

The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

Star of the week

The names of the Star of the Week children will appear here each week.

Please note that names appear here the week AFTER they receive the reward.

Assembly theme

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

Team Points

Week ending

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Team points will appear here each week.

Head Teacher's News

Welcome Back!

As ever, it has been lovely to welcome the children back and see them ready to learn in their new shoes and uniform (thank you). It's been a good start to the term. Please see page 2 about our Meet the Teacher events next week.

There are just a few reminders about things.

We have a 'No dogs on site rule' (apart from our Thrive dog, Rufus, who has been risk-assessed). There are signs up reminding parents and visitors. Accordingly, no dog should be brought onto site beyond the fence on Shawhurst Lane.

Please do support us in watching over your children after handover. There have been children running into our Forest School this week after school, which is strictly out of bounds. It is set up for teaching and learning. The same goes for the trim-trail that runs along the side of the Junior Playground as well as our other fixed play equipment between the two playgrounds.

For health and safety reasons, children should not be riding scooters and bikes on the school site. If we say yes to one bike or scooter we could end up with forty the following week, and it ends up as a hazard for everybody.

Also, please ensure you stick to the designated areas for pick-up of children. There should be a clear 'no-man's land' between class lines and parents, so that children being picked up can easily be seen. There has been some crowding by parents inching forward which has hampered things.

Also another reminder that there is no parent parking on site except for those who are holders of blue disabled badges.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please let us know by phoning 01564 826709, texting 07624 881327 or emailing office@coppice.worcs.sch.uk before 8.30am on the day (please avoid sending in letters except when supplying evidence of medical appointments). It is important you give us the reason for the absence so that we can monitor any potential outbreak of illness and also so that we are able to record it accurately on the register. Any absences that remain unexplained after two weeks will be marked as unauthorised. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Whilst we strongly discourage taking holidays during term-time, if you do wish to do this, please complete a 'leave of absence form' (available from the office).

School Information

For Parents of all new starters at the Coppice. (Or a reminder to everyone else!).

New Parents will be receiving this paper copy of the whole school newsletter for **today only**. In order to continue to receive a newsletter each week you need to sign up from our school website to receive it by email, direct to your preferred device. <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page. The newsletter will arrive before 4.30pm on each Friday afternoon.

Copies of current and past newsletters can be found on the website under the Parents section. Also under this section you will find copies of letters sent out to the whole school and to those from each year group as well as year group newsletters.

Letters for all After School Clubs can be found under Pupils and Clubs. The timetable for this year will be uploaded as soon as we have collated all the information. Beneath the timetable there is a separate section for each club. Clicking on the club will reveal all letters relating to that club.

Text service. Our text service allows us contact you to send reminders or messages relevant to your child's class, year, clubs etc. and we endeavour not to bombard you with unnecessary messages.

You can reply to our messages and can also text to report an absence (see front page under Absence reporting). The number for this service is 07624 881327. Please save this number as a contact on your phone and you will then know who is texting you.

Please ensure that all of your mobile phone numbers are up to date and notify us immediately if you change your number. If your child is ill or there is a problem, we need to be able to contact you, (we will always ring you about an illness or issue). If you have any queries about the text service please contact the school office.

ParentPay. New parents should all have received activation letters for our payment system. Mrs Marks in the school office will be able to help you if you have any queries about Parent Pay. Chef Matt will be able to assist you if you have questions about school lunch bookings or payments.

Facebook. If you are on Facebook, we have an official page where we post information, photographs and other relevant items. The link can be found below on the website links section.

Next week at The Coppice

Meet the teacher. Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 will be able to meet their child's new teacher at one of two events planned.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will have meetings on Wednesday 12th September 5.30-6pm. Due to logistics and space this is a parent only event.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will have meetings on Thursday 13th September 5.30- 6pm. Due to logistics and space this is a parent only event.

PTA meeting. See poster below.

Year 3 trip. Year 3 will visit Lapworth Museum next week. 3M on 11th Sept, 3C on 12th Sept and 3P on 13th September.

Swimming. 3M will begin their term of swimming on Thursday 13th September.

Clubs. Dave Morris's after school **Netball and football** club for years 2-6 will begin on Monday 10th September. **Athletics** will begin on Friday 14th September. Coppice Kickers for Reception and Year 1 will begin on Tuesday 18th September. Forms should have been handed out in class, but there are spares in the office or available on our website.

JAM club sign-up letters will be sent out to all children in Year 1 to Year 6 next week, and it will start in October.

TAG Rugby. Year 1 and 2 only. From Wednesday 19th Sept. Letters to follow.

Lunchtime clubs. Will commence week beginning 17th Sept.

Friday Club. Invite only. Begins 14th Sept.

Other club news will be given as we receive it from the teachers.

Other news

A message from Mrs Wilmin.

"I would like to thank parents and children for the fabulous gifts given to me at the end of the Summer term. I find your generosity overwhelming. Thank you again. Barbara Wilmin (Lollypop Lady).

Starting Reception

Was your child, or do you know anyone else who has a child, born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. If so you need to apply for your child to attend Reception in September 2019. You will need to apply on line through Worcestershire Council. www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Further information on applying will be sent home with your child or copies of the information can be collected from the school office.

The cut-off date for applications is 15th January 2019.

PTA

Coppice Primary School PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Free refreshments and nibbles

School staff room
Tuesday 11th September, 7:15pm



Our Website Links

School website- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter- <http://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/parents/main-school-newsletter-and-nursery-newsletter/>

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/>