



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to all of you! I hope that all of you managed to have an enjoyable summer with your children and, like us, are looking forward with great excitement to the new academic year ahead. It has brought my Deputy: Mrs. Ashwell, Assistant Heads: Mr. Laight, Mr. McGarry and Mrs. Tomkinson and me a huge amount of pleasure to stand on the gates at the beginning and end of the day in order to welcome both our children and their families. From the school point of view, your children have returned brilliantly. They look really smart and their attitude has been fantastic. You can be really proud of them all! Well done children - a great start to the year!

Linked to the above, I sincerely hope that your children have come home feeling positive about the way that school has started for them. If there have been any wobbles though, please remember that it is early days and that things always tend to settle once the children are used to new routines and faces. However, if this doesn't happen after a week or two, please speak to your child's Class Teacher and we can talk about what additional support can be put in place.



### **Parent and Carer Information Evenings next week:**

We are greatly looking forward to seeing you all at next week's Parent and Carers information evenings for Years 1-6 where you will receive all of the information that you require regarding the year ahead e.g. your child's class timetable, vital curriculum information, homework expectations and trip details. I can't stress enough how important these sessions are in fully understanding what your child's year is going to look like. These sessions will prepare you fully and enable you to ask any questions you may have as well as ensuring that you aren't 'in the dark' about anything which is the last thing that we would want. Entry to school will be through the front office.

The days and timings of these sessions, **which will be held in your child's classroom**, are as follows:

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| <b>Year 3:</b> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September   | 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm |
| <b>Year 4:</b> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September   | 6.10 pm – 6.40 pm |
| <b>Year 1:</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September | 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm |
| <b>Year 5:</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September | 6.10 pm – 6.40 pm |
| <b>Year 2:</b> Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm |
| <b>Year 6:</b> Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 6.10 pm – 6.40 pm |

**\*Please note that these information evenings are for Parents and Carers only - we are unable to accommodate children as well or provide childcare. Out of fairness to other Parents and Carers, please ensure that you adhere to this stipulation. If for some reason you can't attend, please speak to your child's Class Teacher as soon as you can - thank you. \***

## The Coppice Way:

This week in school, all of your child's teachers and I, through my assemblies, have again started the year by talking to the children about our whole-school behaviour approach, which, as you know, is called '**The Coppice Way**'. Your child may well have mentioned some of this learning at home and it's great if they have.

As you know, at The Coppice, we work hard to ensure that all of our children have a clear and consistent behaviour approach and expectation that they all understand. Therefore, importantly, we spend a lot of time explaining to the children **WHY** we have the routines, values and expectations that we have as a school - i.e. ensuring that our school is a calm, safe, happy place where everyone has the conditions they need to all learn without distraction and where everyone has equal respect for one another. This means equal respect for all of the adults in school (whatever their role) and for all other children regardless of whether they are their year - group peers or not.

The whole system is based around ensuring that our children understand exactly what being '**Ready, Responsible and Respectful**' means and what these values actually look like in all aspects of school life. Alongside these '**3Rs**', we have other distinctive school mantras that run alongside these e.g. '**Dress to impress**', '**Fantastic walking**' and '**First time every time**' so that the children hear the same consistent messages.

I have also talked to the children in my assemblies this week about our **Coppice 'drivers'**, which are the elements that we strive to ensure all of our children achieve and demonstrate during their time with us. These are to '**Aim high**' (have ambition); '**Know more**' (seek and gain knowledge); '**Ask questions**' (be curious); '**Keep going**' (be resilient); and '**Be kind**' (show empathy).

Please discuss these aspects of school life with your children and, where possible, reinforce the importance of them for your child to achieve their potential and be the best version of themselves that they can be every day.

## Assemblies this week: Belonging and Community

In my welcome back assemblies this week, it was lovely to let the children know just how excited I have been to see ALL of our school community back together: children, staff and Parents and Carers. I talked to the children about what belonging to 'community' means and how they, as individuals, are all unique, special and precious members of our school community. I then also explained how being a positive part of a community also brings with it responsibilities and expectations, in order that everyone feels safe and happy, and is able to grow and thrive.

The community responsibilities and expectations I talked about were: **We treat EVERYONE fairly; We treat others with respect; We work as a team; We are part of a world-wide community; We think before we act; We consider other viewpoints before making up our minds; We bounce back; We stand up for others if they are treated in an unkind or unfair way; We are changemakers; We make a positive difference in our communities; and we care about how others feel.** As above, please also feel free to also talk to your child about the above responsibilities and expectations they have as members of our school community. Please also reinforce to your child just how precious they are to us. It is so important to us that your child feels proud and happy to belong to The Coppice because that's exactly how we feel about them.

## Congratulations Mr and Mrs Laight!

I want to take this opportunity to let you all know that Mr. Laight became a Dad over the summer! His wife gave birth to a beautiful baby boy: Theo. I know that you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs. Laight huge congratulations as they start life as a family of three.



That just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend with your children. Welcome back again and we look forward to working closely in partnership with you all over the course of the year and seeing you all at next week's Parent Information Evenings.

Kind regards,

Mr. Hutt (Headteacher)

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

**\*The first 'Star of The Week' hot chocolate reward with Mr. Hutt and Mrs. Ashwell (Reception to Year 6) will be on Wednesday 16th September.**

**This means that the first class 'Star of The week' will be decided by Class Teachers on Friday 11th September.\***

**Mr. Hutt and Mrs. Ashwell once again look forward to celebrating with the 'Stars of The Week' and to the children again voting on who gets to do the washing up! :-)**

## Music Listening and Appreciation

We will let you know here each week, the morning music that the children listen to whilst coming into class and starting their school day. They play the same songs/pieces of music for the week and then the children vote for their favourite. The playlist is designed to introduce the children to all different kinds of music. They will hear music from around the world, introduce them to different music genres, different instruments and voices. They will hear music from different times in history from older classical music to modern chart hits. There will be different themes each week. You can click directly on the track link to hear the music your child has been listening to.

This week's playlist was -

### **New Beginnings**

[1\) Try Everything - Shakira](#)

[2\) Starting Over - Chris Stapleton](#)

[3\) Feeling Good - Nina Simone](#)

[4\) From Now On - Zac Brown Band](#)