

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter Number

Volume 23 Issue 24

Date: 24th January 2020



Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

RD- Cody
RG- James
RT- Ethan
1H- Emily
1P- Aaron
1W- Blake
2A- Archie-Jay
2CA- Maiya
2J- Jamie
3HK- Celeste
3K- Fred
3P- Leila
4M- Nethish
4S- Billy
4W- Jack
5G- Sadie
5K- Beau
5LG-Mason
6L- Olivia
6G- Jack

Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be patience.

Team Points

Week ending 24.01.20

First- Eagles 151
Second- Falcons 132
Third- Hawks 120
Fourth - Owls 105

Head Teacher's News

Crossing Patrol Officer (Lollipop Lady/Man!) update

One or two parents have asked about this.

When we knew of the retirement of Mrs Wilmin, we contacted the Local Authority to get them to manage the appointment of a replacement. Appointments have to go through the Local Authority as, from a statutory point of view, they are the responsible party, linked to the Highways Agency (basically, anything beyond our school gate is beyond our jurisdiction). In addition, for insurance and safeguarding reasons, the Local Authority are responsible for the associated training of a new Crossing Patrol Officer.

Laws around the country's highways are quite strict. Nobody can restrict or interfere with the flow of traffic without the proper permission and training. Accordingly, even if we had the capacity, we would not be allowed to put a member of our own staff as Crossing Patrol Officer at the beginning and end of the day.

Even though the job has been advertised by the Local Authority for some time now, we have had very little interest. So, if you know of anybody who might want the job then please direct them to the website below. Hopefully, eventually, we will have someone in place but this will not happen overnight.

Unfortunately, over recent years, Local Authority policy has been to phase-out Crossing Patrol Officers. They made them redundant last year. Because of this, it's only schools like us, who are prepared to fund one independently, who still have them (lots of schools do not). Given the busyness of Shawhurst Lane at the beginning and end of the school day, we will persist with trying to appoint. There's definitely a need.

The cost, regarding wages, of a school Crossing Patrol Officer is not insignificant and does stretch our budget. So we are grateful to Woodrush and the local parish council who share the cost with us.

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/69684/school-crossing-patrol/>

Whilst on the subject of the crossing, it is essential that the crossing is actually used while crossing Shawhurst Lane and also that if children are walking to and from school by themselves, they use the zebra crossing sensibly.

It has been reported this week that some boys were dancing in the middle of the crossing and holding up traffic. This is obviously very dangerous as cars were beginning to move after they had crossed to the other side but then returned to the middle without warning. Please talk to your children and remind them about road safety. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.19 – 17.1.20					
RD	92.5	RT	95.9	RG	92.9
1H	94.9	1P	94.6	1W	94.7
2CA	96.3	2A	95.8	2J	96.1
3P	96.8	3K	98.7	3HK	95.6
4M	97.2	4W	93.3	4S	94.5
5G	96.3	5K	96.4	5LG	95.7
6L	96.5	6G	94.6	6C	96.7
Whole school 95.5%					

Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 13.01.20

Congratulations to 2CA (100%) and 5LG (1%) for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

Punctuality Award: KS1: 1H KS2: 3K

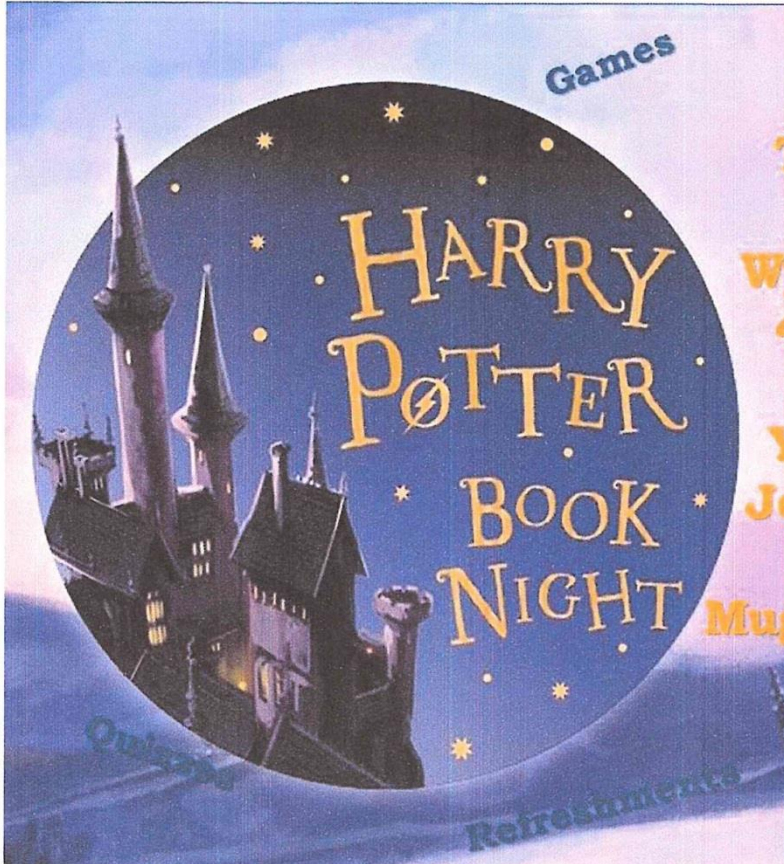
Coming up at The Coppice

Our Spring music concert will take place on Wednesday 12th February at 7pm. Children who are receiving private music tuition will be playing their instruments and the school choir will be performing some of the songs they sang at Young Voices. Anyone is welcome to attend and tickets are available on Parent Pay at just £1.50 for adults and children.

Please note all KS2 children have been assigned to this payment item but as this is an evening event you only need to buy a ticket if you want to attend. If you think you may have ordered a ticket in error please contact Mrs Marks in the office and she will organise a refund of your money.

Paper tickets will be sent home with your child soon after purchasing on Parent Pay.

Community News



**Thursday 6th
February
Wythall Library
4:00-5:30pm**

**Year 6, 7 & 8
Join in the fun**

Muggles Welcome!

Tickets: £1.50
For more information
ask in the library

JAM Packed Holiday Club

St Mary's Church are running their holiday club this February half term on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February, 9.30am-4pm. It will be a JAM-packed programme of high energy games, music, Bible stories, drama and craft activities! This year we will be Epic Explorers, thinking about who Jesus is, why he came and how to follow him. It's open to any child in years 1-6 and the cost is £10 per day or £15 for both. Children should have brought a letter home and spares are available from the school office or on the St Mary's website at www.wythallchurch.net/youth-children/jam-club. Please return forms & payment to the school office by Monday 10th February.

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/>

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