

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

## Star of the week

RD- Jessica  
RG- Ariana  
RT- Dexter  
1H- Jacob  
1P- Florence  
1W- Honey  
2A- Evie  
2CA- Jacob  
3HK- Hollie  
3K- Sam  
3P- Gabe  
4M- Jess T  
4S- Jack W  
5G- Nolan  
5K- Poppy  
5LG- Daisy  
6C- Alex  
6L-  
6G- Ethan

## Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be respect.

## Team Points

Week ending 28.02.20

First- Falcons 180  
Second- Owls 118  
Third- Eagles 113  
Fourth - Hawks 82

## Head Teacher's News

### Goodbye to Mrs. Howfield!

For around nine years now, Mrs. Howfield has been a leading member of our school staff. She has been our Office Manager as well as our School Business Manager, Trustee and member of our Senior Leadership Team. She has also been a Coppice mum as well as a key member of our PTA. Her contribution to The Coppice has been immense over the years. Amongst many significant things that are too numerous to mention, Mrs. Howfield was one of the main instigators of our school expansion, securing the funds for this, ensuring that we could meet the needs of our community regarding school places. Invariably, she has managed her leadership role in a cheerful and buoyant way; many of you will have met her in your dealings with the office - always with a ready smile. As a key Line Manager in school, she has helped ensure a happy staff amongst her team (they're all in denial about her going). However, she's been no 'push-over', keeping me on the straight and narrow at times! Alongside the rest of us, she has genuinely had the best interests of the children at heart, ensuring that, where she had influence, the children always have the best deal in every area of school life, even down to the toilet facilities the children now have (they were the pits when I first arrived as Headteacher many years ago).

In addition, she has been a great support to other schools that share our Grove Partnership (Lickey, Beaconside and Holywell and they have welcomed her sound advice.

Last but not least, Mrs. Howfield has been responsible for managing our school budget. At a time when there have been significant challenges (given our lagged funding and national shortages) she has done a sterling job. Mrs. Howfield is staying in education, advising other schools across the country regarding budget management matters. I'm tempted to say that we hope things 'crash and burn' with her new job so that she comes back. However, given all of the above, she's much more deserving than that, so we wish her all the best.

Personally, I will miss her. She's been a fantastic colleague, champion of The Coppice, a great ally and friend.

Thankfully, we have somebody of equivalent worth stepping into

Mrs. Howfield's shoes, Mrs. Webster, who is also a Coppice mum and has been a great friend of The Coppice over the years, freely giving of her time as PTA Chair and Treasurer, Trustee/Governor (Vice-Chair). Further, as Trustee, she has taken a particular (and active) interest in maths and science teaching in school, giving up many days of her time. Also, she is a fully qualified accountant with an Oxbridge degree, so is well-placed to keep our budget on track every bit as much as Mrs. Howfield did.

Mrs Webster will begin her role on Monday and Mrs Howfield will work alongside her, supporting her in her first week and so Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March will be Mrs Howfield's last day.

## Attendance and Punctuality

% attendance 1.9.19 – 14.2.20					
RD	93.3	RT	95.7	RG	93.8
1H	95.3	1P	94.9	1W	95.3
2CA	96.6	2A	95.8	2J	96.7
3P	96.8	3K	98.6	3HK	95.8
4M	96.7	4W	93.4	4S	94.9
5G	96.7	5K	96.6	5LG	95.7
6L	96.8	6G	94.3	6C	97.1
Whole school 95.8%					

### Highest Weekly Attendance w/b 10.2.20

Congratulations to 2J & 5G for the having highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively (both with a fantastic 100%).

Punctuality Award: KS1: 2J KS2: 6L

## Coming up at The Coppice

### Coppice Class Copper Change Challenge

So how does it work?

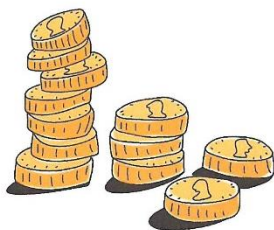
Every class will have a container to collect any small change. Bring your coins into school, pop them in the container and the first class to reach the winning line will be victorious!

Every class that reaches the winning line will win a prize.

**The Challenge starts 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will run for the whole half term.**

Every coin will make a difference and could make your class the winners!!

So, look down the back of the sofa, raid your money box, save your change and help your class fill the bottle. You could even do some chores at home to earn some extra coins!



Thank you for supporting the Coppice PTA, raising funds for the quad development.

## World Book Day

We invite children to come to school on the 5th March in pyjamas and dressing gowns and to bring a favourite book with them. They can also bring slippers, a cushion and/or a teddy. This is to ensure that part of the day can be used for cosy reading for pleasure. In contrast to previous years, we will **not** be asking for children to dress up as characters this year.

There will be no charge for this non-uniform day: we warmly encourage parents, if you're able to, to spend any money that would've previously bought costumes, on books for your child/ren instead

If children don't want to come in their pyjamas/dressing gown, they can choose to come in school uniform. If the children do come to school wearing their cosy clothes, it is important that you ensure that they have a coat and appropriate footwear for break and lunch times.

We would also like to tell you about a great free website (and temporarily free app) called Teach Your Monster to Read. It is a great game for our younger children to help with phonics and reading. Please follow the link to learn more <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

## Quad refurbishment

Stage one of the quad refurbishment has been completed over half term!

The Thrive room now has a new door and a wheelchair accessible entrance to the quad area which the PTA are revamping. All of the funds we raise are being put towards making this area into an outdoor classroom and sensory garden.

The photos below show the before and after and we look forward to showing you more when the project is complete.



The plans submitted for the area include a sensory walk, enough artificial grass to seat a whole class, seating and a sand and water zone for Thrive.

In order to raise money to complete the project the following events are planned:

2<sup>nd</sup> March for one month - The Copper Change Challenge (see poster above)

3<sup>rd</sup> March- PTA Meeting all welcome

6<sup>th</sup> March – Pop up Tuck Shop

13<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 5.00 – ‘I Love You’ event for children to treat their Mums

20<sup>th</sup> March – Tuck Shop

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Collect/Count Coppice Change Challenge

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Tuck Shop

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Mr Edwards' sports report

On Thursday 13th February two football teams from Year 6 travelled to Beaconside School for a match against the hosts. Both Coppice Reds and Blues played one game each of 30 minutes.

The Blues team of Max, Charlie, Wyatt, George, Ethan, Mikey and Asher played well in a difficult game against a very competitive Beaconside team. Coppice scored with almost the last kick of the game making the final score 6-5 to Coppice.

The Red team, Alfie, Lucas, Jack PB, Owen, Theo and Dylan worked hard and won 8-2 against their Beaconside opposition.

Behaviour by all students was excellent, and they showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to Miss Wells for coming with us.

## Community News

You may remember back in October we had our Restart-a-Heart day where children from Year 5 and Year 6 learned CPR. We also ran a competition in conjunction with Ali Spencer, a nurse and representative from St. Mary's Church. Olivia from Year 5 won the competition to design a logo which included CPR and the local community. The prize was to have her logo on the mannequin's jacket for all to see. After some delay the design is now in place as you can see below.



### **Cakes for sale tomorrow!**

Children from Woodrush will be raising funds for St Basil's charity for homeless young people and will be selling cakes in the Community Hub on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30 am. They would really appreciate your support.

LAST FEW TICKETS REMAINING!



**The Coppice Primary.**

**A community event-All welcome at  
Monsoon Restaurant**

**Looking forward to see you there.**

**Wed 4th March 2020**

**19:00hrs(Open from 18:30hrs)**

**Set menu of starter,Main,Sides**

**Tickets £18**

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### **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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