# **The Coppice Primary School Newsletter**

Newsletter Number



#### Star of the week

RA- Lily B

RT- Emilka S

RD- Ellie H

1P- Erin McD

1T- Dylan B

1H- Jack T

2CA- Austin P

2A- Holly C

2K- Jack H

3M- Harvey G

3P- Hanna R-K

3C- Tayven B &

Imogen O

4AW- Alfie W

4VW- Dylan M

4B- George J

5H-Joel F

5J- Sky-Louise M

6L- Cameron C

6G-Lillie B

# **Assembly theme**

The theme for next week will be: "Courtesy and the Jewish Festival of Passover".

#### **Team Points**

Week ending 23.03.18 1st 118 Falcons 2<sup>nd</sup> 96 Owls 3<sup>rd</sup> 81 Eagles

4th 57 Hawks

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#### **Head Teacher's News**

#### In Celebration of Mrs Furnell

Many parents will know of Mrs Furnell's worth over many years. She is still employed by The Coppice as support with our Gym Club and managing our extensive wardrobe of drama costumes that she has helped build over the years.

Mrs Furnell retired from her actual teaching role in September, after 40 years at The Coppice. At the time, she was probably the oldest serving teacher in Worcestershire!

Moreover, Mrs Furnell has been the main driving force behind our gymnastics excellence over the years; ensuring that The Coppice have been West Midlands Regional Champions for decades, as well as helping us become National Champions twice (one of these being last academic year). When you consider that we compete against all interested schools in the whole country, including the private schools with their purpose built facilities and Olympic trained coaches, we have done amazingly well under Mrs Furnell's direction. Mrs Furnell has worked tirelessly on the school's behalf, devoting herself to the teaching of PE (as well as drama costumes!), giving countless hours of her time without remuneration (many weekends and after school sessions).

On Wednesday afternoon next week we are having a special celebration in school for Mrs Furnell. People have been invited who have had a very close professional connection with Mrs Furnell over the years (there will be many in attendance). After school, we are organising a 'drop-in' (3.30 to 4.30 pm) for any others who would like to come to give thanks to Mrs Furnell. However, given the possible demand, we are emphasising that this should only be parents who have known Mrs Furnell well, over a number of years.

We are having a collection towards a gift for Mrs Furnell to thank her for her many years of dedication and service. If you would like to contribute then please drop something in at the school office for her.

# **Attendance and Punctuality**

Weekly % attendance w/b 12.3.18					
RD	96.3	RT	88.7	RA	91.9
1H	97.3	1T	91.7	1P	96.7
2K	89.0	2CA	96.7	2A	93.2
3C	98.0	3M	94.0	3P	97.3
4VW	97.4	4B	97.7	4AW	97.7
5H	95.8	5J	97.4	Whole School	
6L	98.3	6G	98.4	95.5%	

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

Punctuality Award: KS1: RD KS2: 6G

### This week at The Coppice

Sports Relief – This week the children learned a routine and danced for the Sports Relief charity. We are just collecting in the last of the 50p donations and when it is all counted we will let you know how much we have raised.

The Animal Lady came to school on Tuesday, bringing with her a snake, meerkat, cockroach, barn owl and a Harris hawk. Children were able to touch the animals and they learnt all about how special each creature is.

Last week our Year 4 footballers excelled at a local tournament in Studley last week. Both of our teams made it to the final and eventually Coppice B team won by one goal. Well done boys!

### **Next week at The Coppice**

Monday  $26^{th}$  March- Y1 The World Outside Trip to Kidderminster (1H and half of 1P).

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 2.30pm – 7pm.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – There will be NO HOT MEALS due to a lunchtime fire evacuation drill. Please bring a packed lunch unless you are entitled to a free school meal and have previously ordered one from school. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March- Y1 The World Outside Trip to Kidderminster (1T and the other half of 1P).

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery Easter Parades in Infant Hall. AM Nursery 10.45- 1.30pm. PM and All Day Nursery 2.30-3.30pm.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – school closes at the normal time for the Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 16th April.

# Community news.

#### Palm Sunday and Easter at St Mary's Church

We've got a variety of services and events coming up at St Mary's Church over the next couple of weeks. Have a look at our website <a href="www.wythallchurch.net">www.wythallchurch.net</a> or our facebook page <a href="www.facebook.com/StMarysWythall">www.facebook.com/StMarysWythall</a> for full details. Of particular interest to families:Sunday, 25th March, at 10.30am. Our Palm Sunday all-age service at St Mary's welcomes families of children from JAM club and is open to anyone who would like to join us! Create Space Kids! On Saturday 31st March from 10.30am-12noon, a morning of creativity for 7-16s. Cost £3.

#### **PACT Meeting Reminder**

The PACT Meeting is on 28th March at 7.30pm, Woodrush Hub

This Forum is not just about Police and Crime, as important as that is, it covers other issues of concern to the Community, whether it be roads, pavements, parked vehicles, latest Community charges or any other matters you want to raise. You can contact Max Field Chairman of Wythall PACT on <a href="mailto:maxfield@ymail.com">maxfield@ymail.com</a>

If you have issues you wish to raise, this is the place to get them heard, please come along, we hope to see as many people as possible.

#### 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) or send a letter in an envelope and your correspondence will be passed on in confidence.

