

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

## Star of the week

RB- Kesia Q  
RT- Carter S  
RD- Lucy A  
1A- Amelia P  
1H- Emilka S  
1J- Joshua A  
2CA- Jacob M  
2A- Megan G  
2K- Amelia P  
3M- Logan P  
3P- Brooke D  
3C- William F  
4AW- Poppy Y  
4VW- Abigale P  
4B- Sachi Y  
5AD- Finlay F  
5J- Freya C  
5L- Ruby N-Y  
6L- Connor H  
6G- Elwood B

## Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be:  
Christmas and gratitude.

## Team Points

Week ending 14.12.18  
First- Eagles 255  
Second- Falcons 193  
Third- Owls 166  
Fourth - Hawks 162

## Head Teacher's News

### Christmas Fair

On behalf of our PTA we would like to thank all of the parents, carers and children (past and present) who came along on Friday evening to support the school at our Christmas Fair.

It was lovely to see so many people in such a wonderfully Christmassy atmosphere. We made a profit of about £1,300 on the night and we still have the money from the sale of raffle tickets and refreshments from the Christmas productions to add to that. If you haven't yet returned your raffle ticket stubs and money or the unused books, then please do. The draw will be taking place on the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December so please bring all envelopes to the school office before the children go to their classrooms.

We are so lucky at the Coppice to have a PTA who are so dedicated and hard working. So much work goes on behind the scenes to prepare for all the PTA events and we are very grateful to the Mums, Dads and Grandparents who make up our PTA, for all they do to make the Coppice a happy place with great resources.

## Attendance rewards

This week, all of the 68 children who achieved 100% attendance for the last academic year were presented with their prize that they had chosen from the Book Fair. This is a well-deserved reward and is in recognition of these children's great achievement.'

In addition, at the start of the Spring term 2019, the children who achieved 100% attendance for this year's Autumn term will be presented with their bronze stars. This means that anyone currently wearing a bronze or silver star from the previous academic year needs to remove them from their uniform before we come back after the Christmas holiday. 100% badges can continue to be worn until the end of the year however.

Thank you once again to all the parents/carers who continue to support their child in ensuring that they attend school regularly and on time. Your support is greatly appreciated and the benefit to your child in terms of their learning is immense.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Kind regards,  
Mr.Hutt  
(Deputy Head)

## Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.18-7.12.18					
RD	97.3	RT	95.0	RB	96.4
1H	95.3	1A	97.1	1J	97.3
2K	97.8	2CA	98.2	2A	97.9
3C	97.1	3M	96.3	3P	95.4
4VW	98.3	4B	96.1	4AW	98.2
5J	97.4	5AD	95.4	5L	96.9
6L	97.9	6G	94.8	Whole school 96.8%	

### Highest Weekly Attendance wb 7.12.18

Congratulations to 2K (100%) and 6L (98.7%) for having the highest weekly attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: RD KS2: 6L

## Job Vacancy

### Vacancy for G2 Teaching Assistant (23 hours per week)

We are currently seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant in Y1 to start 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 or sooner. You must possess excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and have a real willingness to support both the learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs of our pupils as they begin their school life at The Coppice. You must also be prepared to train in, and deliver, the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to a group of children five mornings a week.

Application packs are available from the office. Closing date for applications Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## This week at The Coppice

Today we had a visit from the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP who was in school to thank Molly from Year 5 for entering his Christmas card competition. She was a runner up with her design featuring Santa flying on his sleigh across the London sky.

Mr Javid took time out from his busy schedule as Home Secretary to meet Molly and had time for a quick question and answer session in 5J. Mr Javid told the children about when he went to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen and told Molly that he would be actually sending a card with her design on to the Queen! Molly had her own Christmas card signed by the MP and was given a bag of goodies from The House of Commons.



Molly's design.



### Next week at The Coppice

**17<sup>th</sup>**- Year 4 Christmas Production, Infant hall. Doors open 9.00am for the performance at 9.30am. Please enter through St Mary's Church doors.

