

# The Coppice Primary School Newsletter

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Well Prepared for Life

## Star of the week

RA- Ethan H  
RT- Billy B  
RD- Isaac W  
1W- Jaiden H  
1K-  
1H-Riley B  
2CA- Neve H  
2KA- Daisy B-L  
2K-Katreena D  
3M- Darcey A  
3P- Frazer T  
3C-Katie B  
4AW- Florence D  
4VW- Freya L  
4B-Jake H  
5H- Dylan P  
5J- Lily S  
6L- Jo McC  
6G- Jasmine O

## Assembly theme

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

## Team Points

Week ending 6.10.17  
1<sup>st</sup>- 330 - Falcons  
2<sup>nd</sup> -298 Hawks  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 256 Owls  
4<sup>th</sup> - 248 Eagles

## Head Teacher's News

### Fitbits in school

There seems to have been a proliferation in the number of children wearing Fitbits in school. You do not have to do much Googling to find articles relating to the negative impact of Fitbits in school and on children, with some schools banning them because of children obsessing, linked to their use.

At present we are taking a pragmatic line. For the time being, we are not banning them. However, we are aware that they are a distraction, with some children checking in on them regularly. At present, we will tackle this on an individual basis and with children who find them too much of a distraction we will have to enforce a ban with them.

Given the above, if your child wears a Fitbit to school, please can you reinforce this message about appropriate use? We thank you in anticipation.

Some children use them primarily as a watch. With Christmas not that far away (sorry for mentioning the season!), I always recommend that parents buy an analogue watch (with hands) as a stocking filler (you can get them as cheaply as five or six pounds off Amazon), as this improves children's understanding of telling the time (obviously, the Fitbit is digital).

### DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO

Don't forget to get your Disco tickets for next week. Priced £2.50 and can be bought **online** from the PTA website below & can be bought until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8pm. Please note tickets will not be available after this point.

Reception - Y1 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 3:15-4:15

Y2 & Y3 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 4:45 - 6:00

Y4, Y5 & Y6 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 - 4:45

Tickets to see Santa in his Grotto at the Xmas Fayre are also available online.

Stalls are also available for the Xmas Fayre £15 in the hall or £10 in a classroom. [www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/coppice)

## Vacancy

### Vacancy for G2 Teaching Assistant in Nursery (15 hours/week)

We are currently seeking to appoint a talented and positive Teaching Assistant in Nursery. Experience of working with Nursery children and running small group interventions preferred but not essential. Information pack and application form available from the office. Closing date for applications Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to 1W and 6G for having the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 respectively.

**Punctuality Award:** KS1: 1H KS2: 4AW

### Weekly % attendance w/b 2.10.17

RD	93.3	RT	92.9	RA	96.6
1K	96.3	1W	98.3	1H	96.0
2K	96.7	2CA	95.3	2A	95.5
3C	97.7	3M	98.0	3P	98.3
4VW	98.7	4B	96.8	4AW	96.5
5H	93.2	5J	98.1	Whole School	
6L	94.2	6G	99.4	96.4%	

## This week at The Coppice

On Wednesday pupils from Year 6 attended Holywell Primary School for a mixed hockey tournament against local schools, accompanied by Mr Edwards and Miss Gatfield. The Coppice took two teams of 7 players, Coppice Blue who were Ben M, Billy HB, Jamie C, Daniel S, Felicity U, Sophie W and April S. They played two games, winning 8-1 and 2-1. Coppice Red were Douglas H, Anthony H, Harrison B, Joe M, Sophie F, Tilly M and Ellie W. They played 2 games as well, winning both 7-3 and 1-0.

Both teams played with excellent spirit and showed good sportsmanship. The results reflect their hard work in PE learning new Hockey skills. Well done to all!

## Coming up at The Coppice

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity dates** have now been confirmed:

Nativity A : 2CA, 1W, RA – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December -2 performances chose either 9.30- 11am or 1.30-3pm

Nativity B: 2A, 1H, RT – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- 2 performances chose either 9.30- 11am or 1.30-3pm

Nativity 3: 2K, 1K, RD – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December -2 performances chose either 9.30- 11am or 1.30-3pm

**CHILDREN IN NEED 2017.....Who is your hero?** Superman? Spiderman? Wonder Woman? Harry Potter? Mo Farrah? Neymah? Luke Skywalker? Batgirl? Jessica Ennis-Hill? **This year's Children In Need theme is spotty heroes.** So dress up as your hero, accessorise with dots and go outrageously spotty. (Hobbycraft sell 350 small dots for 70p <http://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/blick-circle-labels-350-pack-assorted-colours/601622-1000> or 140 larger spots for 70p <http://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/blick-circle-labels-140-pack-assorted-colours/601623-1000> ).

We are asking for a £1 donation for coming out of uniform please. You can bring in either the new or the old pound coins. (You will not be able to spend the old coins in shops from 15<sup>th</sup> October so why not dig down the back of the sofa and bring in your £1s). The class that brings in the most money will be able to win a game of Tug-Of-War against the teachers! There will be activities running all week culminating in our **dress up day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

**STOP PRESS!** In addition to this Pudsey has sent the Coppice some special gifts – 10 cuddly Pudseys and 9 Pudsey money boxes. For your chance to win one of these prizes (samples in the office), please bring in 50p to your

## Community News

### Rainbows.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wythall Rainbows meet on Fridays at Wythall Village Hall. If you like craft activities, cooking, games, making new friends, going on outings and having fun the why not come along. For further information please call Mandy on 07972738090.

### Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child

This year St Mary's church are collecting shoe boxes filled with children's toys, toiletries and stationery to be sent to needy parts of the world with Operation Christmas Child, run by the charity Samaritan's Purse.

We would love families from the Coppice to join in and donate a completed shoe box, or a few items to go towards a box, if you can!

Shoe boxes should first be covered in wrapping paper so that look pretty but can still be opened – this is because the contents need to be checked before sending overseas.

Next, fill your shoe box with small items: TOYS, such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES such as pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc. HYGIENE ITEMS such as toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel and OTHER ITEMS such as hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (with long best before date)

Label the box 'Boy' or 'Girl' and the age range they are suitable for: Age 2-4, age 5-9 or age 10-14.

Completed boxes can be dropped off at the St Mary's entrance on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 8.30-9.30am or on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10 – 10.30am before our main service. This is to allow enough time for Samaritan's Purse to sort and ship them before Christmas!

If you'd like to know more have a look online at [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child).

