



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children.

### **Parking – very important:**

As Headteacher of The Coppice, I am acutely aware of the continuing problems being experienced with parking at the majority of school and, as a school, we will always do what we can to promote and ensure that drivers act in a responsible and courteous manner, in order that highway safety is not compromised. This is why, yesterday, we issued a letter from Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council to make clear the aspects that Parents and Carers can control when driving cars in or near the vicinity of schools. Hopefully, the reaction to the receipt of this letter will have been a positive one and, if it has, it will have been worthwhile. Please continue to do all that you can to keep our children and community safe when on or near roads. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have had a road safety focus for two weeks with the children in school and will continue to ensure that these messages are constantly reinforced moving forward.

### **Poppy Appeal:**



I am thrilled to announce that The Coppice raised an incredible £564.52 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is a really great achievement and is testament to the support that the children and you, as their Parents and Carers gave to this appeal. Thank you everyone!

The money was raised by the sale of both poppies and other poppy-related merchandise. It was really lovely to receive the thank you certificate (pictured left) from The Royal British Legion and we have proudly displayed this in the school entrance.

I also want to praise our Year 6 pupils, who had responsibility for selling the poppies and merchandise to the other children in school. They did a fabulous job and we were very proud of them all for their part in raising such a great amount of money for such an important cause.

### **Children in Need update:**

Linked to the above, it is fantastic to announce that our grand total raised for Children In Need was £767.15. This was made up of £269.45 from the sale of raffle tickets to win a toy Pudsey. A further £497.70 was raised from the non-uniform donations that the children brought in. The grand total for Children in Need across the whole country was £33,513,325 which is an incredible amount of money. Everyone at The Coppice and the wider Coppice community can feel incredibly proud of their contribution towards this total. Thank you everyone!

### **Mrs. Small has a fabulous time at The National Teaching Awards!**

Last weekend, our amazing Thrive practitioner: Mrs. Small, had a fabulous time in London at the finals of The National Teaching Awards. I'm sure that you will all remember that she was nominated, and then won, one of only six 'Unsung Hero' Silver Awards (countrywide) at the end of the last academic year.

This award recognised her selfless dedication to the children of The Coppice Primary School over an incredible twenty-five years!

The overall 'Gold' winner was announced on Saturday and, unfortunately, this didn't prove to be Mrs. Small. Nevertheless, in no way did this spoil what was already an absolutely fantastic achievement. In the words of Mrs. Small herself, the Silver Award and subsequent celebration had given her 'memories that will last a lifetime'. We are truly proud of Mrs. Small for the recognition that her award gave her as this was so richly deserved. Well done again Mrs. Small! We hope the photos of Mrs. Small (accompanied by husband Dave) at the event will illustrate just how big a deal this award was!



### **Spoz visits The Coppice!**

On Friday 24th, Year 6 participated in a poetry workshop with Spoz, an award-winning local performance poet. The poetry slam was a qualifying round for the Verve Poetry Festival Schools' Slam Competition. The children worked hard in teams to write and perform poetry on the theme of 'refuge' (this year's National Poetry Day theme). We were really impressed by the empathy children communicated in their poetry and the confidence they showed in performing in front of their peers.

In conversation with Mr Laight, Spoz said that he had a lovely day and that 'the kids are a credit to the teachers and the school', which is always fantastic feedback for us to receive. We are really grateful to Spoz for choosing The Coppice as one of the participating schools in the festival and for the massive effort he put into making sure our Year 6 children had an enjoyable and engaging day. Congratulations to Harry, Mercedes, Gregory, Lucas and Rabia who were chosen to represent our school at the Verve Poetry Festival grand final, which takes place in February at the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham.



### **Tag rugby success!**

On Friday, eight children from Year 6 visited Birmingham and Solihull Rugby Club for the district tag rugby tournament. On a cold and damp afternoon, the girls and boys were excited to put into practice what they had been learning at school.

The first 10-minute game against St. Bedes went quickly, with both teams having some good possession. Both teams played well, but The Coppice just edged it, scoring two tries to St Bede's ones. St Bede's 'B,' came next and The Coppice, in full flow, won three tries to zero. The final group game was against Walkwood 'A' and proved to be much more difficult. Walkwood had the majority of the play and we struggled to break through their defence. Unfortunately, Walkwood won the match two tries to one. The Coppice regrouped and got themselves ready for what was to be a nail-biting semi-final against Walkwood 'B', another quick team. The Coppice worked really hard to draw 2-2 at the final whistle.

