

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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## Star of the week

RA- Sophia W  
RT- Ada R  
RD- Joshua A  
1P- Aroush S  
1T- Hallee H  
1H- Marina R  
2CA- Zak M  
2A- Nahum R  
2K- Mila A  
3M- Millie E  
3P- Stanley H  
3C- Lara B & Eva A  
4AW- Theo WB  
4VW- Chloe U  
5J- Leo M  
6L- Georgia G

## Team Points

Week ending 29.03.18

1<sup>st</sup> – 786 Eagles

2<sup>nd</sup> -538 Owls

3<sup>rd</sup> -495 Hawks

4<sup>th</sup> – 430 Falcons

## Head Teacher's News

### School Trips and Events

School trips out, and events organised in school, contribute immensely to curriculum enrichment. However, I appreciate that finding the funds to pay for these things can be a hit to a family budget, particularly if there are siblings to factor in.

Regarding visits out, the bulk of the cost goes on transport. These days it is hard to book coaches for much under £650-700 per year group visit, whatever the distance, and that is without the cost of entering a venue.

Costs charged to parents are always calculated on the exact cost to the school. This never factors in parents who do not pay. Accordingly, the school has to pick up the tab for non-payers. Last year this cost the school almost £5000 in total, which equates to a dozen computers or around 800 reading books we could have had for the children.

The incidents of parents not contributing seems to be on the rise, with only around two thirds of parents paying now for some trips or events, most recently the Animal Lady and the Year 3 Roman Day.

This simply is not sustainable, given our ever squeezed budget. Accordingly, we are going to have to carefully consider what we do in the future with trips and events. Which is a shame, as these are amongst the most memorable learning experiences we have in school. Think back to when you were a schoolchild, these are invariably the things you remember.

Recently we have been asked about costs for swimming lessons for Year 3. The actual swimming lesson is free for parents (we always pay for the cost of that), but the limiting factor is the costs for the transport.

We have and do try to find money to subsidise trips where we realise it is more expensive, but this can only ever be a subsidy.

Given the above, we would very much appreciate it if all parents pay for trips and events. We thank all of those parents who regularly do pay.

Obviously where there is significant hardship school will support with costs.

### Happy Easter

We would like to wish all our children and their families a very Happy Easter.

When we come back on 16<sup>th</sup> April the children will be able to wear Summer uniform.

You can chose to wear either the same as the Winter uniform **OR**:

- White polo shirt (instead of collared shirt and tie).
- Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt(with logo)
- Dark grey/black trousers or shorts
- Blue gingham dress
- Plain grey or white socks
- Polishable, flat black shoes (NOT trainers and no logos)

## Science Fair winners

Many thanks to all the families who entered our Science competition. The entries have all been judged and we are delighted to announce the winners.

Sam R's (Reception) entry posed the question "What will happen to our teeth if we don't brush them?"

Isaac W (Reception) wanted to know if it was possible to walk on custard. (It is!).

Amber J (Year 1) investigated the best method for stopping sliced apple from going brown.

Gabe S (Year1) completed a wonderful project on volcanoes.

Jack M (Year2) answered a very interesting question- "Why can birds sit on electricity lines but humans can't?"

Thomas P (Year3) wanted to know why the sky is blue during the day but changes in the morning and evening.

What wonderfully enquiring minds our children have.

The winners will receive a science book and a trip to Birmingham University to present their entries to try to win further prizes. They will be able to look round the University too.

## This week at The Coppice

Year 1 Children visited the Bodenham Arboretum in Kidderminster for their "World Outside" trip on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Furnell, along with members of her family and ex Coppice pupils and staff, had a lovely time at a special celebration assembly on Wednesday which recognised her achievements during the 40 years she has worked at The Coppice. Gymnasts, singers and dancers performed for her and there was a parade of some of the amazing costumes which Mrs Furnell designs and makes. There were also lovely speeches from key staff and friends which left everyone in no doubt how valued, respected and loved Mrs Furnell is.

## Coming up at The Coppice

16<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens after the Easter break.

17<sup>th</sup> April – A vet will visit Reception to tell the children all about their job.

19<sup>th</sup> April – The winners of the Coppice Science Fair will be taken to Birmingham University to enter their research into the regional competition.

**PTA discos.** All £3 per ticket (includes drinks and sweets).

**Tickets only available from [www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice)**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Y4, 5, 6 Disco 3.15-4.45pm.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May -Reception & Year 1 Disco 3.15-4.15

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Year 2 & Year 3 Disco 4.45-6.00pm.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Weekly % attendance w/b 19.3.18					
<b>RD</b>	97.1	<b>RT</b>	86.7	<b>RA</b>	97.5
<b>1H</b>	97.5	<b>1T</b>	99.6	<b>1P</b>	97.5
<b>2K</b>	97.5	<b>2CA</b>	96.7	<b>2A</b>	95.2
<b>3C</b>	84.2	<b>3M</b>	99.2	<b>3P</b>	83.8
<b>4VW</b>	97.6	<b>4B</b>	87.1	<b>4AW</b>	98.0
<b>5H</b>	96.8	<b>5J</b>	99.2	Whole School 95.1%	
<b>6L</b>	97.5	<b>6G</b>	99.2		

Congratulations to 1T and 3M, 5J & 6G for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: 1H KS2: 5J

**Our Website.....<http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk>**

You can find out more from our school website. You can voice an opinion on any school related issue by using our virtual suggestion box but if you wish to contact a Governor regarding any issues either email the school office ([office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk)) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.