# **The Coppice Primary School Newsletter**

Newsletter Number



## Star of the Week

RA- Amelia P

RT- Archie-Jay F

RD- Ethan F

1W-Jessica W

1K-Dollie H

1H-Noah W

2CA- Ruby M-W

2KA- Freya C

2K- Adil U

3M-Libby C

3P-Brinley H

3C-Jessica F & Haden M

4AW- Eloise L

4VW- Saskia Q

4B- Lewis B

5H-Bella W

5J- Mason B

6L-

6G- Miles P

## Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be: "Kindness"

#### **Team Points**

Week ending 17.11.17

1st- 200-Eagles

2<sup>nd</sup> -167 - Owls

3<sup>rd</sup> – 121- Hawks

4<sup>th</sup> – 96- Falcons

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### **Head Teacher's News**

#### Snow Closure (as we're approaching the season)

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. Therefore, 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 very good track record of trying our best to stay open when other local schools have closed due to snow.

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).

In addition, do check for a text message or check the website if heavy snow is <u>forecast</u> (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 (it might pay to keep this info to hand).

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

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Weekly % attendance w/b 6.11.17					
RD	99.7	RT	96.3	RA	97.3
1K	100	1W	95.7	1H	91.3
2K	97.7	2CA	96.7	2A	98.7
3C	99.0	3M	99.3	3P	97.3
4VW	93.5	4B	97.4	4AW	95.5
5H	94.2	5J	99.7	Whole School	
6L	88.1	6G	95.5	96.5%	

Congratulations to 1K and 5J for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: RD KS2: 3C

## Nursery/Reception play area

Have you spotted the changes we have made to the Nursery/Reception play area?

Our amazing PTA has funded a fun refurbishment of the area using your donations from the Summer Revel, discos and their other events.

The area now sports a race track, a performance area with a stage and benches, a story telling throne, hopscotch and caterpillar ground markings, artificial turfed areas and a bench around the tree.

## This week at The Coppice

**Black History Month** -Thank you to those KS2 children (and parents who encouraged and supported from home) for the Black History Month work. Mrs Emery has used her artistic talents to create a beautiful display of the best of these, and we intend having a special assembly this coming Monday to reward and celebrate the children whose work was chosen for our display.

**Children In Need** -We had our visit from Pudsey this morning. We will post photos on our official Facebook site and our website shortly. Thank you for your contributions. We will still be able to take contributions at the office next week if you forgot.

## **Change of date**

We are very sorry but, due to logistical issues we have had to change the date of *one* of the Nativity performances. RD, 1K and 2K have had to change their **morning** performance (previously scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30-11am) to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11am. Their afternoon performance will remain on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:30-3pm.

Please note that for all Christmas performances, onsite parking will **not** be available except for holders of blue disabled badges. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Community News**

Woodrush High School Kitchen - has a great opportunity for a part time kitchen assistant.

The hours will be 12.30pm till 2.30pm Monday to Friday term time only.

If you're a team player who enjoys working in a fast paced environment, this could be the ideal opportunity for you.

This opportunity is with an immediate start and experience is not a necessity as training will be provided on the job.

Please contact Samantha Cartwright on 01564 823777 or email kitchen@woodrushhigh.worcs.sch.uk

<u>Wythall Community Choir</u> are holding a Christmas Sing-a-long on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the school hall and St Mary's Church commencing at 2.30pm. Father Christmas will be stopping by during the afternoon and each child under 11yrs will receive a small gift. Tickets at £5 each are available through Choir members or order by email on <a href="wythallchoir@gmail.com">wythallchoir@gmail.com</a>

Please purchase tickets in advance to avoid disappointment on the day.

## Our Website......http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk

Have you visited our new website yet? <a href="http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/">http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/</a>. You will be able to sign up to receive our newsletter via email (paper copies will not be distributed after Christmas) and find out all the information you need about upcoming events, the curriculum and find copies of letters and forms. It's easy to navigate so take a look this weekend.

You can also 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.

