher and Phonics Leader) and Mrs. Tomkinson (Year 1 Leader) this week as to how we can start moving forward with holding events such as phonics workshops, rhyme time and storytelling sessions again at some point after February half-term provided that it is safe to do so. As a school, we are fully committed to doing whatever we can to enable parents to support their children with their learning at home. More information will follow regarding the above after half-term.

Supporting parents with the curriculum:

Linked to the above, we are also currently exploring the ways in which we can best support parents and carers to help their children with their learning in all year groups at The Coppice. Some of these, as mentioned above, will hopefully be face-to-face. However, we would also very much like to start providing some short videos and demonstrations on our website that explain key elements of how we approach learning in school and how we teach the children key skills e.g. reading, division or multiplication. I know that many of you would greatly appreciate this. I will keep you informed as we move forward with these plans.

That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend. As always, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Lost Property

Our lost property box is getting out of control again! It has been sorted and all items with readable names have been returned to the classrooms. All items below are unnamed or have unreadable names in them. There are some lovely coats and loads of hats, gloves and scarves which someone must be missing by now in this cold weather.

Please come to the office lobby and take a look. All items will be removed at half term and all unclaimed uniform will be donated to the PTA for their second hand uniform sale. Non uniform items will be donated to charity.



School Council Bulletin

This week, the full Council met with Miss Keogh for their third full meeting, led by Hamzah, the Chair. Below are our meeting minutes, written by Jacob.

Our first meeting in the new year was an exciting one! The key issues that we are actioning at the moment are:

- **Planning a fundraiser**- we are going back to our classes to find out what they would like to raise funds for from our three possible options- a school garden, new equipment or a new safe space in school.
- **School dinner options**- we are meeting with Chef Matt to ask for condiments to be provided at lunchtime.
- **Lunchtimes**- we discussed how we were finding the new lunchtime arrangements. There was positive feedback on the changes since Christmas, with a few areas for improvement that we have fed back to Mr Hutt and Mrs Ashwell.

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School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	25/1/22 9 minutes past 10
Attendees	

Each meeting, this form will be completed during the meetings, to ensure that all matters are recorded for the Secretary of the Council.

Introduction- what was discussed?	Easter Fundraiser KSI meeting Meeting with matt
Issues discussed	Lunchtime times Y3 bad don't have enough time Y6 25 mins play 20 mins Y4 30 mins busy hard Y5 busy queue not enough room Y4 30 mins busy hard Y5 busy queue lunches earlier & taken to move as to the ground corner Meeting Year 1 introduce role ideas Fish Library Posters almost ready give to reading ambassadors Fundraising Y5 Homeless Shelters environment Thrive relaxation Sage Sense equipment Sensory Garden Easter theme egg hunt bake sale

Crisp packet recycling

Don't forget we are recycling any kind of crisp packet! There is a post box in the lunch hall where children can post their empty packets. You could collect at home and bring in too. If your child does not eat their lunch in the old hall, Eco Ambassadors will be responsible for collecting the crisp packets from the class and posting them into our recycling bin.

The scheme is run by TerraCycle who aim to eliminate the idea of waste by recycling the 'non-recyclable'. Accepted waste includes ANY brand of crisp packet as long as they are empty and not folded. Once the packets are collected from school, they will be separated by plastic type, cleaned and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

This is something that we are really excited about and we hope that by everyone doing their small bit we can make a big difference.



Upcoming PTA Fundraisers

COPPICE SCHOOL PTA
Presents

Two's Day! 2-2-22

On Wednesday 2nd February, we invite you to come into school in your own choice of clothes.

All we ask for is Two acts of kindness, donate £1.00 to the PTA to help reach our target for the Quad development and donate an item of food which we will distribute to several local foodbanks.

Please donate any of these items if you can: Tinned food (Meat, Potatoes, vegetables, soup, beans etc.) Dried pasta, Rice, Biscuits, Cereals, Coffee, Tea, UHT Milk, Toilet Roll, Cleaning Products, washing detergents, anything you are able to donate will be gratefully received.

The item(s) can be handed into to your teacher, or the PTA will be at the entrance of school by the old Hall to



Coppice School PTA, Coppice Primary School.

