

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RA- Mercedes H
RT- Rubyanna O'G
RD- Jamie W
1W- Aaron H
1K- Kiera-Marie H
1H- Frankie B
2CA- Lola W
2A- Holly C
2K- Jessica T
3M- Nancy H
3P- Annabelle R
3C- Zac C
4AW- Lily H
4VW- Jake G
4B- Freya C
5H- All of the class for a great term.
5J- Lois H
6L- Marcus R
6G- Ben M

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be:
"Gratitude and Christmas"

Head Teacher's News

A tricky week!

As we all know, it has been a difficult week, given the conditions. It felt good to be open on Friday and Tuesday. All of our staff managed to get in, even travelling from as far away as Malvern, many off the beaten track, battling with the ice and snow to be here. So I begin by saying a **BIG** thank you to our dedicated and hardworking staff.

Someone who needs an extra special mention is Mr Mace, who worked tirelessly (despite illness) over the weekend to clear paths and grit to ensure the site was safe and accessible. He even managed to hire a contractor to clear the snow in a digger, meaning we could open up the site to parents for drop-off on Tuesday. We know we have the best Site Manager in the world! Many thanks to ex-parent, Tim Moxon from TM Agri Services Ltd who came to our rescue with the digger.

75% of children attended on Tuesday, so well done if you managed to get your child/ren here; I appreciate that, for many of you, this would have been a struggle given the conditions, so thank you. We know that some came in late. Just to reassure you, no child will receive a late mark for that day.

This is such a special time of year at The Coppice. We have a lovely tradition of Christmas performances. Being open from Tuesday has enabled us to fit them all in (rescheduling in some cases). It would have been a great shame to have cancelled after all of the hard work that children (and parents from home) and staff have put into them.

We appreciate that other schools were closed, and we know that Woodrush had a particular problem, being reliant on bus services for many of their students.

Parents were saying that conditions underfoot were actually worse on Thursday morning, worse than any of the closure days. If we have notice of any such days we will close the gates and the registers at a later time to allow children to get in.

It was lovely receiving all of the positive and congratulatory remarks from parents when we were on the gates on Friday and Tuesday morning (as well as the emails!). Thank you.

Please ensure that the office have up-to-date phone numbers for you, as our texting service was invaluable over these days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Weekly % attendance wb 4.12.17					
RD	98.0	RT	94.0	RA	95.6
1K	97.3	1W	97.3	1H	98.0
2K	100	2CA	92.3	2A	94.2
3C	97.7	3M	98.0	3P	92.7
4VW	96.8	4B	94.8	4AW	91.8
5H	89.0	5J	96.8	Whole School	
6L	94.2	6G	95.5	95.4%	

Congratulations to 2K and 3M for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 1H
KS2: 4B

This week at The Coppice

Message from the PTA:

The winning raffle ticket number from Wednesday's nativities is number 338. Please bring your ticket to the office to collect your hamper.

Well done to all the children who took part in our nativities this week. It is so nice to see even the youngest children performing with confidence on stage.

Next week at The Coppice

Monday 18th December. 9.30am -Year 4 Christmas production in the Infant hall.

Monday 18th December 1.30pm -Year 3 carols in the Infant hall.

Monday 18th December 2.45pm- Years 5 and 6 will be singing carols in the Junior playground.

Tuesday 19th December – PARTY DAY! The day will be NON-UNIFORM. Arrangements for lunch: Junior children (Year 3, 4, 5, & 6) need to bring in a packed lunch. There will be NO hot lunches on this day. Infant children (Reception, Year 1 & 2) and children who receive Free School Meals will be provided with pizza fingers, chips and chocolate mousse.

Tuesday 19th December-2.45pm Years 5 and 6 will be singing carols in the junior playground.

Tuesday 19th December-SCHOOL CLOSES (at the normal time) FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Norton Virus Problem

Those of you who have Norton Virus checker on your PC's may have noticed a warning message appears when trying to access the new school website. Please be assured that we have had this thoroughly investigated by our IT Support, our website is completely safe and it is ok to continue to the site past this message. The problem is with another school within The Worcester Local Authority and is in the process of being fixed. We have also contacted Norton to advise them and it should be rectified shortly (this should only affect Norton users).

Apologies in the meantime for any scares this may have caused.

Community News

St Mary's Church warmly invite you to join them as they celebrate Christmas:

Traditional Carol Service, Saturday 16th December at 6pm: Also called the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, this traditional service features Wythall Community Choir.

Christmas Eve at 4pm: This year our family-friendly Christmas Eve service 'The Greatest Journey' tells the Nativity story in the style of the children's book 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. Come and join in the fun!

Midnight Mass: On Christmas Eve at 11:30pm, join us to start Christmas Day with a service of Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Service: At 10am on Christmas Day a short service for all the family. Happy Christmas!

Our Website.....<http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk>

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice an opinion on any school related issue by using our virtual suggestion box but if you wish to contact a Governor regarding any issues either email the school office (office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.

Don't forget to sign up to receive your gold newsletter via email as after Christmas we will no longer be distributing them to the classrooms.