

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Head Teacher's News

Update on 30 hours nursery funding

In April there will be a national TV and press campaign explaining about the 30 hours nursery funding. Until then, we have some information:

Parents will apply directly to HMRC and, if they are eligible, will be issued with a voucher code to give to school – this needs to be done every three months.

Eligibility criteria - both parents are working (or sole parent in a lone parent family) and each parent/carer earns between, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage and less than £100,000 per year.

Next week, we will be writing to everyone who has applied to nursery to ask their preference for hours, which we will aim to accommodate in September 2017.

Application forms for nursery are available from the school office - the closing date is Monday 27th February 2017 and places will be allocated at the end of March.

Scooters - health and safety

We have had a number of incidents over the years where accidents have caused injury due to scooter use on our playground. Because of this, we have had a ban on using scooters on site for some years now.

On the face of it, it might seem that it is a killjoy attitude to ban scooter use whilst on school premises but the problem is, if we allow one child to use their scooter then the next day there will be more children using scooters, and the next day more still, until we have a difficult situation from a health and safety point of view.

Accordingly, given the above, I have to remind parents that we have a total ban on the use of scooters, bicycles, skateboards and the like once children are inside the school gates. Mr Mace has placed warning notices around school reminding everyone of this.

Please do help us by ensuring that your child is not breaking this rule. We thank you in anticipation of your understanding with this.

Star of the week

RA- Megan P
RT- Phoebe R
RD- Will D
1K- Ben S
1SK- Holly C
1F-Rocko T
2A- Sienna H
2R- Isabella F
2LP- Sadie T
3M- Mikey D
3C- Lewis B
4W- Sky-Louise M
4AP- Logan S
5H- Zoe B
5OJ- Lily O'B
6L- Oliver F
6G- Jack E

Team Points

Week ending 13.01.17

1st- 277 Owls
2nd -271 Falcons AND
Hawks
4th -211 Eagles

This week at The Coppice

RA visited Birmingham Airport on their very first school trip.

Y6 boys competed at the indoor athletics event at Arrow Vale school- results to follow next week.

Next week at The Coppice

RD & RT will visit Birmingham Airport.

25th Jan- The school choir will perform at the Genting Arena in the Young Voices concert. There are limited tickets available, to book tickets call The Genting Arena, Birmingham Box Office on: 0844 3388 222 or order online.

26th January 3.30-4pm – Parents' information meeting for the Y5 Residential to Stratford.

Other dates;

22nd February is Thinking Day or Founders Day for all members of the Scouting and Guiding Movement – children attending Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides will be able to wear their uniforms. All other children to wear school uniform.

28th February – Visit from the Animal Lady – more details will follow nearer the date.

Other news

Apologies for putting this on the newsletter so long after Christmas but Mrs Wilmin has asked for the following message to be passed to you....."I would like to thank parents and children for the lovely cards and gifts given to me at Christmas, your generosity is much appreciated – Barbara Wilmin (Lollipop lady)"

We have a mountain of Lost Property which will have to be disposed of soon. Please come and check to see if anything belongs to you before it is washed and donated to charity. We have shoes, trousers, coats – all sorts! It is impossible to return unnamed items so please ensure that everything your child brings to school has a clear name on it.

Punctuality and attendance

Class % attendance w/b 9.1.17					
RD	94.3	RT	87.7	RA	94.0
1F	94.0	1SK	93.5	1K	95.0
2R	98.3	2LP	99.3	2A	95.7
3A	98.7	3C	99.3	3M	96.3
4AP	91.3	4W	96.8	5H	98.7
5OJ	97.7	6L	97.3	6G	100

Well done to 2LP and 6G who had the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively. A special well done to 6G who had 100% - fantastic!

Punctuality Award: KS1: RA KS2: 3C

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.