

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RB- Levi C
 RT- Charlotte G
 RD- Amelie R
 1A- Shay N
 1H- Leo
 1J- John B
 2CA- Sam R
 2A- Sam W
 2K-Aaron H
 3M- Elsa P
 3P- Rocko T
 3C- Evie O
 4AW- Jasmeet V
 4VW- Sadie T
 4B-Lily- Mae O
 5AD- Asher B
 5J- Lylah B
 6L- Katie W
 6G- Henry P

Head Teacher's News



Team Points

Week ending 21.12.18

First- Owls 227

Second- Hawks 154

Third- Eagles 121

Fourth - Falcons 87

All the staff at The Coppice would like to wish our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Well done to all the children who took part in all our Christmas productions. It makes us very proud to watch our talented, confident children on stage.

Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.18-14.12.18					
RD	97.2	RT	95.0	RB	96.4
1H	95.0	1A	97.0	1J	97.4
2K	97.8	2CA	98.0	2A	97.8
3C	96.0	3M	96.3	3P	95.5
4VW	98.1	4B	96.2	4AW	98.3
5J	97.4	5AD	95.4	5L	96.5
6L	97.9	6G	95.2	Whole school 96.7%	

Highest Weekly Attendance wb 10.12.18

Congratulations to 1J & 2K (98.3%) and 6G (a fantastic 100%) for having the highest weekly attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 1A KS2: 4AW

Uniform

Please help us maintain our uniform policy

There is no doubt that uniform makes a big difference, contributing to high standards in school. Many years ago I worked in a school that had no uniform, then a new headteacher introduced uniform and the positive difference it made to children's attitudes and behaviour was impressive.

Putting on a school uniform signals a clear message that school is different to home, and sets an expectation that children ready themselves for their job of learning.

In addition, it saves all of the angst and fallout around children trying to keep pace with fashion.

Children should be wearing 'standard' (winter) uniform now:

INFANTS (R/Y1/Y2)

- Plain grey skirt/grey or black trousers or grey pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)
- Plain grey socks or grey tights
- Polishable, flat black shoes (NOT trainers and no logos)

JUNIORS (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)

- Plain grey skirt/grey or black trousers
- White shirt and **tie**
- Navy blue 'V' neck jumper or cardigan (with logo)
- Plain grey socks or grey tights
- Polishable, flat black shoes (NOT trainers and no logos)

PE Kit: White tee shirt, navy or black shorts, pumps or low-sided trainers in a pump bag.

We realise at present there is a fashion around girls wearing JoJo Siwa type large bows in their hair. As a reminder, our school uniform policy (available within our brochure and downloadable from our website) states:

We expect children to be smartly presented, avoiding fashion accessories and hairstyles e.g. hair colouring, Mohican hairstyle etc. Hair-bands are permitted (white, black or blue only).

Uniform is something that the Government support and empower schools to enforce. On the Government DfE website <https://www.gov.uk/school-uniform> it states:

"The head teacher can discipline your child for not wearing the school uniform. Your child can be suspended or expelled if they repeatedly ignore the uniform rules."

Having said that however, I appreciate that, overwhelmingly, parents do support us by sending their children to school dressed in full and proper uniform, for which we are grateful.

Thank you in anticipation of support from all parents with this.

Last week at The Coppice

Thank you for your support with the collection for the Save the Children charity. Our Christmas Jumper Day raised just under £500.

Last Friday four of our Year 5 Science Ambassadors travelled to King Edward's School to take part in a festive science quiz. Isabella W, Ethan A, Dylan M and Leila W took part and came 2nd in their round. Later they had a chance to create their own Christmas bauble. Mrs Tomkinson was really pleased with their team spirit and cooperation skills.

How much do you know about science? Here are some of the questions the children had to answer. The answers can be found at the end of the newsletter.

1. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
2. Is a reindeer- a) a herbivore, b) an omnivore or c) a carnivore?
3. What material does Santa's sleigh work best on a) water b) air or c) ice?
4. What force pulls Santa down the chimney- a) friction b) gravity or c) air resistance?
5. How long does it take Santa to travel round the world a) 24 hours b) 6 hours or c) 650 hours?

This week at The Coppice

Last summer, we submitted a bid to the 'Glass Sellers of London Charity Fund' who fund glass based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) projects in schools.

We're delighted to announce that we have been successful in our bid and yesterday the 'Master Glass Seller' from the society visited school to present our Science Ambassadors with a cheque for £849!

We're so excited as this will enable us to purchase digital microscopes to use in The Phiz Lab!

Thank you 'Glass Sellers of London Charity Fund' and Mrs Tomkinson.



Important news about medication

Following a change in legislation, the school now has spare inhalers (for asthma) and auto-injectors (Epipens etc. for severe allergic reactions) which we will use in the case of an emergency. Staff will administer the above following the child's individual care plan and following instruction from the Ambulance Service. This is in line with the DfE guidelines – "Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in schools March 2015" and "Guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in schools- September 2017".

Community News

Christmas at St Mary's Church

We have three special services coming up over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and you are very welcome to join us.

Our **Christmas Eve** 4pm service is a wonderful way to spend the afternoon before Christmas! Suitable for all ages and especially loved by families, this year we will hear about 'The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour' as Sherlock Mouse investigates what's happening in his local stable. Children are invited to come dressed as an angel or shepherd, if they would like to, and join in.

Midnight Mass starts at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve as we welcome in Christmas Day.

Then on **Christmas Day** our Morning Service (for all ages) is at 10am; why not bring a present to show? All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Christmas!

Job vacancy

Vacancy for G2 Teaching Assistant (23 hours per week)

We are currently seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant in Y1 to start 25th February 2019 or sooner. You must possess excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and have a real willingness to support both the learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs of our pupils as they begin their school life at The Coppice. You must also be prepared to train in, and deliver, the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to a group of children five mornings a week.

Application packs are available from the office. Closing date for applications Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Christmas science quiz answers

1. Gold 2. a) a herbivore (they do not eat meat) 3. c) Ice 4. b) Gravity 5. a) 24 hours

Our Website Links

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

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/>

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