



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school and I'm sure that the children are ready for a well-deserved couple of days at home.

### **Very exciting news!**

We have been thrilled and incredibly grateful this week to learn that we have received an incredible £14,317.60 funding donation from AT&T, who are a company that one of our parents: Mr. Hubbard works for. The funding was part of the AT&T Believes initiative, 'Access to Education Project'.

I therefore want to say a HUGE thank you on behalf of the school to both Mr. Hubbard, who put us forward for this funding, and the company that he works for.

This funding will enable us to keep the school's IT infrastructure and equipment up-to-date and enable all of our children to have access to technology, which in turn will have a huge impact on both their learning and engagement. I can't tell you what a difference this will make to our school.

### **Harvest Festival:**

Thank you so much to our parents and carers for all the donations of food that were sent in for our Harvest Festival celebration today - we really appreciate your support with this. The food will be collected next week by the Birmingham City Mission and will go directly to those people who need it most across the Birmingham area.

We also want to say a big thank you to St. Mary's Church and Reverend Amanda for leading our Harvest Festival assemblies today in such a thoughtful and engaging way. We hugely value our connection with the church so it is lovely to be able to come together in this way to celebrate such an important event in the school and church calendar.

### **Road Safety:**

Just an important reminder for all parents and carers to ensure that your children are closely supervised and in sight, especially when walking alongside busy roads. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of incidents this week where a couple of children in school were very close to being knocked down. Again, I can't express how terrible it would be for our school community if a child was to be hurt or even worse. Please continue to reinforce road safety measures with your children at home. We will of course continue to do this in school as well.

That just leaves me to say I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

# School Council

Our School Council elections for Councillors in Years 3-6 begin next week and, as I said last week, we are hugely excited about these. Many of our children, who want to stand, have been busy preparing and practising their speeches and it is going to be a great experience for everyone delivering these and those having the chance to vote. I have had a sneak preview of a couple of speeches when I was out on the playground this week and I was very impressed with the quality of what had been put together and the areas that the children would like to see developed in school.

**The timetable for elections is as follows:**

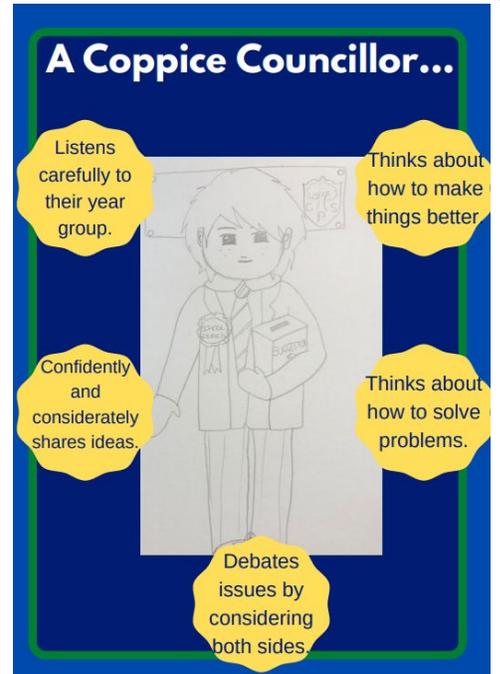
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Year 4

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Year 5

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Year 6

I will of course announce who the newly elected School Council members are in next week's newsletter.



# School Uniform

We are pleased to be able to introduce you to a local company called Personalised Bows who make handmade bows and headbands with the school logo on. Mr Hutt is more than happy for children to wear them as they fully comply with our uniform policy. You can find out more by checking out the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/personalisedbows.handmade](http://www.facebook.com/personalisedbows.handmade)

You can email orders to [personalisedbows@yahoo.com](mailto:personalisedbows@yahoo.com)

Prices are £5 for 2 bows and £3 for a headband.

There will be gingham bows available to match the summer uniform too.



# Reading for Pleasure

Why is it so important that children love reading?

How can you encourage children to read at home?

We often get asked questions like these at parent information evenings and this video is a general summary of the answers. At The Coppice, we want to develop readers for life who love to read and reap the enormous benefits of being a reader. There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes but the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life.

Mr Laight, our Assistant Headteacher, is responsible for leading reading at The Coppice. He also volunteers for the Open University and UK Literacy Association, training teachers on the best ways to develop reading communities.

We have posted a video on our official Facebook page and in this video, he shares a summary of the research into the benefits of reading for pleasure, as well as some of the ways you can encourage reading at home. If you find this video helpful, let us know and Mr Laight will turn it into a regular series of updates.

# Restart a heart day



On Friday 15th October we will be participating in World Restart a Heart Day (actually Saturday 16th October). Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a demonstration and short training course to teach them basic life saving skills, including CPR. We will tell you all about it on next week's newsletter.

# Reminder

Today (Friday) is the cut-off date for registering your interest in Coppice Gym Club (Years 2-6 only). Please refer to your email from last Friday, 1st October.

**Thank you for reading our Whole School Newsletter. Now click on the link below to access your Year Group Newsletters. If you are having difficulty this site can also be accessed through the school website in the Parents section.**

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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/>

PTA Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320191721984039/>

