

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Head Teacher's News

Harvest Festival

Next Friday (i.e. Friday 23rd September) we will be having separate Harvest Festivals for Infants and Juniors. This will be conducted in the Infant/Church Hall by Rich Burley vicar of St Mary's. Please do send in donations of food at any time over the next week. These can be any non-perishable items (tins/packets etc.).

Once the Harvest Festival is over food collected will be donated to Birmingham City Mission and the Sparkhill Narthex Centre (who are working with Syrian refugees). We will be combining our food donations with those collected by St Mary's Church.

Many thanks in anticipation of your kind support.

Star of the week

RA- Reception will be
RT- starting with Star of
RD- the Week next
week.

1K- Jacob D
1SK-Ryan K
1F-Beau L
2A-Lily-Mai O'G
2LP-
2R-Tayven B
3M-Starting next week.
3A-Faith G
3C-
4W-Conor H
4AP-
5H-Frankie C
5OJ-Jamie C & Finlay B
6L-Holly F
6G-Paddy P

This week at the Coppice

We hope you found our Parent Information Evenings useful this week. If you were not able to attend all the information will be sent to you via your child's book bag.

Dates for your diary.

Reception

Reception parents are invited to share a school lunch time with their child. Mrs. Tomkinson's children and parents will have this opportunity on Tuesday 27th September
Miss Dixon's children and parents on Wednesday 28th September
Miss Aston's children and parents on Thursday 29th September

PTA events

The PTA have released dates for a number of events for the children AND adults. Tickets need to be booked at www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice
23rd September - Nursery & Reception - Welcome to the Coppice BBQ
7th October - Adults only - Coppice Fashion Show!
18th October - Reception & Year 1 Autumn Disco
18th October - Year 2 & Year 3 Autumn Disco
21st October - Years 4,5 & 6 Autumn Disco

Team Points

1st-249 Hawks
2nd-227 Owls
3rd-186 Falcons
4th -160 Eagles

School photographs

We will be using a new company for school photos this year. They will be a more contemporary design and the packages look to be good value for money. They will come into school over two days. Further information will follow after half term.

14th November-Individual school photos
15th November – Sibling photos.

Attendance/Absence

Every year our school Governors set an attendance target for us to adhere to; i.e. we must endeavour to ensure that the overall attendance percentage for all children are within the target set.

This target figure, set by Governors, is informed by national (and Ofsted) expectations. So we are obliged to manage absence requests from parents accordingly.

The Governors have also appointed an external Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who monitors our attendance and advises us accordingly, in line with what other schools are doing. It would be imprudent of us to ignore advice from our EWO as we employ her to keep us on track to meet our attendance target.

For some years now we have met our attendance target. However, last year we dipped below this target. Accordingly, we do need to be most rigorous with 'applying the policy' regarding any requests for absence, and we ask for parents' consideration and understanding relating to this.

Just as a reminder, all absences during term due to leave/holiday time will be classed as 'unauthorised' and may be referred by the EWO to the Local Authority for a fine if the absence goes above a certain threshold.

In very exceptional circumstances (judged by the EWO) such absence might be authorised. However, in making a decision around this a child's current attendance record will be taken into consideration too.

Key dates to be aware of:

KS2 (Year 6) SATs week: 8th- 12th May.

KS1 (Year 2) SATs will be in May (exact dates to be confirmed).

Year 1 (and any Year 2 re sits)- National Phonics Screening Tests: 12th-16th June.

If your child is absent from school please can you phone 01564 826709 (you can leave a message), text 01564 432005 or email office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk before 8.30am on the first day of absence. It is important you give us the reason for the absence so that we can monitor any potential outbreak of illness and also so that we are able to record it accurately on the register. On the advice of our Educational Welfare Officer all unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

St Mary's Church News

St Mary's Harvest Festival!

St Mary's Church invites you to their Harvest Festival - A Service of Celebration for all ages! It's on Sunday 25th September at 10:30am at St Mary's Church (the entrance is from Woodrush car park behind the Coppice school). This year we will be collecting dried or tinned food for Birmingham City Mission and Narthex Food Bank. All welcome!

JAM Club

Children in years 1 to 6 should have received a letter about this year's JAM club. JAM is an after school club on Wednesdays with lots of fun based on a Christian theme, run by St Mary's Children and Youth Worker Dean Taylor and his team. If your child would like to join JAM club please return the form to the school office as soon as possible! There are also spare letters available in the school office if you missed out on one!

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.

