

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Star of the week

RD- Jared C
RG- Albie P
RT- Harrison
1H- Kian M
1P- Betsy B
1W- Amelia
2A- Emelia S
2CA- Sophia W
2J- Isaac W
3HK- Shelby H
3K- Seth S
3P- The whole class
for a great assembly
All of year 4 for
excellent behaviour
both at Upton
Warren and in school.
5K- Evie R
5LG- Olivia T
6C- Jake H
6L- Archie G
6G- Roisin D

Assembly theme

The theme next week
will be trust.

Team Points

Week ending 15.11.19

First- 124 Hawks
Second- 98 Owls
Third- 66 Falcons
Fourth - 65 Eagles

Head Teacher's News

Christmas Productions

A few parents have been enquiring about Christmas productions. We are therefore informing you of some changes that we will be making this year and from hereon.

Increasingly, as the school expansion has gained apace, we have struggled with the logistics of fitting everything in around the availability of our school halls. This is not just around accommodating the actual performances on the day, but also the numerous associated rehearsals needed in advance of the final performance.

In addition, as those connected with schools will know, Ofsted, in their new inspection framework, have put increased emphasis on ensuring curriculum coverage in school. Accordingly, we are mindful that taking our halls out of use for many lessons for productions and rehearsals can impact negatively on the delivery of the Physical Education curriculum through both reducing coverage and the time spent on such an important subject. We therefore have no choice but to make these changes.

We have racked our brains to see how we can work around this. Accordingly, we are reducing the number of events that impact on our school halls. This means that Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and Nursery will no longer have a Christmas production in any of the school halls. However, Nursery will have a spring performance that parents will be invited to and the other year groups mentioned will do a videoed performance that will be screened at our Christmas Fair (as Year 6 did last year).

We will still ensure performances though, through our class assemblies which parents will always be invited to. These will remain a firm fixture in The Coppice calendar.

Parent Trustee Nominations

We had two applicants for the two available posts for Parent Trustees (Governors), so no election is required. I would like to extend our thanks to them both for putting themselves forward. Accordingly, our two new additions to our board of Trustees (Governing Body) are:

Emma Hood (who is one of our PTA mums but also works for Solihull Inclusion Support Services - so steeped in education); mother of a Year 5 child.

Paul Pemble (who is a teacher, so he knows education too); father of Year 3 and Year 5 children at the Coppice.



News and photos from Children in Need will be on Facebook and on next week's newsletter.

Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.19 – 8.11.19					
RD	92.9	RT	95.1	RG	93.8
1H	95.8	1P	94.7	1W	96.0
2CA	96.5	2A	96.3	2J	96.0
3P	97.1	3K	98.7	3HK	95.5
4M	98.1	4W	93.1	4S	94.9
5G	97.1	5K	97.3	5LG	95.4
6L	96.9	6G	94.8	6C	96.2
Whole school 95.9%					

Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 4.11.19

Congratulations to 2A (100%) and 3K (100%) for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: RD KS2: 4M

Parent's Evening

Our school vision is for 'Happy, confident and successful learners....well prepared for life'. The old adage 'Give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man' is very much what this vision for our primary school is about. The primary years are the most important years, moulding a child for what is to come.

As a school we are determined to give our children every advantage we can to fulfil our vision for them. Parents and home life are the most important influence on a child. Accordingly, we need your help in making our children the best they can be. To help optimise the partnership between parents and school we have established the following format for Parents' Evenings.

We want to do our best to provide a meeting with quality time that parents find easy to attend. Because of this we have created 15 minute time slots and have increased the hours we conduct Parents' Evenings to incorporate afternoon slots too.

In addition, **we will also expect the child to attend the meeting with you** because we think it is important that the children are there to hear the messages and understand what they need to do to improve.

