

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

## Star of the week

RA- Gregory H  
 RT- Harrison S  
 RD- Max W  
 1P- Amelia-Rose D  
 1T- Evie-Mae D  
 1H- Fred B  
 2CA- Billy Joe E  
 2A- Isla W  
 2K- Isabella G  
 3M- Charlie B  
 3P- Henry R  
 3C-Evie R  
 4VW- Lucy C  
 4B- Holly H  
 5H- Katelyn W  
 5J- Charlie F  
 6L- Billy P  
 6G- Yasmin D

## Assembly theme

The theme for next week will be: "Determination".

## Team Points

Week ending  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Owls 430  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eagles 316  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hawks 307  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Falcons 301

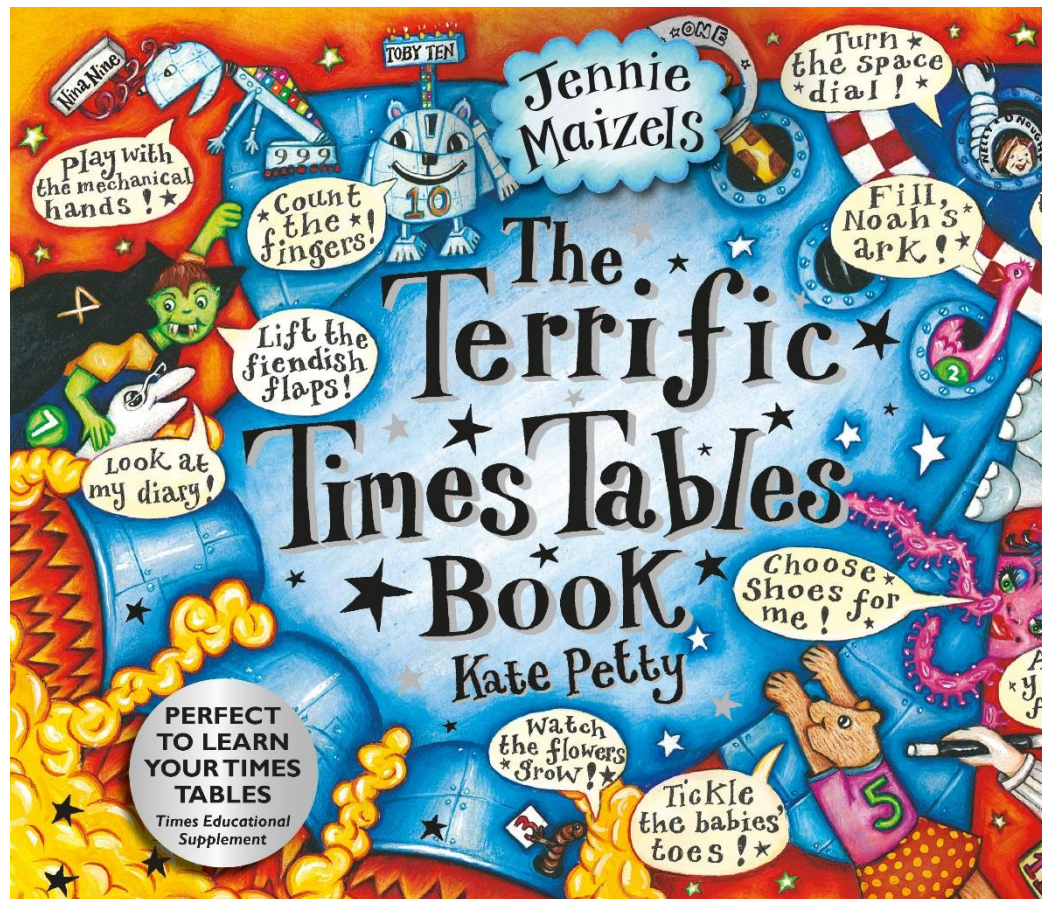
Weekly % attendance w/b 23.4.18					
RD	99.7	RT	95.3	RA	98.0
1H	98.0	1T	92.3	1P	97.3
2K	99.3	2CA	97.3	2A	95.5
3C	100	3M	98.0	3P	98.0
4VW	96.1	4B	99.7	4AW	97.7
5H	94.5	5J	98.7	Whole School	
6L	94.0	6G	99.4	97.3%	

## Head Teacher's News

### Times Tables

As you may be aware, we are having a big push on our times tables in KS2, with the launching of Mr Heptinstall's Times Tables Challenge. I have run this for many years now. It is something I have developed in school and other schools are now using it (we have had considerable success with it over the years). Accordingly, we appreciate your support in encouraging your child with this (there is minimal expectation for parent involvement with this apart from that).

Alongside the above, it would be great to encourage your child/ren generally with times tables. There is a fantastic book call The Terrific Times Tables Book by Kate Petty and Jennie Maizels that we recommend. A wonderful book.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to RD and 3C for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: RD KS2: 3C

## This week at The Coppice

On Saturday a group of willing volunteers from Year 6 held a sponsored litter pick in the areas around school. They braved the inclement weather to raise money for their Year 6 Leaver's Party.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 4 children visited the Birmingham Nature Centre. Both groups had lots of fun observing the meerkats, monkeys, lemurs, red pandas and otters even though Wednesday's visitors had such awful weather.

