

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's News

It's 2017! Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

### Attendance reminders.

From 1 September 2015, the Government reduced the 'persistent absence threshold' from 15% to 10%. This change means that any pupil with attendance below 90% will be deemed a persistent absentee, compared to the previous figure of 85%, regardless of whether the school has authorised or unauthorised the absence. This equates to 39 sessions or 19 school days of absence across an academic year.

Schools are no longer judged solely on their overall attendance figures, but also on the number of pupils who fall into the persistent absence category. Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to fulfil their potential.

Each child's attendance is monitored weekly and our school seeks to work actively with parents to ensure that regular attendance is maintained. The Department for Education has published data on their website that clearly shows the link between attendance and attainment. This highlights the fact that there will be an impact on your child's education and test results if attendance is not consistently above 95% throughout their schooling.

We want all students to achieve high levels of attendance and give themselves the very best life chances and choices.

### Star of the week

RT- Cruz T  
RD- Poppy G  
1K- Sam N  
1SK- Daisy B-L  
1F- Blake H  
2LP- Abigale P  
2R- Jacob C  
3M- Billy P  
4W- Millie T  
4AP- Emma E

### Team Points

Week ending 16.12.16

1<sup>st</sup> - 374 - Eagles  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 329 - Falcons  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 298 - Owls  
4<sup>th</sup> - 260 - Hawks

### 365 days in a year splits into:

190 school days					175 non-school days
	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days of absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family time</li><li>• Visits</li><li>• Holidays</li><li>• Shopping</li><li>• Appointments (where it is possible to arrange them outside the school day)</li></ul>
	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education	
ATTENDANCE					
95%+	90%	85%	80%	75%	
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success	<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success makes it harder to progress		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Substantial negative impact on chance of success and progress		

### Requests for leave of absence

The law states that the Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Mr Heptinstall, under the direction of our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), decides what is deemed an *exceptional circumstance* and, because of this necessary process, parents should not expect their request to be granted as a matter of right.

We are therefore unable, legally, to authorise any holidays unless there is an *exceptional circumstance*. Please be advised that we are duty-bound to refer all unauthorised holiday leave of 10 or more consecutive days directly to the Local Authority (LA). Also, as advised by our EWO, we may also refer unauthorised leave of 5 days or more if attendance is a concern. It will then be LA's decision whether or not to impose a fine.

## Dates for Spring term 2017

12<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming starts for 3A  
 13<sup>th</sup> January – Flu vaccinations for Years 1,2,&3 – please ensure you have returned your consent (or refusal) form to the office before this date.  
 20<sup>th</sup> RA – visit to Birmingham Airport  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – RT— visit to Birmingham Airport  
 24<sup>th</sup> – RD— visit to Birmingham Airport  
 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – The school choir will perform at the Young Voices concert in the Genting Arena.  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jan-Y5 – Residential Information Evening for Y5 Parents.  
 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Feb Half term closure  
 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> March –Y5 Residential in Stratford  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Evenings – more details to follow.  
 10-21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Holidays  
 Throughout May- KS1 – assessment week.  
 8-12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 - SATs  
 29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June- Half term  
 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 – Malvern Residential  
 20<sup>th</sup> July – End of term.

**Don't forget....**If you have had a new mobile phone for Christmas and have changed your number please notify the school office as soon as possible so that they can reach you if needed and can send texts. Thank you.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Class % attendance w/b 12.12.16					
RD	98.7	RT	94.0	RA	97.7
1F	97.3	1SK	89.7	1K	93.3
2R	94.0	2LP	96.0	2A	96.0
3A	92.3	3C	96.6	3M	96.7
4AP	95.3	4W	95.2	5H	99.0
5OJ	98.0	6L	99.3	6G	96.7

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

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: 2A KS2: 4W

## Important

**Just a reminder that applications for Reception 2017 must be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Apply on-line at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice and 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](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk)) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.