We will try to keep the meeting business like, clearly focusing on three main things:

- 1. Regarding achievement, where is the child now? - how do they compare with national norms ?**
- 2. Where do we want them to realistically be?**
- 3. What are we going to do to get them there?**

By the end of the meeting it is hoped that parents will leave with a clear understanding of:

- What their child's strengths/weaknesses are
- What their child is finding difficult and how parents can help with this**
- Whether their child tries hard enough
- Whether their child participates properly
- How parents can help with their child's schoolwork in general
- Whether their child has made sufficient progress
- Whether their child is happy at school
- Whether their child's behaviour gives any cause for concern

** You should have a good understanding of what your children's targets are and how you can access their updated targets as they change over the weeks.

PTA events



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Coppice Primary
School PTA present the
Christmas Fair
Friday 6th December 2019
5pm - 7.30pm

- Santa's Grotto
- Full bar
- BBQ
- Refreshments
- External Stall
- Raffle
- Games Galore
- Secret Wrap Room
- Tombolas and much more!

£1.00 per adult, under 12's free

Book your grotto tickets £3.00 in advance
www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice

Made with PosterMyWall.com

The poster features a festive red background with snowflakes, a snowman, a reindeer, and a sleigh. The text is centered in a white scalloped oval. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a village with a Christmas tree and a sleigh with Santa Claus and a reindeer.

Coming soon!

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to The Coppice on Monday 2nd December until Thursday 5th December. It will be held in the Infant hall each day between 3.15 and 3.45pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS CASH ONLY! Maybe you could pick up some Christmas presents?!



GET EXCITED! IT'S OUR
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!

The Smeds and Smooos
David Walliams
DORK diaries
Harry Potter WIZARDS UNITE OFFICIAL GAME GUIDE

With Donaldson and Scheffler
Warning: Ten Teachers
Illustrated by Tony Ross

The advertisement features a green background with a yellow rope border. It displays four book covers: 'The Smeds and Smooos' by Donaldson and Scheffler, 'The World's Worst Teachers' by David Walliams, 'Dork Diaries' by Rachel Briggs, and 'Harry Potter Wizards Unite Official Game Guide'.

Books for schools

Later this month The Sun newspaper will be running a new promotion to give free books to schools. Between Saturday 23rd November 2019 and Saturday 18th January 2020 they will be printing tokens for you to collect. If we can collect 3,500 tokens we will receive over £600 of free books. Please ask family and friends to save their tokens for us and then pop them into a collection box which will be in the lobby by the school office.



Year 4 football competition

On Wednesday 13th November the Year 4 football team travelled to Lickey Primary School for a tournament involving the four members of the Grove Partnership: Lickey (our hosts), Holywell and Beaconside primary schools and ourselves.

This was the first time our Coppice players had played together as a team and they were quickly into their game. First up was a very competitive Lickey team. Coppice had the lion's share of possession but were finding it difficult to beat the tall Lickey goalkeeper who was having a great game. Towards the end of the match the pressure told and two goals from James A and Zach gave Coppice the victory.

Next for us was the Holywell team. We were now well into our game pattern and Coppice were able to put together some good passing moves. Goals from James A, Jack and Zach meant the final score was 3-1 to the Coppice.

We then had a break from the tournament but Lickey wanted to play us again in a quick match. We obliged and beat them 1-0, James A getting the winner.

Beaconside were the last school to play us in the competition and by now Coppice were in full flow. The final score was 5-1 with goals from Jack (2), Zach, and James A (2).

It was a fantastic team performance, so well done to all of you for not only playing so well but also for excellent behaviour as well.

Our team was Joel, James F, Ollie, Noah, Jacob, Austin, Jack, Dhruv, James A and Zach

Thanks to Miss Wells who led the trip.

By Mr Edwards

As always many thanks to Mr Edwards for his great coaching!

Our visit from the Animal Lady

The children had a lovely day yesterday when The Animal Lady brought an unusual selection of animals to meet everyone. She brought a kookaburra (a bird in the kingfisher family), a marine toad, a royal python snake, an iguana lizard and a chinchilla.

Gill (the Animal Lady) has asked us to pass on to everyone that she had a lovely time today and she is very impressed with the children's knowledge of mammals. She said we are only one of two schools, out of all the schools she visits, where the KS2 children know the four things that make a mammal a mammal.