

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's News

As ever, it has been lovely to welcome the children back and see them ready to learn in their new shoes and uniform (thank you). Everyone looks very smart.

### Parents' Information Evening

#### Star of the week

The names of the Star of the Week children will appear here each week.

Please note that names appear here the week AFTER they receive the reward.

We have 'rebranded' our *Meet the Teacher* event that we always have this time of year to *Parents' Information Evening*, because, last year, quite a few parents did not attend because they thought that they knew the teacher already (as their child moved up with the same teacher). However, this event is mostly about sharing important information, so I urge you to attend. This is an adult only event and we are sorry that logistically we are unable to provide a crèche for this event.

During this meeting, you will be given an overview of the year (e.g. key dates and events to look out for), the curriculum and learning that will take place (and how you might be able to support), some reminders of expectations and school policies, assessment overview, clubs and activities available to the year group, new behaviour policy, communication, etc.

The Parents' Information Evening will take place on:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Years 1 & 2 (5 - 5.30 pm), Years 3 & 4 (5.30 – 6 pm)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Years 4 & 5 (5 – 5.30 pm), Year 6 (5.30 – 6 pm).

Meetings will be held in a year group classroom and you will be directed on the evening to the appropriate room.

There are just a few reminders about other things.

We have a 'No dogs on site rule' (apart from our Thrive dog, Rufus, who has been risk-assessed). There are signs up reminding parents and visitors. Accordingly, no dog should be brought onto site beyond the fence on Shawhurst Lane.

#### Assembly theme

This week's theme has been "Welcome and new beginnings" and next week it will be "Caring".

Please do support us in watching over your children after handover. There have been children running into our Forest School this week after school, which is strictly out of bounds. It is set up for teaching and learning. The same goes for Adventure Zone fixed play equipment between the two playgrounds.

#### Team Points

Week ending

First-

Second-

Third-

Fourth -

Team points will appear here each week.

For health and safety reasons, children should not be riding scooters and bikes on the school site. If we say yes to one bike or scooter we could end up with forty the following week, and it ends up as a hazard for everybody.

Also, please ensure you stick to the designated areas for pick-up of children. The teachers need to be able to see clearly who is collecting so that the children can be dismissed safely. Please ensure there is plenty of room for people leaving school to make their way to the gates too. Thank you.

Also another reminder that there is **no** parent parking on site except for those who are holders of blue disabled badges. Please park considerately when you park close to school. Please ensure that they can get their vehicles off their drives (especially Coppice Gardens and Shawhurst Croft)

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

## Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent from school, please let us know by phoning 01564 826709, texting 07624 881327 or emailing [office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk) before 8.30am on the day (please avoid sending in letters except when supplying evidence of medical appointments). It is important you give us the reason for the absence so that we can monitor any potential outbreak of illness and also so that we are able to record it accurately on the register. Any absences that remain unexplained after two weeks will be marked as unauthorised. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Whilst we strongly discourage taking holidays during term-time, if you do wish to do this, please complete a 'leave of absence form' (available from the office).

## Message for Year One parents

We are so proud of how well the Year One children have come into school this week. From next week, parents and guardians will need to drop the children off from the gate and no longer walk along the side of the church. Teachers will be there to help any children walk down if necessary. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Walker

## This week at The Coppice

**For Parents of all new starters at the Coppice.** (Or a reminder to everyone else!).

New Parents will be receiving this paper copy of the whole school newsletter for **today only**. In order to continue to receive a newsletter each week you need to sign up from our school website to receive it by email, direct to your preferred device. <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page. The newsletter will arrive before 4.30pm on each Friday afternoon.

The whole school newsletter will contain very important information on dates and events, reports on sporting events, display each class's Star of the Week, give you information on attendance and punctuality and much much more. Please do read the newsletter each week.

Copies of current and past newsletters can be found on the website under the Parents section. Also under this section you will find copies of letters sent out to the whole school and to those from each year group as well as year group newsletters.

In a bid to reduce the amount of paper we use you will be notified of items of interest and importance through the newsletter, via text or via our Facebook page. Some letters will still be sent via the classrooms. Please do check online and in bookbags regularly.

**After School Clubs** – letters relating to clubs can be found on our website under Our Pupils and then Clubs. The timetable for this year will be uploaded as soon as we have collated all the information. Beneath the timetable there is a separate section for each club. Clicking on the club will reveal all letters relating to that club. We will give you information on clubs as we receive it.

David Morris's Football and netball clubs start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Athletics starts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Letters have been sent out but if you need another copy please check online as mentioned above.

**Text service.** Our text service allows us contact you to send reminders or messages relevant to your child's class, year, clubs etc. and we endeavour not to bombard you with unnecessary messages.

You can reply to our messages and can also text to report an absence (see front page under Absence reporting). The number for this service is 07624 881327. Please save this number as a contact on your phone and you will then know who is texting you.

Please ensure that all of your mobile phone numbers are up to date and notify us immediately if you change your number. If your child is ill or there is a problem, we need to be able to contact you, (we will always ring you about an illness or issue). If you have any queries about the text service please contact the school office.

**ParentPay.** New parents should all have received activation letters for our payment system. Mrs Marks in the school office will be able to help you if you have any queries about Parent Pay. Chef Matt will be able to assist you if you have questions about school lunch bookings or payments.

**Facebook.** If you are on Facebook, we have an official page where we post information, photographs and other relevant items. The link can be found below on the website links section.

**PTA-** We have a very active and enthusiastic Parent Teacher Association who raise thousands of pounds a year which they donate to the school. If you would like to become involved then you are invited to their AGM meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm. Please come along for refreshments and nibbles and to find out more. The meeting will be held in the staffroom.

## Community News

### St Mary's Church Invite you to Alpha

Fancy doing something new this Autumn? Ever asked what's life all about? Is there more to life than this? Alpha is a place to ask those questions and to explore them in the light of the Christian faith. It runs for 8 weeks on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, starting on 18th September at St Mary's Church (enter from the school car park). Free. Everybody welcome. Contact [revamanda@wythallchurch.net](mailto:revamanda@wythallchurch.net) for more information.

### Birmingham and Solihull RFC

#### Family Sunday Funday Birmingham and Solihull RFC THE BEES



Everyone is welcome, Boys & Girls aged between 6 – 16,  
Why not come and try a game of Rugby  
No prior experience necessary  
RFU qualified & DBS checked coaches  
Forshaw Heath Lane, Portway, Birmingham, West Midlands,  
B94 5LH

Aztec Obstacle Course  
Rodeo  
Rugby Ball  
Coaches in stocks  
Candy Floss  
FREE ENTRY  
Raffle  
BBQ  
Games  
Rugby Coaching  
Bar  
Cake stall

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
10:00am - 2:30pm

 <https://twitter.com/BeesRFC> <https://www.facebook.com/BEESRFC/> <http://www.beesrugby.com/>  
Tel: 0784036709 (@Pete Carr)

## Our Website Links

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

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/main-school-newsletter-and-nursery-newsletter/>

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/>

