

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RD- Zac
RG- Ariana
RT- Romeo
1H- Tom
1P- Everyone for a
great assembly
1W- Evie
2CA- Lucas
3HK- Erin
3K- Poppy
3P- Roman
4M- Ollie
4S- Gabe
4W- Abigail
5G- Sam & Darcey
5K- Annie
5LG- Charlie
6C-
6L-
6G- Holly

Team Points

Week ending 20.03.20

First- Falcons 46
Second- Eagles 40
Third- Owls 38
Fourth – Hawks 37

Head Teacher's News

Stay safe and Healthy

Thank you all for your understanding over the unprecedented events which have unfolded, (and are still unfolding) over the last week or so.

We do not know when things will change or when we will get more Government and the DfE advice but when we do we will communicate with you via the school website, online learning site or our official Facebook page. We are not planning on doing a weekly newsletter.

We know that many of you will have questions and we will do our best to answer these but please bear with us, we would appreciate your patience.

We are awaiting further information from Parent Pay about refunds. Please be assured that unspent school meal balances can be returned to your ParentPay Parent Account as part of our school closure process. We are currently working on our plans to support children of Key Workers and therefore politely request that parents do not send individual requests for refunds. School staff will be working next week to communicate our plans and to ensure refunds can be handled promptly where this is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regarding trip refunds, these too will be handled in the coming weeks. At present we are awaiting guidance on this as currently there is no way to bulk refund payments- meaning that each individual child has to be refunded separately for each time- a time consuming and laborious process. Again please be patient, it will be dealt with as swiftly as possible.

Message from Mrs Higgitt (Nursery-) I'm so disappointed that I haven't been able to let my current and past parents and children know that I am leaving at Easter. I have established excellent relationships with a great many parents during my time here and have taught a number of siblings of the children I had in my first couple of years at The Coppice. I would like them to know that I am retiring from teaching.

We will miss Mrs Higgitt and wish her well in her next adventure.

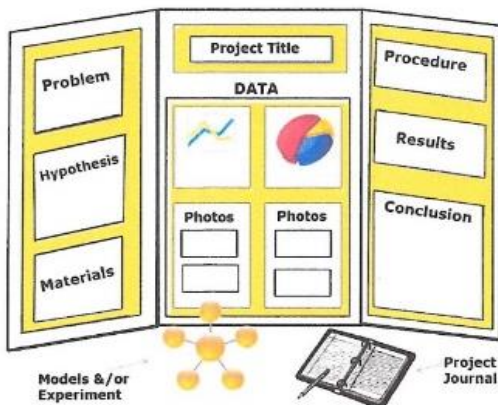
Boredom busters

Hopefully you will have taken a look at our online home learning site where you can access school work for your children. This has loads of information, ideas, websites etc. As we are made aware of more ideas and sites we will update as we go along. All emails and website links are detailed below.

The Science Fair will still accept entries and will continue to do so when we come back into school. Please ignore the dates on the poster below. We obviously won't be taking part in the regional event but this now means that we will be able to offer MORE prizes! So follow the guidelines below and have fun!

We are excited to be taking part in this year's Primary Science Fair. There will be a whole school competition and then an inter school final with 5 other schools. There is a Reception /Year 1 &2 / Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 category.

The project can be an age appropriate experiment to answer a question or a problem, along with a solution, or it could be a research project. It can be on any area of science that interests your child, for example 'How many stars can we see?', 'How does a hovercraft work?' or 'What would my family eat on the ISS if we were with Tim Peake?', 'What happens when I mix.....and.....?'



When your child has carried out their investigation or research they have to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This can be made from a large cardboard box opened out and then painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape. It needs to have three panels of information (as shown).

This display board should show the project title/question/problem, what your child thinks the answer is, what they did to investigate their question, what they found and a conclusion. If they wish, they may also include a small model, experiment and/or project notes.

All projects need to be in school by **Friday 20th March** and our School Science Fair will take place during the week of **23rd March**. A panel of judges will help to choose the best projects to represent the school at the Regional Primary Science Fair to be held on **Wednesday 1st April**.

You could call up an elderly relative or friend and interview them about childhood memories, or what it was like in the war. I'm sure they would appreciate some contact from the "outside world" and children may find it interesting to write down these memories.

Message from Mr McGarry - Hello all! With the imminent closure of schools, and as a teacher/tutor, I have decided to offer FREE daily resources, games, tips to help in any way I can via my company page - Limitless Education Services. I will try my hardest to help all year groups, and where possible, I might try to record videos teaching things so that children don't miss out on new concepts and ideas that they would be learning! There are tricky times ahead but if you are worried about anything for your child educationally, please message me through my Limitless Education website or Facebook page and I will try to help in the best way I can!

Mrs Heptinstall is our SENDCO specialising in Autism so if you have any questions about these areas please feel free to ask. She can hopefully point you in the direction of resources and agencies that can provide useful information. For her advice please email the school office and we will forward mail to her at home. Please be patient when waiting for a response as she has SEND children of her own at home with her!

Community News

St Mary's Church: Covid-19 Update

Following government policy our church services, groups, meetings and events will not take place until further notice. The life and ministry of the church will continue but in different ways, and without gathering together. Please do look at our website for more information: www.wythallchurch.net .

You can also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysWythall and there's more for young people and families at www.facebook.com/StMarysWythallYouthChildrenFamilies/

Our Website Links

School office email address – office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk

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

Online learning site - <https://sites.google.com/coppice.worcs.sch.uk/coppice>

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/main-school-newsletter-and-nursery-newsletter/>

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/>