

The Coppice Newsletter 11.09.20



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HEAD TEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome back!

A proper 'welcome back' to everybody in this, our first newsletter for some time! As you might expect, this article is about expectations around Covid-19

It is hardly surprising that there has been a spike of infections (an increase of around 200% within a week) nationally, coinciding with the opening of schools. Accordingly, it is even more important that we all work together for the greater good and take precautions.

Thank you for bearing with us as we have reviewed and tweaked our handover and drop-off procedures. Things are getting quicker and slicker.

Just a few important reminders:

- Please wear a mask on site if you are able (some parents are not).
- Only one parent/carer to drop off at any one time, and leave the site ASAP.
- Please park off-site unless you are a blue badge holder.
- Do let us know straight away if you or your child develop symptoms or have been in contact with anybody with symptoms or confirmed as having coronavirus.
- Do keep a two metre social distance on site and encourage children to social distance.

As ever, we will work hard to ensure that we stay open but this will only happen if we have the full cooperation and support of the community in being vigilant and doing what they need to do to keep everyone safe. **This is most important.** We have had at least two cases in school where parents knowingly sent children in who were displaying obvious symptoms. Remember, this is a killer disease, and such actions could potentially lead to someone's death (vulnerable 'shielders'). I appreciate that it may be an inconvenience for families, but it's imperative that we all stick to the rules.

Please note: Even though we ask you to wear a mask, government have said that staff in school should not wear masks (though there are exceptions for vulnerable staff).



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REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS

PARKING— .There is **no** parent parking on site except for those who are holders of blue disabled badges. Please do not attempt to drive to the barrier as you will be challenged by staff on patrol. This applies to Nursery and Care Club parents as well.

Parents arriving for Care Club before the barrier descends in the morning should not park on the staff car park.

Please park considerately when you park close to school. Please ensure that the local residents can get their vehicles off their drives safely (especially Coppice Gardens and Shawhurst Lane and Shawhurst Croft).

DOGS - Please do not bring dogs on to the school site. Please keep dogs on Shawhurst Lane with a responsible person.

REPORTING ABSENCE . Please report all absences either by ringing the school office and leaving a message on **01564 826709** or by texting **07624881327** before 8.30 on the day of absence . 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.

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).

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA —please note that a child should remain at home for **48 hours** after the last dose of vomiting or diarrhoea. To prevent reoccurrence or passing to other children. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Each week will display the name of the child or children in each class who were the Star of the Week on the week before.

If you have not given consent for your child's forename and surname initial to be put onto the newsletter their name will not appear here.

ASSEMBLY THEME

The theme for next week's assembly will be normally posted here but assemblies are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to COVID 19.

TEAM POINTS

Points awarded to the children during the week will be recorded here.

Who will win Eagles, Falcons, Hawks or Owls?



CONGRATUALATIONS

It is nice to be able to give good news for a change. Some of you may know that Mr Hutt (Deputy Head) became a Dad to Eliza and Mrs Giles (Y5 teacher last year) became a Mum to Emilia during lock down. Last week Mrs Walker (Y1 teacher last year) gave birth to Alena. Congratulations to all three



ATTENTION ALL NEW PARENTS

NEWSLETTER

Each week you will receive a whole school newsletter . This is the **only** week that you will get a paper copy, after that you will need to subscribe to have this sent to you via email. You can do this by visiting our website, scrolling down to the bottom of the Home page and completing the subscription form there.

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

Please note that this might go to your junk/spam mail so you will have to mark as 'not spam' to get it into your inbox. This will depend upon your email settings. The newsletter will be emailed every week on a Friday by 5pm at the latest. It will also be uploaded to our website where you can find it under the Parents tab in the Main newsletter section.

Year group newsletters will be in the Parents section too under Letters to Parents by Year group.

PARENT PAY

You should now have received your Parent Pay activation letter. We would appreciate it if you could log on to Parent Pay and activate as soon as possible so that you can make your meal choices. You can also buy book bags and water bottles via Parent Pay if you call the office and ask for your name to be added to that payment item.

TEXT NUMBER

You can notify us of a child's absence by texting the number below. We will send relevant texts such as letting you know if your child has had a bumped head or other general notices. Please make sure you save this number to the contacts on your phone.

It is also crucial that if you change your phone numbers, address, contact information and any change in your child's medical condition or medication, that you notify the school office straight away so that they can amend your child's record.

FACEBOOK— Keep up to date with our latest news and information on our official Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps>

FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE

The school office sells the following items. They can be purchased via Parent Pay (just give us a call and we can add your name to the payment item) or by cash (correct amount in an envelope please) .

Book bags—£5

Back packs—£8

Water bottles—£1.50, spare lids -50p

Elasticated ties and 'tie yourself' ties both £6



MEET RUFUS

Rufus is our Thrive dog and belongs to Mr Mace, our Site Manager. He spends much of his time in the Thrive Room with Mrs Small and Ms Carter working with individuals or small groups of children who are timetabled to spend some time in our welcoming Thrive room. He loves to meet all the children in the playground and in their classrooms.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School term dates and TED days for the academic year 2020/2021.

Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn term 2020	Not applicable	Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (TED day Tuesday 1st September)
Autumn half term	Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2020	Tuesday 5 th January 2021 (TED day Monday 4 th January 2021)
Spring half term	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22nd February 2021
Easter	Friday 1st April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
Summer half term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer term ends	Monday 19th July 2021	Not yet available

Other school closures

Monday 3rd May 2021- May Day Bank holiday

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 -Summer Term TED days.

CONTACT US

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OUR ONLINE LINKS

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

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

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/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>