

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RA- Lucas G
RT- Miguel G
RD- Tayt S
1W- Joshua S
1K- Daniel M
1H- Ben W
2CA- Sam C
2KA- Grace B
2K- Jacob D
3P- Dominic B
3C- Kieran McS
4AW- Owen P
4VW- Everyone for a great assembly.
4B- Gracie D
5H- Lily H
5J- James P
6G- Sophie W

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be: "Trust".

Team Points

Week ending 1.12.17
1st - 245 - Hawks
2nd - 229 - Owls
3rd - 208 - Falcons
4th - 166 - Eagles

Head Teacher's News

Cameras / filming - a timely reminder

At The Coppice, we have, for many years, taken a sensible line with the use of video and cameras to record school events. We appreciate that these are precious moments which parents might want recorded for posterity. So, with Christmas performances coming up, I thought it a good time to clarify things. We advertised our Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers in a recent newsletter. I set out the pertinent section from that below:

"Parents, carers and visitors are not allowed to use cameras or phones to capture images on site. However, parents and carers are welcome to take photographs or videos of school events that their child is part of; though any photograph or video taken should be for personal viewing only, and not be posted on social media. The reason being that there are sensitivities around some children in school, and we need to respect this. If we become aware of a breach in this school policy then we reserve the right to take legal action."

In addition to the above policy, it's worth mentioning that, where parents and carers want to film, they need to be courteous, and not spoil the viewing of others whilst filming. Also, please be aware that if for safeguarding reasons, there is a child in a class who cannot be filmed, we may request that no filming of taking of photographs take place at all. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding if this is the case.

Parents Forum

The next Parent Forum will take place on **Tuesday 6th December @ 1.30pm**. Some of the items to be discussed include; Attendance rewards, Talk for Writing, Spelling, Parents' Evening, PTA (EYFS area), Christmas Fayre. If you interested in joining the Forum please speak to the class teacher or one of the office staff. We always welcome new members.

L. Ashwell

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to 1W and 6G for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 2K
KS2: 5H

Weekly % attendance w/b 20.11.17					
RD	89.3	RT	94.0	RA	90.5
1K	96.3	1W	99.0	1H	98.0
2K	98.7	2CA	94.3	2A	96.1
3C	99.3	3M	97.0	3P	99.7
4VW	97.1	4B	97.1	4AW	94.8
5H	94.5	5J	97.7	Whole School	
6L	91.6	6G	100	96.1%	

Mathletics and Spellodrome guidance

The homework we now set is accessed through Mathletics and Spellodrome online. We have created two information sheets that we have put on the school website that may help answer any questions you have about how Mathletics and Spellodrome can and should be used.

Each week, for homework, a new Mathletics activity should be set and a new list of Spellodrome words should be added (These new words can be made discrete or can be added to previous word lists – depending on how the teacher sets them.) Please take time to read the information sheets. If you have problem accessing them through the school website9 click (Parent’s tab, then general letters), paper copies are available from the school office.

This week at The Coppice

CHRISTMAS FAYRE...TONIGHT! 6pm-8pm. Santa’s Grotto, BBQ, mulled wine, games, cakes, stalls and more.

The Christmas tree arrived in the Junior Hall – thanks to the parent volunteers for decorating it so beautifully.

Next week at The Coppice

5th December – Sportshall athletics at Arrowvale school (Invited children have received a letter).

6th December – Wythall Community Carols – The school choir will be performing. (See below for details).

7th December – Reception walk to the post box.

7th December- The school choir will perform during the morning at Simms Lane Church at a community coffee morning. Mrs Blundell would appreciate any parent helpers who could assist with walking the children to and from the church. Please contact the school office for details.

8th December- Nursery Christmas productions – Mrs Higgitt’s Morning nursery will perform in the Junior Hall at 9.30am and Mrs Flynn’s all day children together with Miss Twilley’s afternoon children will perform at 2pm. Please note that onsite parking will only be available for holders of blue disabled badges.

Community news

British Legion Poppy collection – We have received thanks from the British Legion for your donations. We raised the fantastic sum of £702.19. We also raised just over £925 for Children In Need. Thank you so much for your generosity for these worthy causes.

Christingle Service at St Mary's- St Mary’s Church invites you to a Christingle Service at the start of Advent! It’s on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am at St Mary’s Church and will be a short, fun service, suitable for all ages. All are welcome; come and make your own Christingle to take home!

Community Carol Service- You are warmly invited to Wythall Community Carols on Wednesday 6th December, at 7pm, being hosted by the Coppice School and St Mary’s Church. It will be an evening of carols, performances and readings to celebrate Christmas, bringing together schools, organisations and churches from across Hollywood and Wythall. Featuring Wythall Community Choir, Woodrush Voices, Coppice School Choir and with involvement from local schools, churches and community groups. Carols will be led by members of Blackwell Band and refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome!

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

Have you visited our new website yet? <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>. You will be able to **sign up to receive our newsletter via email** (paper copies will not be distributed after Christmas) and find out all the information you need about upcoming events, the curriculum and find copies of letters and forms. It’s easy to navigate so take a look this weekend. You can also 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) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.

