

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RD- Arlo
RG- Cassius
RT- Jake
1H- Siene
1P- Delilah
1W- Jessica
2A- Ada
2CA- Amelia
2J- Tayt
3HK- Arron
3K- Will
3P- Savannah
4M- Logan
4S- Freya
4W- Brooke
5G- Thomas
5K- Tayven
5LG- Annabelle
Year 6- All the children who helped at the Christmas Fair.

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be gratitude.

Head Teacher's News

Safeguarding at our Nativities

Next week our younger children will be performing in their Christmas production and families are invited to come and watch (see below for dates and times).

It is always lovely to have photos and videos of these events to look back on when the children are older and we are happy for you to use your cameras and phones to record your memories. However it is vitally important that photos or videos of other people's children are not posted on social media. Some of our children have specific safeguarding needs which mean that their images are not under any circumstances to be made available online. Please post responsibly and respect their privacy and safety.

Christmas performances

Monday 16th December- RD, 1P, 2CA

Tuesday 17th December- RG, 1W, 2J

Wednesday 18th December- RT, 1H, 2A

Morning performances will begin at 9.30am, doors to the Infant Hall (Church entrance) will **open at 8.25am for refreshments before the performances.**

Please note the doors are now opening earlier in the morning so you are not waiting around in the cold.

Afternoon performances will begin at 1.30pm but doors will open at 1pm for refreshments.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair last Friday. We had a great time and Santa was delighted to come and meet the children. It is always good to welcome families into school to have fun and to raise money and we thank you for your generosity.

Early indications suggest that we will have made about £2,500 profit and we still have the raffle takings to add to that.

All proceeds will go towards this year's project, the refurbishment of the quad area.

Attendance and Punctuality

| % attendance 1.9.19 – 6.12.19 | | | | | |
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| RD | 92.1 | RT | 96.0 | RG | 93.0 |
| 1H | 95.1 | 1P | 94.5 | 1W | 94.8 |
| 2CA | 96.3 | 2A | 96.1 | 2J | 96.2 |
| 3P | 96.9 | 3K | 98.7 | 3HK | 96.1 |
| 4M | 97.3 | 4W | 93.0 | 4S | 95.3 |
| 5G | 97.3 | 5K | 96.8 | 5LG | 95.2 |
| 6L | 96.2 | 6G | 94.6 | 6C | 96.5 |
| Whole school 95.7% | | | | | |

Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 2.12.19 Congratulations to RT (97.7%) and 3K (99.7%) for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 2A KS2: 6L

Coming up at The Coppice

Nursery Open Evening. Our school Nursery will be open from 4.30 to 5.30 on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December for parents and children interested in registering for our September 2020 intake. There will be an opportunity for prospective parents to talk to teachers and for children to play in Nursery. Applications for Nursery September 2020 will be accepted up until 20th December. Applications received after this date will be added to our waiting list. Nursery places will be allocated at the end of February 2020.

Application forms will be available at the above event or can be collected from the school office. Forms can also be downloaded from our website in the Nursery section.

A reminder for current Nursery parents that applications for Reception places for September 2020 need to be made online before 15th January 2020.

IMPORTANT - Arrangements for next week!

Thursday 19th - THERE ARE NO HOT LUNCHES FOR ANY AGE GROUP. PLEASE BRING IN A PACKED LUNCH.

Friday 20th KS1 – Pizza and chips will be provided for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 20th KS2 – There are no hot lunches for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6. Please bring in a packed lunch and party food as directed by your year group.



Gymnastics Competition

On Saturday 30th November some of our gymnasts travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to take part in the West Midlands Milano team competition. The competition featured three event; floor, vault and group routines. One of our teams came first and two teams came second but each and every gymnast showed exemplary behaviour and attitude and demonstrated excellent physical skill.

A special mention goes to Jack, who was overall 4th in the boys, to Grace who was overall 3rd in the girls and to Olivia who came overall 2nd, out of the whole of the West Midlands. This means that we will be taking three teams to the National Finals in March.

Well done to all who took part: Chloe, Annaliese, Nicole, Jack, Ayva, James, Maddie, Olivia, Grace, James, Jude, Leila and Holly.

Mr Edwards' Sports Report

Some of you may remember that when you were at school the PE teachers made you run around the school field in the rain and mud? Well on Friday, that was exactly what happened to the Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Team.

The District Championship was held at Birchensale School in Redditch, with around 80 participants in each race.

Arriving in good time we got off the minibus and although it was damp underfoot the sun was out and we were set for a good afternoon. Warming up, we waited for all of the schools to arrive, all of a sudden the clouds came over and down came the rain, in torrents and there was nowhere to shelter. Miss Wells commented that she was wet through as she squeezed water from the arms of her padded jacket.

All credit to our athletes who braved the cold weather to compete in all four of the races.

First across the waterlogged course were the Year 5 girls: Naomi, Eva, Keeva and Lara.

They all ran so well with Naomi, the muddiest of all of our competitors, coming 2nd. Although I did spot her rolling around on the floor later in the day.

As the rain continued to fall the Year 5 boys, Mason, Lucas and Tayven, set off on a course that now looked like a ploughed field.

All of the boys arrived back to the finish line looking bedraggled, but did the school proud.

Olivia, Penny, Aimee and Maddie were off next for the Year 6 girls. It was now becoming difficult to run up the slight incline as the course became even more slippery. The girls did really well, all finishing in the top 40. Olivia lost her trainer in the mud at one stage and had to stop to find it! Well done girls.

Finally through the quagmire came the Year 6 boys, Joe, Fin and Jack F, a fantastic run by all three of them coming 1st, 2nd and 11th respectively. Fair play to them, they had to wait the longest to run and were so cold and wet.

The first 6 in each race qualify to represent the district at the County Cross Country in February, which mean that 3 of our athletes will be there in Kidderminster in the New Year.

Although I had 14 extremely muddy athletics vests to wash and both staff and students were soaked to the bone, the determination and attitude of our boys and girls shone through. They were a pleasure to be with and represented our school in an impressive way, in what was 'a proper old style cross country'.

Thanks to Miss Wells for coming along with us. I'm looking forward to February to see our athletes in action again.

P.S. Someone left a black hoodie on the minibus. I have it if you would like to come and claim it!



Community News

Christmas at St Mary's Church

Everyone is welcome to join us at St Mary's as we celebrate Christmas! Our Traditional Carol Service is this Sunday (15th December) at 10.30am. Then as Christmas approaches we have two services especially suitable for children: our Crib Service (Sunday 22nd December, 10.30am) and our Christmas Eve Nativity (24th December, 4pm - anyone can come dressed as a shepherd or angel if you'd like to join in!). There will also be a Midnight Communion (24th December, 11.30pm) and our all age Christmas Day Service (25th December, 10am). Look out for our Christmas flyer which was sent home through school, or visit www.wythallchurch.net or www.facebook.com/StMarysWythall

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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