

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

## Star of the week

RA- Jacob A  
RT- Ava Mae C  
RD- Annabel P  
1P- James B  
1T- Evie- Mae D  
1H-Indigo B  
2CA- Paige M  
2A- Evie O'M  
2K-Dylan P  
3M- Emiily R  
3P- Hannah S  
4AW- Chantel E  
4VW- Kiya C  
4B-Leila W  
6G- Daniel S

## Assembly theme

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

## Team Points

Week ending 11.5.18  
1<sup>st</sup> 161 Owls  
2<sup>nd</sup> 131 Hawks  
3<sup>rd</sup> 103 Falcons  
4<sup>th</sup> 101 Eagles

## Head Teacher's News

### Hot Lunches / Packed Lunch

From time to time we have some confusion with one or two children regarding lunches (i.e. Are they hot lunches or are they bringing a packed lunch?). We have had incidents where a hot lunch has been ordered for a child, yet they still have a packed lunch with them. Also, there have been incidents of parents having sent no packed lunch, and no hot lunch has been ordered. Obviously, in all of this, the important thing is that children have a lunch. Often, most confusion happens where children 'chop and change' from one day to the next. Also, things tend to be more difficult lower down the school in Reception and Year 1, where children are less adept at 'remembering' and communicating any changes. In these circumstances, parents cannot just rely on ordering a hot meal via Parent Pay to flag up a change from sandwiches to the teacher. Really, to be on the safe side, parents need to communicate this directly to teaching staff, either on handover, or leaving a message on the school answer phone (if the office is not available) or emailing the school office directly. Hopefully, if parents follow the above procedure, no child will be left wanting at lunchtime.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

### Late Arrivals - be aware

Obviously, it's really important that children get to school on time. A lot of our most important learning starts straight away (during registration in some cases), this includes phonics in Infants and Reception as well as basic skills practise in Juniors.

Children who are late must **always** come in via the main school office, otherwise, we cannot take responsibility for them. Recently, some children slipped in through Care Club gate (which a Care Club parent opened for them) after the duty teacher had left the gate. They were, obviously, unsupervised, and found themselves 'trapped' between the high playground gates, which were locked by then, and the main entrance gates at the KS2 entrance.

I reiterate, we can only take responsibility for children's safety if they arrive through the gates at the appropriate time, or they access the school through the office entrance (if late).

Given the above, we ask that Care Club parents do not let children in through Care Club gate, but direct children to the school office.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to 2K and 6G for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: 1H KS2: 5J

Weekly % attendance w/b 30.4.18					
RD	91.3	RT	97.0	RA	93.3
1H	94.7	1T	95.0	1P	96.0
2K	98.0	2CA	96.0	2A	94.8
3C	98.0	3M	98.7	3P	98.0
4VW	94.2	4B	97.4	4AW	99.4
5H	96.1	5J	96.1	Whole School	
6L	96.7	6G	99.0	96.3%	

## Memory Jar Missing

A child receiving grievance counselling following the loss of his Dad a few years ago has lost his very special memory jar. A local charity called Touchstones attend the school for his counselling sessions. Last week on 2nd May he made a memory jar in memory of his Dad. It was taken to Care Club (confirmed by staff members) but it did not make it home. A search of the Club and school has proved fruitless. We are appealing via the newsletter in the hope that maybe a child has taken it home in error. The jar is made of glass with a gold top. It contains layers of different coloured sand, salt and glitter. Each layer has been prompted by a specific memory of his Dad. The jar may have a card attached which explains these memories. This item is of no monetary value but obviously has huge sentimental value to the child, who is understandably distraught. If your child remembers seeing it somewhere or you find this jar at home please inform school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Fantastic Gymnastics

Last weekend's National Finals marked the end of the British Schools Gymnastics season and once again our Coppice pupils did us proud. Competing in the Floor and Vault, Sports Acrobatics and Tumbling Finals were Sophie F, Lilla S, Yasmin D, Kaiden T, April S, Freya H, Tilly M, Evie G, Frankie C, Niall H, Katie E, Olivia P, Isabella W, Dylan S-S, James P, Nicole R, Luca R, Olivia W, James S and Zac C. Every team performed with maturity and showcased a very impressive skill level. Our mixed Floor and Vault team were delighted to receive a silver medal which is an incredible achievement at National Level. Well done Coppice!

## This week at The Coppice

14 of our Y3s took part in mixed rounders at Holywell School on Tuesday. They were delighted to return to school having won all of their games.

Nursery children had a special story week this week. Staff and children came back into school at 5pm for bed time stories. They came in pyjamas and were treated to hot chocolate and cookies whilst they played phonics games and read books. They also had a visits from Jo (one of the librarians from Wythall Library) and also from some staff members from higher up the school, who read stories to all the Nursery children during their day.

Reception have been busy brightening up their outside play area. Thanks to many donations of seeds and plants they are now growing fruit and vegetables and have bright planters full of colourful flowers. To see photos of this and our new outdoor Phiz lab, please check out our official school Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/>).

## Coming up at The Coppice

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May -Y6 –KS2 SATs week.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – finish normal time for half term holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school

5<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos- Group photos will be taken during the school day (no individual photos).

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week.

11<sup>th</sup> June -9.30-11.15am – Morning Nursery, RT and RD – Sports Day.

11<sup>th</sup> June -1.00-2.45pm – All Day Nursery, Afternoon Nursery and RA- Sports Day.

12<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30-11.00am – Year 3 Sports Day.

12<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30-3.00pm – Year 4 Sports Day.

14<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30-3.00pm – Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day.

15<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30-3.00pm – Year 2 Sports Day.

19<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30-3.00pm – Year 1 Sports Day.

In case of postponement further dates have been reserved.