

The Coppice Newsletter 18.09.20



HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS; WELL PREPARED FOR LIFE.

Important message from Mr.Hutt regarding attendance and absence:

Firstly, can I just say a big thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support your child's attendance at this time. It is so lovely to see how settled and happy the children are and to see them busy in their learning again.

Please be aware though that it is extremely important, especially in the current climate, that you inform us of the reason for why your child isn't in school at any point. As per our Attendance Policy on the website, this can be done via text, email, phone call or letter.

Please remember (also as per the policy), that you MUST make contact with us on both your child's first day of absence and also on any subsequent days of absence. It cannot be assumed, for safeguarding reasons, that we know why your child is off school.

Therefore, as of Monday, any absence that we are not notified of a reason for, will be classed as an unauthorised absence until we receive notification of a reason otherwise.

Finally, in line with the above, if Mrs. Woodyatt contacts you to chase a reason for absence, please ensure that you reply to her texts or phone calls so that we know you have received them.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the above.

Mr.Hutt
(Deputy Head - The Coppice Primary School)

All contact details for the school can be found at the end of this newsletter.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

- RF Reception did not choose
- RH Star of the Weeks
- RL last week
- 1D Qasim
- 1T Sienna
- 1RB Louis
- 2A Liliana-Mae
- 2CA Jessica and David
- 2J Caitlyn and Zayyan
- 3P Isabella
- 3K Florence
- 3HK Callum
- 4W The whole class for having a great first week!
- 4MW -
- 4J Yousef
- 5G Jack
- 5MS Cara
- 5K Ava
- 6C Miley
- 6L Lewis
- 6G Jaesh

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

- If you live in Worcestershire
and
- Your child was born between 1st September 2016
and 31st August 2017

You need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2021.
For more information and to apply, visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822 700.

Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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CHILDREN FIRST 

ASSEMBLY THEME

The theme for next week's assembly will be normally posted here but assemblies are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to COVID 19.

TEAM POINTS

Points awarded to the children during the week will be recorded here. Who will win Eagles, Falcons, Hawks or Owls?

ABSENCE/SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE

Hardly surprisingly, we have had quite a few parents ask us about this, eager to make the right decision. Confusing the situation, there seems to be quite a few colds doing the rounds at the moment. It is important that we all get this right for the safety of all of our children, staff and families. Things would be so much simpler if the Government had prioritised an effective testing system!

Still, if children are just 'feeling under the weather' or might have a 'sniffle', we are encouraging parents to dose them up with Calpol and send them in (our usual procedure). Basically, especially given the schooling children have missed, they need to be in. However, if there's the slightest hint that they have any of the symptoms related to Covid-19 (listed below), then they need to stay off until they have been tested and proved negative (or self-isolated for 10 days). In addition, if any of the household are exhibiting symptoms, they need to self-isolate for 14 days (see below). As a reminder, these are the symptoms parents need to be aware of:

- A new, continuous cough, where you cough a lot for more than an hour, or have three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- Fever (where your temperature is above 37.8C) and tiredness
- Loss of smell or taste
- Breathing difficulties

However, things aren't always 'black and white', and less frequent symptoms have been identified. UK researchers think that vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal cramps could be a sign of coronavirus infection in children. However, we will not count these as symptoms of coronavirus (as it happens so often with children) but we do strongly recommend that in these circumstances that you are more vigilant and seek further medical advice if you are worried (Coronavirus in one of our Coppice families way back in March, started with diarrhoea and vomiting, so it may happen).

If a child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms, parents MUST keep them at home and seek a test ASAP.

Just to reinforce the point:

- Children must self-isolate for 10 days (or more) if they have symptoms or are tested positive
- They self-isolate for 14 days if they have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or if they live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive.

(More information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>)

We appreciate that individuals (or even whole year groups/bubbles) could be off school repeatedly throughout the year, given the possibility of reinfection. Accordingly, even though we have had lots of positive feedback about our home-learning back in the summer, we are 'vamping it up' to make it even better, to ensure the best learning we can for our children in the event of them self-isolating. More to come!

Smoothen morning drop-off - please help if you can to keep everyone safe

The area immediately beyond the school gates is often crowded first thing in the morning as children gather close together in readiness to come in. This is hampering attempts at 'social distancing'. Please remember, you have a period of ten minutes to drop children off, there is no need to do this right at the start of their designated time. I appreciate that some parents with siblings to manage will want to drop early, and some parents might have pressure from their work to drop early, but, if you can, please try to think about not dropping children straightaway. When we first set this system up, the hope was that we would have a steady stream over the ten minutes, allowing for social distancing. Instead, we are seeing a first two minute rush, then it goes quiet!

By the way, thank you everybody for wearing masks.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

We are seeing, more and more, children having a snack at breaktime that consists of a chocolate bar. Please be aware that, for many years, the expectation has been that children have a healthy snack at morning break. This should consist of a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Maybe, given the fact that more children are bringing in packed lunches (as a coronavirus precaution) more chocolate bars are appearing. However, healthy snack only, please!



SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please help and stick to the rules

Despite making the point, loud and clear, we are still having parents park on our site without permission (blue badge holders only, please). We have one or two parents arriving very early, well before drop-off/pick-up times (am and pm) to get on site and 'bag' a space. This is not allowed. It adds to congestion and takes places away from staff parking. Our car park is a private car park and only authorised users should be using it.

Obviously, to assist social distancing, parent pedestrians (with children) walking on our site are spreading away from the narrow pathways onto the driveways and wider car park. I understand that, given the current climate, this is unavoidable (and should be encouraged to assist social distancing), however, please be mindful that parents are allowed to do this only with proper consideration, not wanting to lose the goodwill of Woodrush (who own most of the car park).

Accordingly, please avoid hampering authorised motorists who are accessing and leaving the car park (we are having some issues with poor supervision of children, by some parents, where children are blocking the movement of traffic). I understand that motorists must play their part in keeping our car park safe, too.

We do now have CCTV installed monitoring our car park entrance and exit, so offenders will be dealt with. As said, given the current climate in particular, we need to try our utmost to restrict congestion on our wider site to allow for social distancing and we need everybody's cooperation with this.

As you know, we do not have a crossing warden at present (if you would like to apply for the job please visit the Worcestershire Council website). Please do not allow children to leave your car whilst you are stopped at the crossing. This has very nearly caused accidents, with cars overtaking stationary vehicles only to find children crossing the road right in front of them on the zebra crossing. Please drive to a safe place to drop off your child.

Apologies, I'm hoping that this does not come across as a rant (I always strive to be positive in communications) but the above does need saying.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School term dates and TED days for the academic year 2020/2021.

Holiday	School closes on (all usual school finishing time)	School re-opens on
Autumn term 2020	Not applicable	Thursday 3rd September 2020 (TED day Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September)
Autumn half term	Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2020	Tuesday 5 th January 2021 (TED day Monday 4 th January 2021)
Spring half term	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22nd February 2021
Easter	Friday 1st April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
Summer half term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer term ends	Monday 19th July 2021	Not yet available

Other school closures

Monday 3rd May 2021- May Day Bank holiday

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 -Summer Term TED days.

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OUR ONLINE LINKS

School website- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

PTA- <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice/#.Wv1BYDQvypo>

Calendar- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/calendar/>

Suggestions box- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/suggestion-box/>

Official Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/coppiceps/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>