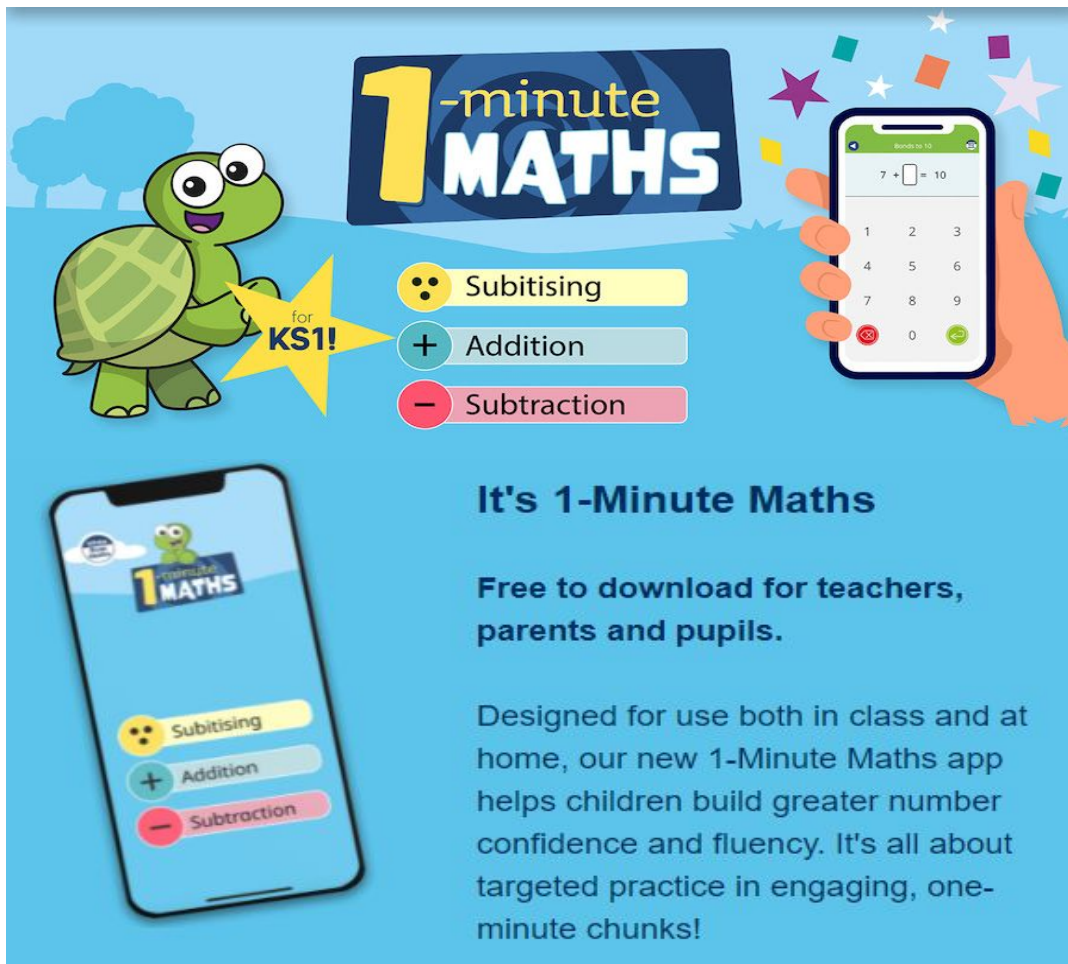


There will also be a Break the Rules on April Fools Day (1st April 2022) fundraiser. More details to follow.

Correction

There was a typo in last week's newsletter. The TED day in May is Friday 27th May and not 28th as stated. Sorry for the confusion.

One Minute Maths



The image shows the 1-minute MATHS app interface. At the top, a green cartoon turtle is on the left, holding a yellow star that says "for KS1!". In the center, there's a large "1-minute MATHS" logo. To the right, a hand holds a smartphone displaying a math problem: $7 + \square = 10$. Below the logo, there are three buttons: "Subitising" (yellow), "Addition" (blue), and "Subtraction" (pink). On the left, another smartphone shows the app's main menu with the same three buttons.

1-minute MATHS

for KS1!

Subitising

Addition

Subtraction

It's 1-Minute Maths

Free to download for teachers, parents and pupils.

Designed for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

This is initially for KS1 children and could be really useful in helping them to consolidate their basic number skills.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to download the app.

There is a chance to win some great prizes too!

1 - Minute Maths!

- **Excellent practice** - and no distractions.
- A **clear, intuitive process** that children pick up straight away.
- **No login or internet access needed.** Just download and play.
- **Enjoyable and motivating...**
How many can they get correct in one minute?
- **Helpful hints** match those used in class.
- Brilliant for building **number fluency and confidence.**
- It's **FREE!**



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PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

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