

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Star of the week

RD- Isabela C-G
RG- Louis F
RT- Esme T
1H- Alex K
1P- Madison L
1W- Erica W
2A- Poppy F
2CA- Niall C
2J- Matthew N
3HK- Amelia - Rose D
3K- Aaron P
3P- Risshi M
4M- Emilie M
4S- Freddie U
4W- Esme W & Jacob O
5G- Zach P
5K- Isabella H
5LG- Sophie P
6L- Freya L
6G- Maya T and Alfie W

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be: Courage

Team Points

Week ending 11.10.19

First- 153 Owls
Second- 117 Hawks
Third- 104 Eagles
Fourth - 83 Falcons

Head Teacher's News

Reading - so important! Please support your child.

If we had to pick out one thing that makes a significant difference to children's learning and life-chances, it is the ability to read well.

Despite our efforts to teach reading well in school (e.g. finding more lesson time for it, training staff, strongly focusing on 'early reading', investing in Rapid Reading and Renaissance Reading, renewing class libraries, ensuring quality class readers etc.) we are finding more and more children are not engaging in reading regularly at home.

Reading is a key, basic skill that needs to be regularly practised. This should take place ideally most days of the week for at least ten or fifteen minutes (not a huge time commitment), overseen by an adult.

We appreciate that life is busy for many families but even a short time regularly supporting children's reading in this way makes a huge difference (despite the long hours I work I have always found time to do this with my own children).

In school we simply do not have the capacity to do this so are reliant on parental support from home. Looking at our data in school, there is a direct correlation between children who are not progressing in reading, with non-engagement and lack of practise at home (with 'fluency' in reading being a particular problem with these children).

In many end of year reports, where there is a shortfall, I often prompt children to continue reading over the Summer, which would help too.

Research suggests that boys respond well to e-books, so kindles might be the way forward (available for £30 at the moment, on offer). Also, we have a fantastic library in Hollywood that is keen to engage with families.

We appreciate that many of our parents do support in this way, diligently (thank you). It would help ensure the futures of all of our children if they had this level of support. So please help.

Staff car park

Unfortunately our request that children do not play in and around the cars on the staff car park is being ignored by some children and parents. This week we have had two members of staff who have had damage to their cars. One car has scratches down the sides where bags, coat zips etc have marked the car when children are running between vehicles and one member of staff has a chipped windscreen from a stone being thrown. Please do not allow your child to play in the carpark for this reason and also for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

This week at The Coppice

Year 5 had a visit from a travelling planetarium. Warwick University brought an inflatable dome and the children watched a film which asked the question do aliens exist?

There was a question and answer session with two astronomers and children asked questions such as how many universes are there and what would happen if you went into a black hole? During class activities children researched the life of Stephen Hawking and learned more about black holes.

Next Week

Wednesday October 16th Is Restart a Heart Day and children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be learning CPR techniques.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th October – Film night for Years 4, 5 and 6 at 3.30-5.15pm

Thursday 24th October - Autumn disco for Reception and Year 2 at 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 24th October- Autumn disco for Year 2 and Year 3 – 4.45-6.00pm

Tickets are £3 per child (including drink and sweets) available only on www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice

Friday 25th October- School closes at the usual time for half term

Thursday 7th, Monday 25th and Thursday 28th November – Reception hearing tests (one class each day)

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November- Booking forms for parents' evening will be available in the Junior Hall each morning before school.

Tuesday 12th November- Individual photographs

Thursday 14th November – the Animal Lady will visit all year groups. A nominal payment for this event will be available on Parent Pay shortly.

Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day (details to follow)

Monday 18th November – Sibling photos (details to follow)

Monday 18th November Nursery Parents' Evening (3.30-7.30pm)

Tuesday 19th November- Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening 2.00pm- 6.30pm

Wednesday 27th November – Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening 2.15pm- 6.30pm

Friday 6th December -PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day, raising money for Save the Children

Friday 13th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December-Nasal flu vaccination for the whole school (details to follow)

Becketts' Farm Community Fund

The Becketts' Community Fund has been set up to support local charity projects. Customers in store are given a token with their shop and have the chance to vote for one of the charities. You can find the token collector box near the farm shop tills.

The charities are changed every three months. A grant of approximately £750 is split proportionally between the three chosen charities. The grant is split in reference to the number of tokens collected. So, everyone receives something!

From the 15th October, The Coppice PTA will be one of the chosen charities.

The PTA current project is to create an outdoor classroom incorporating a sensory garden. This area will provide a calming and relaxing atmosphere for all the children, allowing them to learn and explore using their senses of sound, smell and touch.

Please show your support for our sensory garden by voting for us with your tokens.



Train to be a teacher with your local school

Come and join us at our School Direct Information Morning

When: Monday 14th October
10.15am—11.30am

Venue: Woodrush High School

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We have School Direct places available in Primary and a variety of Secondary subjects. This is our 6th year of recruiting with 100% of our trainees gaining qualified teacher status in 2019.

This school direct open morning will include; how to apply, tips on making a successful application and information about the interview process. Individual advice will be available and opportunities to talk to current trainees.

To attend this event you must book a place at:
teachingschool@woodrush.org

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/>

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