



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to all of you! I hope that all of you managed to have an enjoyable summer with your children and, like us, are looking forward with great excitement to the new, academic year ahead. It has brought my Deputy: Mrs. Ashwell, Assistant Head: Mr. Laight and me a huge amount of pleasure to stand on the gates at the beginning and end of the day in order to welcome both our children and their families. To also have the beautiful weather for our return has also been a huge bonus!

I sincerely hope that your children have come home feeling positive about the way that school has started for them. If there have been any wobbles though, please remember that it is early days and that things always tend to settle once the children are used to new routines and faces. However, if this doesn't happen after a week or two, please speak to your child's Class Teacher and we can put some support in place.

The Coppice Way:

This week in school, all of your child's teachers and me, through my assemblies, have again started the year by talking to the children about our whole-school behaviour approach, which, as you know, is called '**The Coppice Way**'. Your child may well have mentioned some of this learning at home and it's great if they have. As you know, at The Coppice, we work hard to ensure that all of our children have a clear and consistent behaviour approach and expectation that they all understand. Therefore, importantly, we spend a lot of time explaining to the children **WHY** we have the routines, rules and expectations that we have as a school i.e. ensuring that our school is a calm, safe, happy place where everyone has the conditions they need to all learn without distraction and where everyone has equal respect for one another. This means equal respect for all of the adults in school (whatever their role) and for all other children regardless of whether they are their peers or not.

The whole system is based around ensuring that our children understand exactly what being '**Ready, Responsible and Respectful**' means and what it looks like in all aspects of school life. Alongside these '3Rs', we have other school rules and distinctive sayings that run alongside these e.g. '**Dress to impress**', '**Fantastic walking**' and '**First time every time**' so that the children hear the same consistent messages.

In assemblies this week, I have also talked again to the children about our Coppice curriculum 'drivers', which are the elements that we strive to ensure all of our children achieve and demonstrate during their time with us. These are to '**Aim high**' (have ambition); '**Know more**' (seek and gain knowledge); '**Ask questions**' (be curious); '**Keep Going**' (be resilient); and '**Be kind**' (show empathy). Please discuss these aspects of school life with your children and, where possible, reinforce the importance of them in your child achieving their potential and being the best version of themselves.

Parent and Carer Information Evening next week:

We are greatly looking forward to seeing you all at next week's Parent and Carers information evenings for Years 1-6 where you will receive all of the information that you require regarding the year ahead. The days and timings of these sessions are:

Year 6: Tuesday 12th September 5.25 – 5.55 pm

Year 4: Tuesday 12th September 6.00 – 6.30 pm

Year 2: Wednesday 13th September 5.25 pm – 5.55 pm

Year 5: Wednesday 13th September 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Year 1: Thursday 14th September 5.25 pm – 5.55 pm

Year 3: Thursday 14th September 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm

***Please note that these information evenings are for Parents and Carers only - we are unable to accommodate children as well or provide childcare.**

Playground development and MUGA (Multi-use Games Area):

Finally, I hope that you have all noticed the upgrade and extension to the rear playground. We are extremely pleased with how it looks and know that the children will love the extra space to run and play. Over the course of this term, we will be surveying the children (via our School Council representatives) on what playground markings they would like to have on both our infant and junior playgrounds in the future. These will be an exciting addition and will really bring the new surfaces to life over the coming months.

The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) will be constructed over the course of September and early October. We are therefore looking to have it in use prior to, or just after, the half-term break.

A huge thank you to Mr. Noakes!

Linked to the above I also want to mention the incredible work that our very own fantastically talented Tom Noakes has carried out in our Nursery and Reception outdoor areas. He has worked tirelessly over the summer and displayed a superb range of practical skills to make the area even more engaging for our Early Years' children. All the work has been done on a budget of only £200-00, which was given as a donation when Tom put out an appeal on Facebook. He also got lots of donations of materials from local firms as part of his appeal. I'm sure you'll love looking at the photos below, which will also be published on our Facebook page in due course.



Emailing the school or Class Teachers:

As the year begins, I would just like to remind all Parents and Carers of the school protocol for emailing the school and Class Teachers. This was designed and agreed by the Trustees of the school in order to ensure a healthy work/life balance for our extremely hardworking and dedicated Teachers.

The protocol is:

Unless urgent in nature, please avoid sending e-mails outside of these designated times:

Monday to Thursday: 7.00 am – 7.00 pm

Friday: 7.00am – 5.00 pm

Saturday, Sunday and school holidays: No emails at all

Please note that whilst teaching or preparing for the School Day, Teaching Staff do not use their e-mail – urgent messages should instead go to the office (see below)

E-mails sent during teaching hours (8.30 am – 3.15 pm) regarding requests for teachers to call Parents/Carers need to be sent to the school office so that they can assist in the first instance

Please understand it may take 48 hours, excluding weekends, for a reply from a Teacher.

Please note that teachers are available for face-to-face discussions at the end of each day and we encourage you to use this method of communication as much as possible.

That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend with your children, welcome back again and we look forward to seeing you all at next week's Parent Information Evenings.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Message for Parents and carers of all Reception Year 1, Year 2 and pupils receiving means tested Free School Meals

Please look out in your email inbox for information on the issues we have been having with meal booking via Parent Pay. If you are new to the school you will receive this information in a paper copy.

Message for Parents and Carers of pupils in Year 4, Year 5 and Year

Please look out in your email inbox for information on an exciting author visit , with the opportunity to buy books.