30 of our Year 5 children took part in Bikeability cycle training. After passing their assessment the children will have the skills they need to ride their bikes safely.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – PTA disco for Y4, 5 & 6 3.15-4.45pm.

## Next week at The Coppice

**Don't forget WE ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY for the May Day Bank Holiday.**

8<sup>th</sup> May- Y3 mixed rounders event at Holywell school- selected children only.

8<sup>th</sup> May- 5-6pm – AM Nursery Bedtime story time.

9<sup>th</sup> May –5-6pm- PM and All Day Nursery Bedtime story time.

10<sup>th</sup> May- Bikeability "lost" day replacement.

11<sup>th</sup> May –PTA Reception and Year 1 disco 3.15-4.15

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

At half term Mrs Furnell is going to empty our lost property box. Please use the next couple of weeks to check to see if anything belongs to your child. All unnamed items will be disposed of. Can we please reiterate that ALL uniform must be named? Please check that written names are still readable. There are now over 550 children in school all wearing the same uniform and it is impossible to return clothing or lunch boxes to your child if they are not named.

**Thursday 17th May is Pirate Day in the school kitchen.**

You should have received a flyer telling you of the change of menu for that day. This meal is still to be ordered on Parent Pay.

To order Golden Nuggets from the Pirate menu please order the meat option (Beef lasagne.)

To order walk the plank pizza please order the vegetarian option (Veggie wrap with rice).

To order Cannon Ball please order the jacket potato option.

Children can select their own side dishes and dessert on the day.

The meal is free for children Reception to Year 2 (and to those in receipt of Free School Meals) but still need to be ordered online. The cost to all other children (Y3-Y6) is the usual £2.20.

The children do NOT dress up as this is only a change of menu and not a full school activity day.

See next page for our Focus on SATs and Phonics Screening.

**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.

## Focus on SATS and Phonics Screening.

We are rapidly approaching the time where our Year 1, 2 and 6 children will complete statutory assessments. This guide is designed to help you understand what the assessments are and how we can work with you to support your child. Please ensure that your child is in school during the dates mentioned as it is vital that they complete these assessments. Should your child be ill for any reason please notify us straight away, thank you.

### **Children in English schools take SATs twice during their school career:**

In Key Stage 1 assessments will take place at the end of Year 2, during the month of May. The children are tested in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Teachers try to keep the testing procedure informal, with the tests usually taking place in a normal classroom situation with smaller groups to keep the pressure off the children. Writing is not tested but is assessed using independent pieces of work.

Teachers will use the results from the tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is achieving at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the Summer term. There are certain key objectives that the children need to achieve in order for them to be classed as reaching ARE (Age Related Expectations). These are taken into account when making the teacher judgements.

In Key Stage 2 assessments will take place at the end of Year 6, during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. More formal than Key Stage 1, these written tests in Reading, math sand SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) are 30-60 minutes long. The papers are sent away for marking and the results are known before children leave primary school in July.

These assessments are an opportunity for children to show what they've learned in primary school. Our Year 6 have been working hard all year and we're feeling confident in their ability to achieve well in their assessments.

We want all children to go into the week feeling relaxed, confident and ready. However, as you may have seen on the news recently, the wellbeing of Year 6 children is a national concern: the idea of SATs can trigger anxiety in many children.

The wellbeing of the children is paramount. As such we have included a few key messages for parents. These are the kind of things we will be saying about the assessments in school, so it would be helpful to reinforce these messages at home if your child says they are nervous.

A few key messages:

- **We can do this!** Our Year 6 children are intelligent and hard-working. They've achieved a great deal of very complex objectives this year and our practice tests show that they are very capable of achieving well. This is something that should fill them with confidence and determination as we enter the week itself.
- **They are only a part of the 'big picture'**. SATs will show what the children know about Maths and English at this time in their lives. They don't show how talented our children are in areas like Art, PE or Science, and they also don't reflect many of the positive personal characteristics of our children, such as kindness or honesty.
- **No need to worry.** There are no major negative consequences if SATs do not go well. Some children can worry about how their performance might affect their future. All we want is for children to genuinely feel that they have done their very best.
- **They don't last long.** In reality, the children will only have to do one or two papers that last for 30-60 minutes each day.
- **It's good to talk.** The most positive thing any of us can do for the children's wellbeing is to talk to them, reassuring and encouraging them if necessary.

In our experience, Coppice children usually relish the challenge of this week. Success at tackling this challenge can give children a real feeling of pride and this is what we want for them. With support at home and in school, we believe that SATs can actually be a positive experience for our children. However, we hate the thought of any of our children feeling unnecessarily anxious. If you feel this is the case, please come and speak to a teacher.



**Phonics screening in Year One** will take place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th June. To support your child ahead of these tests please keep practising reading real and 'nonsense' words including Set 1, 2 and 3 'special friends' (digraphs). Please encourage your child to always:

1. Spot any special friends
2. Fred talk the word
3. Read the whole word.

You can also follow 'Ruth Miskin Training' on Facebook for weekly tips on how best to prepare your child.

Having read this guide, if there is anything that you are unsure about or want to clarify please ask your child's teacher.

We are extremely proud of ALL our children's efforts and know that they will do their best. This all we would expect of them!