

The Coppice Newsletter 05.03.2021



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Monday

We are very much looking forward to receiving all of the children back on Monday, we have missed them.

After such a long time at home, children will be excited to be back, mingling with friends. However, it is still worth reminding them, age-appropriately, of social distancing and handwashing in school (messages we will reinforce).

Government have firmed up on precautions. They are now saying that mask wearing is mandatory in school communal areas. Accordingly, I impress upon all carers and parents that they wear a mask whilst visiting our site (i.e. from the main car park gates on Shawhurst Lane). We do class the car park areas, immediately beyond our buildings and playgrounds, as communal areas; so, as the government expects, every adult should wear a mask. As we have all been made aware, there is light at the end of the Covid tunnel, but now is not the time to relax precautions (we don't want to trip at the last hurdle). Staff still feel a little anxious about the full return, particularly given the more virulent variant which is currently about, so your cooperation with this will be much appreciated. It is important that children arrive on time to ensure that they are within the right 'bubble-window' (late-comers will be turned away unless there is a legitimate, unavoidable, one off reason for this).

We will continue with all other precautions stipulated in our risk assessment available on our web-site.

On the up side, a small number of our staff have already received the vaccine and we hope to see more in the coming weeks and months. This should also assist keeping our school as safe and as Covid-free as possible.

Please do ensure you have read the very comprehensive communication the Senior Leadership Team sent out recently, regarding procedures from Monday, just to remind yourselves. This can be found (alongside other pertinent communications) at: <https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/general-letters-and-forms/>

Thank you to the many parents who have sent positive messages of praise for the online learning and support teachers and support staff have given. Such things are particularly welcome at this difficult time.

Welcome back everybody!



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Unsure about our school meal service from 8th March?

Please see the last page of the newsletter for clarification.

PE days—please come to school in your kit!

Please check your class's PE day as they may have changed since Christmas.

White t shirt, black/blue shorts, black/navy tracksuit, black/ navy leggings, black/white trainers (no bright colours please).

Class	PE DAY 1	PE DAY 2	NOTES
Nursery (all)	Monday	n/a	
Reception (all)	Thursday	n/a	
1RB	Monday (PE)	Thursday (Forest Rangers)	
1D	Tuesday (PE)	Monday (Forest Rangers)	Forest Rangers for 1D will begin on 15th March. Please wear uniform on 8th March.
1T	Wednesday (PE)	Tuesday (Forest Rangers)	
2A	Monday	Friday	
2J	Monday	Tuesday	
2CA	Monday	Thursday	
3HK	Monday	Thursday	
3P	Tuesday	Thursday	
3K	Tuesday	Thursday	
4 (all)	Tuesday	Thursday	If you attend Y4 Bubble Club on Wednesday after school, wear PE kit so you don't have to get changed.
5(all)	Monday	Wednesday	
6C	Tuesday	Friday	
6G	Tuesday	Friday	
6L	Thursday	Friday	

STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - OSCAR

RH - JACK

RL - FRANKIE

1D - QASIM

1T - ESME & HARRISON

1RB - DYLAN

2A - SIENNA

2CA - MAEVA & FINLEY

2J - HARPER G & ZARA

3P - MAIYA

3K - POPPY

3HK - JESSICA

4W - DYLAN

4MW- SAVANNAH

4J - AMELIA

5G - MAX

5MS - OLLIE

5K - MIA

6C - DOM

6L - TAYVEN

6G - OLLY

ART COMPETITION RESULTS

We received some excellent pieces for our recent art competition. Mrs Blundell was incredibly impressed with the high quality of the entries and found it extremely difficult to choose just one winner in each category. Nevertheless, a decision has been made and we would like to share the results with you now!

EYFS: Ellimay, Berry Class, Nursery for her mixed-media depiction of a view from Robbie the pony's stable window.

KS1: Louis F, 1RB for his 3D / textile work, depicting a view of a town from his imagination.

KS2: Evie H, 4J, who used oils, brushes and sponges on canvas to paint the view from the window of her boat as she sails the world like a pirate!

Coppice friends and family: The Lane Family - who sent three excellent images, featuring treehouses in the rainforest, Clearwater Beach in Florida and a beautiful, bright rainbow.