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 Carols, Infant hall. Doors open 1.30pm for the performance at 2.00pm. Please enter through St Mary's Church doors.

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** - Year 5 will be singing carols on the Junior playground from 2.45pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - There will be no hot lunches but we will provide a packed lunch for all infants and any junior children receiving free school meals. If you haven't replied by text, please let the office know by 10.00am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December if your child would like a ham, cheese or tuna sandwich or if you are sending a packed lunch of your own.

**20<sup>th</sup>**- Christmas Lunch – Have you returned your meal selection form?

**21<sup>st</sup>**- Party Day (non- uniform) and the last day of term. Chef Matt will be providing pizza, chips and cake to supplement the party food brought in by the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only (UIFSM children). Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 should bring in food to contribute to their classes buffet as directed by their teachers (no hot food for Juniors).

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - School re opens. (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> is a TED day and school is not open for children).

**Please note that there will be NO parent parking on site for any of these events, except for holders of blue disability badges.**

## Recent sports competitions

On 22nd November two Year 4 mixed football teams took part in a tournament at Lickey School. Conditions were damp underfoot but both teams played good football against other teams from Lickey, Holywell and Beaconside.

The Red team from Coppice, Zac N, Frankie Mc, Naomi H, Stanley H, Nathan W, Oliver W and Dominic B managed to win all of their three games.

The Blue team, Tayven B, Olivia H, James S, Jacob G, Evan H, Libby C and Olly T narrowly lost two games and drew their third.

Most importantly the pupils demonstrated good sportsmanship and their behaviour whilst representing the Coppice was exemplary.

Thanks to Mrs Brown for attending with Mr Edwards.

On Friday 7th December, twelve Coppice athletes from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Birchensale Middle School to take part in the district cross country. It was a bitterly cold afternoon and the course was very wet, making running conditions particularly difficult. In each race there were around 90 competitors from schools from all over the Redditch district. All of our athletes ran really well and in the Year 5 boys category, Fin F finished 4th and Joseph H finished 8th. In the Year 6 boys category, Dylan P finished 3rd and in the Year 6 girls Lily S was the highest placed.

Well done to Mya H, Bella W, Sarah-Jayne D, Jaime B, Harry K, Miles F, Mason B and Isaac G who all took part as well.

Dylan P and Fin F will now run for the Redditch District in the Country cross country in February, with Joseph H being one of the reserves, a fantastic achievement.

Thanks to Mr Aspley-Davis for attending with Mr Edwards.

Sports competitions continued...

On Tuesday 11th December, 14 of our Year 5 students attended Arrow Vale for a practice session in preparation for the Indoor Athletics tournament next year. This was a chance for them to practice specific events such as triple jump, speed bounce and relays. It was an ideal opportunity to see how it felt to compete against other schools in the hall that will be used for the tournament after Christmas.

All pupils involved really enjoyed the events and there were some outstanding performances.

Well done to Lucas R, Fin F, Mathew P, Jamie B, Jack P-B, Kealan M, Harry K, Penny P, Roisin D, Aimee W, Nicole O, Farrah H and Maddie H.

As usual behaviour and sportsmanship were a top priority.

Thanks to Miss Wells for attending with Mr Edwards.

## By popular request

The chocolate brownies that were sold on the cake stall at the Christmas Fair were a huge success, commented on by everyone who tasted them. Luckily Mrs Sandhi- Hunt is happy to share her secret recipe with us.

225g melted butter

600g caster sugar

1 tbs vanilla extract

4 eggs

190g plain flour

85g cocoa powder

1 tsp salt

170g dark chocolate chips (or a mixture of dark, white and milk)

1. Pre heat the oven to 180c/350f/160c fan
2. Grease and line a baking tin.
3. Combine melted butter, sugar and vanilla extract in a bowl.
4. Beat in one egg at a time until thoroughly blended.
5. Sift the flour, salt and cocoa powder into a separate bowl.
6. Gradually stir the dry mixture into the egg mixture until blended.
7. Spread the mixture into the greased and lined baking tin.
8. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean when fully cooked.

Happy baking!

### 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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