

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Head Teacher's News

Snow Closure (at the risk of tempting fate)

It is always very difficult making the decision to close the school. It is the one part of my job as headteacher that I hate. Accordingly, I ask for your understanding when this has to happen; the decision is never made lightly. Whenever possible, The Coppice Primary School will remain open. We have had a good track record in recent years of trying our best to stay open when other local schools have closed.

However, we have to consider the safety of all children, parents and staff; some of whom travel quite a distance to school each day. Should the need arise, in severe weather, a decision will be made by 7.30 am at the latest if the school is to be closed.

A text message* alert will be sent informing you of school closure as well as a prominent notice of closure on our school website. I will also ring radio Heart FM (100.7 FM) snowline and Free radio (96.4 FM) snowline and ask them to broadcast the relevant information. A notification will also be posted on our official school Facebook page (The Coppice Primary School, Hollywood). This is probably most reliable as it should not crash.

In addition, do check for a text message or check the website if heavy snow is forecast (but not arrived).

If heavy snow starts falling during the school day then we may make the decision to close and contact parents via text and the website to ask them to collect children early whilst roads are still accessible.

It is best not to be too reliant on our texting service and website as the sites may crash under heavy traffic and please try not to phone the school for closure information, as phone lines can be easily blocked.

I reiterate, our aim is to open every day but hopefully this information will give some clarity.

*Please ensure that we have up to date mobile phone numbers for you in school

Apologies for the lack of newsletter last week. Thank you for your understanding.

Star of the week

RA- Aroush S
RT- Evie-Mai D
RD- Sam W
1K- Jacob P
1SK- William F
2A- Sophie P
2R- Eva A
3M- Owen M-J
3A- Jack P-B
4W- Lois H
4AP- Jimmy L
5H- Billy P
5OJ- Lillie B
6L- Shane S
6G- Eddie C

Team Points

Week ending 25th Nov

1st- 188- Falcons
2nd -164- Owls
3rd - 149 -Hawks
4th - 134 - Eagles

Important - Lunches next week

Wednesday 14th December- Reception - Y1 & Y2 No hot lunches. Sandwiches, crisps, jelly and fruit will be provided. Children will be asked about what fillings they would like on Monday. You may supplement this meal if you feel it is appropriate for your child.

Wednesday 14th December - Years 3,4, 5 and 6. No hot lunches please could ALL children bring in a packed lunch except those children who have Free School Meals (details the same as above).

Thursday 15th December- Christmas Lunch. Booking of the Christmas Lunch is via the slip on the flyer from AIP (spare copies available from the office). Payment is by CASH only (£2.50) this item is NOT on Parent Pay – if you have booked and paid for a meal on the 15th already, this payment will be credited to your account. Reception, Y1 & Y2 – tick the box marked Universal Free School Meals – no payment required but a slip must be completed. Please note Monday will be the last day for orders.

Friday 16th December all years. A full hot meal will be provided as usual (as per the online menu) and party food will be supplementary to the lunch and not instead of a hot meal.

This week at The Coppice

The Christmas Productions have begun in earnest. We hope you enjoy watching as much as the children have enjoyed taking part.

Sajid Javid MP visited school today to thank Alivia L from Year 4 for designing his official Christmas card. She beat children all over Worcester who entered the competition to be the one to design the card. Well done Alivia.

Many thanks to Noah and Joshua J's mum who came into school this week to teach the children all about a German Christmas and life in Germany.

Next week at The Coppice

12th December – RD, 1kK, 2LP nativities at 9.30 and 1.30

13th December- RT, 1SK, 2R – nativities at 9.30 and 1.30

15th December – RA, 1F, 2A - nativities at 9.30 and 1.30

14th, 15th, 16th Dec 2.50pm – Year 5&6 children will sing carols in the Junior playground.

14th December – Nursery Parents Maths meeting – 5.00pm.

The PTA will be selling cakes and sweets each day after school.

Friday 16th December – school closes at normal time for the Christmas Break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Got a budding scientist in the family?

Mrs. Tomkinson (our Science Coordinator) is recommending the “Whizz, Pop, Bang” magazine as a great idea for children who would like to learn more about science at home (Year 2 upwards). It's full of facts, challenges, experiments, puzzles and competitions. You can go onto the website and see what the magazines look like inside and find out more details. Subscriptions are available online at www.whizzpopbang.com for £34.99 per year. Maybe Santa might deliver one to your house!

Attendance and Punctuality.

Class % attendance w/b 28.11.16					
RD	96.3	RT	94.0	RA	98.3
F	96.0	1SK	97.1	1K	98.7
2R	97.3	2LP	98.3	2A	95.7
3A	97.0	3C	96.7	3M	97.0
4AP	96.3	4W	97.7	5H	96.3
5OJ	96.0	6L	99.3	6G	98.7

Well done to 1K and 6L who had the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 2R KS2: 3C

Last week's Star of the Week

RA- Neve B, RT- Dylan B, RD- Marina R, 1K- Katreena D, 1SK- James F, 1F- Austin P, 2A- Isla T, 2LP- Libby C, 2R- Isabella H, 3M- Farrah H, 3A- Ayva O, 3C- Holly H, 4W- Mason B, 4AP- Daniel S, 5H- Mikayla H, 5OJ- Sophia H, 6L- Gabby C, 6G- Kavan F

Vacancy for G2 Teaching Assistant (25 hours per week)

We are currently seeking to appoint a talented and positive Teaching Assistant in KS2. Information pack and application form available from the office. Closing date for applications Friday 6th January.