These are our overall winners in each category and they will receive their prizes very soon. However, because the calibre of the entries was so high, there were some other competition entries that we wanted to acknowledge. The following children will receive 'special recognition' certificates, which will be distributed as soon as school fully opens.

Special recognition (no particular order): Harrison, RH; Eliana, 2J; Maeva, 2CA; George S, 2CA; Rosie S, Nursery; Georgia J, RF; Isla W, 5K; Holly, 6L; Dolce, 6G; Ayla W, 2CA; Alice T, Nursery; Rose J, Nursery; Chloe E, 2A; Rozie W; Annie, 6L; Oliver T, 2A; Ben, 4AW; Liv, 6L; Amy, 6L; Amelia H, 2CA; Esmee G, 2A;

Many thanks to all of you who entered - we are so lucky to have such creative and imaginative pupils!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

Our 'Coppice Book Day' celebration will be held on Thursday (March 11th). As with last year, we will not be asking for children to dress up as characters this year. More information about this can be found on the World Book Day newsletter, which was a part of last week's newsletter.

World Book Day vouchers will be given out in the week beginning the 8th March. There are some brilliant £1 books available this year, so keep an eye out for these vouchers coming home.

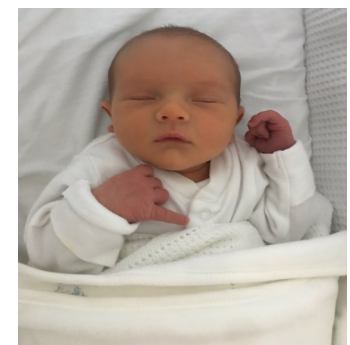


CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS KIRBY!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Kirby has had a beautiful baby boy.

Reggie arrived at 10.38am on Thursday 25th February weighing 7lb10oz.

Congratulations to the very proud parents!



REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS

Don't forget that Beaudesert Road is due to be closed to traffic for approximately 19 days from Monday.

This will obviously cause problems with parking. Please allow extra time for your journey and allow for parking further away and walking in. Please ensure you park legally and considerately.

Our COVID procedures do not allow late arrivals in through the office area so please do leave home in time to get the children into school before the gates close. Thank you.

Due to the need for added ventilation in school the classrooms may be a little cooler than normal (the heating will be on!) Your child may require an extra layer of clothing. Plain sweatshirts or hoodies in navy and black will be allowed.

School closes for Easter on **THURSDAY 1ST APRIL** and not Friday 1st as stated on last week's newsletter. Sorry for the confusion.

Please be aware that if your child forgets to bring something into school, (apart from their lunch or medication), these cannot be brought into school at any point later in the day. Disposable cups and water are available in classrooms if your child forgets their water bottle.

COVID TESTING KITS

As you may have seen in the press, the Government have announced that parents and other adults in households with children at school are now eligible to obtain rapid 'lateral flow' Coronavirus tests. The advice we have received from the Government is that "undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests

by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other."

Lunchtime Information

We have worked with Alliance In Partnership (AIP), our meals service provider, and we have also taken advice from our Health and Safety consultants to work together to keep the children as safe as we possibly can over lunch times. In order to do this we have put together the following plan for those children wishing to have a school dinner. You are still able, as now, to send your child in with a packed lunch and they will eat this with the rest of their class (this will be in the hall for Infants and classrooms for Juniors – see below).

Nursery (Full days), Reception and all KS1 (Year1 and Year2)

Hot and cold meals will be available to book through Parent Pay and children will eat in their year group bubbles in the hall as usual.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

We are only able to offer cold and hot (limited selection) of packed lunches options. NO PLATED HOT MEALS are available. These can be ordered on Parent Pay and will be eaten in the child's classroom with the children bringing in packed lunches from home.

Children receiving benefits related Free School Meals

Children can order hot or cold meals through Parent Pay. If they choose a hot meal, they will collect it (under adult supervision) from the school kitchen and then return to their classroom to eat it with their friends.

Ordering meals

ALL meals have to be ordered through Parent Pay. This is necessary for EVERY child using the service, whether you pay for meals or not. If you have already activated but forgotten your log in details you should use your email address for your username and then you can create a new password online.

We apologise for the disruption to the usual service that may restrict choice for some children. Unfortunately this is to accommodate our coronavirus risk assessment so is unavoidable