



Coppice Primary School

24th September 2021

Dates for your diary

September

October

- 11th Flu team in school
- 20th Parents' evening
- 21st 9.30 Open morning
- 21st parents' evening
- 22nd Break up for half term

November

- 1st Training day
- 2nd Children return
- 9th 9.30 Open morning

December

- 14th Pantomime
- 17th Break up end of term

January

- 4th Training day
- 5th Children return to school

Inter School Sport

It is fantastic that schools are once again taking part in inter school sport competitions.

This week has seen our cross country and football teams in action and it is fantastic to hear about how the children have been such good ambassadors for the school.

We have yet to hear the results of the cross country, but we came runner up in the football competition. It was a particularly bittersweet campaign as our two teams met each other in the semi-finals and the result had to be decided by a penalty shootout.

News

Dear parents/carers

I have told the children today that I shall be retiring from my role as Headteacher of Coppice at Christmas this year.

I have had the privilege of being at Coppice for over 14 years, and for being the headteacher for 13 years. It has been wonderful to be part of such an amazing school and to have some input into the lives of the children who have come through it.

It genuinely only seems like yesterday that I started and I have had some very happy times here.

I now feel it is the right time to focus on other things and to pass on the baton of headship to someone else. I shall miss the community at Coppice, where children, staff, parents and governors all work together for the benefit of the children. Coppice really is a very special place and it has been an honour to be a part of its journey.

From January, Andy Leeming will assume the role of acting headteacher whilst the governors start the process of appointing a permanent head. I know and trust that they will make the right decision that will allow Coppice to continue to be the special place that it is.

The children have continued to settle in well since returning in September and school is beginning to feel a bit more 'normal.'

In assembly today we had a presentation from Richard Jeffries, encouraging the children to consider joining the Singing Community of Choirs that he runs. A separate card will go out with the children giving more information on this.

I had the pleasure of appointing the new head children for this term. They play a vital role in welcoming prospective new parents to our open days – 21st October and 9th November.

Congratulations to Sarah, Opheilia, Mackai and Toby – they have been chosen by the whole staff and I know they will be excellent ambassadors for the school.

Apparently today is European Day of Languages and the children have been thinking about the importance of learning a language. They have been tasked with learning a few phrases and using them in the appropriate situation.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Richard Green

Beginning and end of day

Please could we ask that children are dropped off and collected at the correct times. It makes it difficult when children arrive late to lessons as they miss the very important start to some of the lessons.

When collecting, please can you leave the site as soon as possible as we have to set up for the after school clubs that run each day.

Children should NOT play on the pirate ship after school.

A reminder that the playground is not supervised in the morning before school, so children should be dropped off at the correct time and not left early.

Covid measures

Whilst there are no requirements to keep some of the Covid measures from last academic year, we are still encouraging the one way system around the site. This is helping with the flow around school and reducing the amount of bottlenecks around the main playground entrance gate.

Vacancies

We are currently have vacancies for the position of lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested, then please ask at the office for more information and an application form.

Parent Governor

The term of office for one of our parent governors has come to an end and we will be asking for any parents who are interested to send in a nomination form.

Should you be thinking about becoming a parent governor, then please arrange an appointment with the headteacher so that any questions can be answered and the duties and responsibilities discussed.

We currently have a governing body of 15 members made up from parents, staff and outside volunteers.

Please keep an eye out for the nomination forms across the next few days.