The game went to extra time, with Shay running the length of the pitch to take us into the final. This meant a rematch against Walkwood 'A', who had beaten us in the group stages. Undaunted, The Coppice team showed that they had what it took. With tries from Shay and Sam, they sealed victory, winning two tries to one!

A huge well-done to the team who all played with respect and showed sportsmanship at all times. Well done Isabella, Rabia, Shay, Sam, Cody, Daniel, Jacob J, Lucas, and thanks to Connor, who came to support and help out. It was also lovely to see some of the ex-Coppice students who started rugby at our school refereeing—Alex, Molly, and Holly.



### **Irish dancing success for Marnie!**



It is fantastic to be able to share the success that Marnie, from 1D, had in her first novice competition in Irish dancing at the Midland Oireachtas regional Feis last weekend.

Marnie greatly enjoyed her day with her fellow dancers from the Scanlon school of Irish dancing and was so happy that she won a medal! A huge well done Marnie!

Marnie's mum told me that they were really amazed with her confidence to go up on stage and compete, which was great to hear. However, they were also extremely proud of the support that Marnie gave to the other dancers that were ranked higher than her and this didn't go unnoticed by those in attendance. Confidence and encouragement for others are qualities that we work hard on to instil in our children here at The Coppice so to hear that Marnie demonstrated these outside of school too is fabulous!

### **Noah Book Review Success!**

One of our children: Noah from 5C, had the honour of winning a book to review from children's review site: 'Toppsta'. He then wrote a terrific review which was published on the Toppsta site. If you want to read his review, you can access it from the link below. Just scroll down and you will see it first in the list under the name 'The Coppice Primary School'. We are extremely proud of Noah for having his review published and it is fabulous to see his passion for reading coming through.

<https://toppsta.com/books/details/1006455/barb-and-the-shadow-army#book-reviews>

After sharing so much lovely news, that just leaves me to say, as usual, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday. I can't believe that it's December and nativities are on the horizon!

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

## **Wythall Parish Council**

Wythall Council were delighted to receive all of your Christmas Card Competition entries but unfortunately no one from The Coppice was chosen as a winner this year.

You can view all the entries and the eventual winner by following the link below

[Christmas Card Competition Entries 2023.mp4](#)




# Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance Figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE

20th - 24th November (Last week)

	<b>1D &amp; 2T</b>	97.7
	<b>5F</b>	99.3

### TOP ATTENDANCE

27th November to 1st December (This week)

	<b>RT</b>	98.6
	<b>3L</b>	98.0

## December Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th - Y1 Phonics Workshop 2.35pm- 3.00pm Classroom based  
 Tuesday 5th - Sounds-Write Information Meeting 3.30-4.30  
 Thursday 7th Christmas Jumper - see later in newsletter for details  
 Thursday 7th 4CR Class Assembly 2.30pm start - Infant Hall/Church Hall  
 Friday 8th PTA Christmas Fair 5pm- 7.30pm - enter through the gates by the astroturf  
 Tuesday 12th & Thurs 14th 1A - rearranged Parents Evenings  
 Monday 18th -NL Nursery Christmas Sing -a Long - In Nursery 9.30am- 10.00am  
 Monday 18th - Reception Christmas Sing- a -Long - Infant/Church Hall 2.30pm  
 Tues 19th - 1D Nativity 9.30-10.30 Infant/Church Hall  
 Tues 19th - 2T Nativity 2pm Infant/Church Hall  
 Weds 20th - School Christmas Lunch - see later in newsletter for booking details  
 Weds 20th -1B Nativity 9.30-10.30 Infant/Church Hall  
 Weds 20th - 2W Nativity 2pm Infant/Church Hall  
 Thurs 21st - Staff Christmas lunch - see new menu options for children later in the newsletter  
 Thurs 21st 1A Nativity 9.30-10.30 Infant/Church Hall  
 Thurs 21st -2P Nativity 2pm Infant/Church Hall  
 Fri 22nd - NM & NK Nursery Christmas Sing -a Long In Nursery 9.30-10.00  
 Fri 22nd- School closes for Christmas at normal time.

