

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's News

### Welcome back

I hope that you've all had a good summer with the children. You have returned them back to us looking very smart - lots of new shoes and correct uniform (thank you). After a very successful school year last year (with a fantastic Ofsted and exceptional SATs results) we look forward to another fruitful year.

### Star of the week

Star of the Week children will appear here each week. Please note that names appear here the week AFTER they receive the reward.

After sending out a parents' questionnaire in the summer term to gain your views on homework, we have adapted our homework policy for the coming year. Hopefully, it will be more engaging for the children and easier to manage as well as more focused.

We will be expecting the completion of the following homework. These being:

*Reading:* Children reading at least four nights a week for a minimum of ten minutes.

*Mathletics:* This has proved very popular, with many children enthusiastic about completing it (lots gained awards last year because of this). As most parents will know, Mathletics is online, and can be accessed with a logon we issue to each child. We will be running a Mathletics club from 8.25 am until 8.45 am for children who have not got internet access at home.

### Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be "Caring".

*Spellodrome:* Again, an online resource (for spellings), which will be run in a similar way to Mathletics (with associated morning club for those who need it).

Mrs Ashwell has produced a homework diary for the children to record their participation in all of this.

In addition to the above, every half term an additional optional homework project will be set.

### Team Points

There are no team point results this week.

All of the above are homeworks that will really have a positive impact on academic standards for your child. Accordingly, we hope you will support us with them. The online resources are also a considerable financial investment by us. There will be more information forthcoming about all of this.

## Reminders!

Dogs are not allowed on school site. The wider school site extends to the metal fence directly adjoining Shawhurst Lane, so no dogs should be beyond that point. Certainly dogs should not be left tethered and unsupervised. Some of our children have dog phobias and are allergic to dogs, and we have had irresponsible owners allowing dogs to foul our premises in the past. Therefore, to ensure that our school is a safe and welcoming place for everyone we ask parents to abide by this rule.

We do have two Thrive dogs in school. They have been appropriately vetted and risk assessed, and we have an associated policy which is available on our website.

In addition to the above, a further reminder that bicycles and scooters are not allowed to be ridden beyond the main gates. However, please remember that Year 2-6 children can use the bike park on the main playground and Reception and Year 1 children can leave bikes chained to the fence in the walkway inside the Y1 gate, as per Mr Heptinstall's letter.

Please could Care Club parents please turn left out of the staff car park when leaving site. There was a near miss with cars meeting head on last week.

As usual, we thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and understanding regarding the above.

## This week at The Coppice

Can you help please? We would like to set up a Lego Club but are very short of bricks. Do you have any unwanted Lego items you could donate to us please? Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Book bags (£5), Backpacks (£8), water bottles (£1.50) and lids (50p) are now available for sale at the school office. We do accept cash for these items.

ParentPay is up and running for lunches. If you have any problems with payments or need help setting up new accounts you can speak to Mrs Marks in the office. New children's letters should have been sent out this week. Meal payment enquiries are dealt with by Chef Matt in the kitchen.

## Next week at The Coppice

Coppice Cobras Tag Rugby Club will begin on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. This club is for Year 1 and 2 children only and will take place after school each Wednesday. Places are limited to 30 children only. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Application forms will be available at the school office.

Friday Club will recommence for invited children on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Payment has been set up on Parent Pay.

If any other clubs take payment they will be set up on Parent Pay as soon as registers are complete.

Details of other clubs will be published shortly.

## Coppice Text Service

For those parents that are new to the school (and perhaps for others who have forgotten!), we have a school text service where we can contact you and you can reply. You can also text to report an absence. The number for this service is 01564 432005. 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). The text service will also be used to send reminders or messages relevant to your child's class, year, clubs etc. and we endeavour not to bombard you with unnecessary messages.

Please note that our text service, Primary Contact, is designed to text to the MAIN CONTACT NUMBER ONLY.

If you have an issue with the text service please contact the school office.

**Our Website.....<http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk>**

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice an opinion on any school related issue by using our virtual suggestion box but if you wish to contact a Governor regarding any issues either email the school office ([office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk)) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.