Please read your  
 Year Group  
 Newsletter for  
 more details of  
 Nursery,  
 Reception and  
 Y1 Christmas  
 performances

# Job Vacancy

**Role:** Attendance, Finance & HR Administrator

**Hours:** 35 hours per week, being 8:00 to 15:45, Monday to Friday with a 45 minute lunch. This will be a Term-Time plus TED days role. Some flexible working to accommodate holidays and evening working. Potential overtime if agreed by both parties.

**Contract type:** Part-time, Permanent

**Salary Range:** Support Staff Pay Scale Point 7 to Point 13, depending on experience

**Role Purpose:**

The Attendance, Finance & HR administrator is responsible for supporting with specific Attendance, Finance & HR functions of the school, whilst also supporting other administrative and organisational processes of the school.

The individual will be part of the school office team, who work together to deal with Parent/Carer communications, pupil needs and other office interactions. This role involves being an initial point of contact for parents, visitors and other stakeholders so the individual will be an ambassador for the school and embody the value, vision and ethos of the school in all interactions

For further details and the application form, please go to <https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/our-people/open-vacancies/>

## Nursery and Reception Admissions for September 2024

### Nursery Admission Applications

Nursery application are available to download on our school website. Alternatively, please pop into our school office where you can collect an Application form. This must be completed and returned to us by **9th February 2024**. Late applications will be accepted, but there will be no guarantee on availability of nursery places. All applications will then be reviewed with any offers for a Nursery place, being issued on **23rd February 2024**.

### Reception Admission Applications

if you are applying for your child to start in Reception for intake September 2024, you should apply online to your "home" Local Authority (LA). *The "home" LA is defined as the local authority relevant to the child's home address.*

An application must be completed and submitted online, via your "home" LA by no later than **15th January 2024**. Late applications up to 28th February are always considered; though it may not be possible to allocate a place in the school you prefer.

All applications will then be reviewed with school place offers being issued by your "home" LA on 16th April 2024.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December



We will be holding our annual fundraiser for Save The Children on Thursday 7th December. Children should wear uniform but wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their usual cardigan, sweatshirt or jumper. Please donate £1 to Save the Children too!

If you have a jumper that your child has grown out of and would like to donate then please drop it off at the school office. This will mean that children who don't have a jumper or forget on the day can dress the same as their friends. Thank you

# Christmas Lunch Wednesday 20th December



Christmas Lunch MUST be ordered in advance on Parent Pay. **The cut-off date for ordering will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** This is so that the correct amount of food can be ordered and delivered in time for the meal.

Please note that in order to add the Christmas meal option, Parent Pay have removed all meal selections you may have already made in advance. **The ONLY meal choice for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be the Christmas lunch.** Therefore, if you do not want your child to have the meat or vegetarian meal you will need to bring in a packed lunch for that day. Jacket potatoes, pasta or sandwich options will **NOT** be available.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December-** **The only meal choices which will be available for this day will be sandwich options.** This is due to the kitchen cooking Christmas lunch for the whole staff. If you have already booked a hot meal in advance you will need to select a cold food option. Parent Pay have removed all other selections from the day's choices so you will need to go to Parent Pay and rebook with the new choices.

## St Mary's Church

You are invited to...

### CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 10th December 4pm



**A service for all the family with carols, fun & refreshments**

**St Mary's Church,  
Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN  
Behind Coppice School**

**For more information contact us:  
churchoffice@wythallchurch.net  
www.wythallchurch.net**



Games, crafts and activities  
followed by a hot meal



Fun and Food for the whole family  
Wednesdays during term time

**All Welcome**

**From 3pm-5pm**

All children must be accompanied by an adult

**Dates Coming Up:  
6th & 13th December 2023  
17th January 2024**

Please book a place at  
Eventbrite.com and search  
'Scoff'  
Or use this QR code



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## Families Magazine



This edition includes toy recommendations, ideas of places to go and things to do, how to use up your leftovers after Christmas Dinner and A GREAT CHRISTMAS TOY GIVE AWAY!

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# PTA Christmas Fair Friday 8th December 5pm-7.30pm



Come along and support your school and have a jolly good time! Lots to eat and drink, entertainment, book to meet Santa in his grotto!



Draw on 14th December



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