



# Coppice Primary School

20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Dates for your diary

### December

- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day  
18<sup>th</sup> Evening KS2 Christmas production  
20<sup>th</sup> 2.15 pm – Yrs 1 & 2 production.  
21<sup>st</sup> 9.15 am – Yrs 1 & 2 production  
Christmas Dinner  
Christmas parties  
22<sup>nd</sup> School breaks up.

### January

- 8<sup>th</sup> School opens  
18<sup>th</sup> PM Year 1 Inspire  
22<sup>nd</sup> Snowdome ski sessions  
5p.m. till 6  
26<sup>th</sup> 5W class assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> Snowdome ski sessions  
4p.m. till 6  
30<sup>th</sup> Recep hearing tests  
31<sup>st</sup> Recep hearing tests

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming Gala  
5<sup>th</sup> SEN reviews  
6<sup>th</sup> SEN reviews  
7<sup>th</sup> SEN reviews  
8<sup>th</sup> PTA film night  
14<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
Parents' evening  
15<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening  
16<sup>th</sup> **Training day – school closed**

- 26<sup>th</sup> School opens

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ski trip departs  
5<sup>th</sup> Reception Inspire AM  
6<sup>th</sup> Reception Inspire AM  
9<sup>th</sup> 1R class assembly  
10<sup>th</sup> Ski trip return  
12<sup>th</sup> 6S Inspire AM  
14<sup>th</sup> 6F Inspire AM  
16<sup>th</sup> 2M Class assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1T Class assembly  
24<sup>th</sup> PTA Easter egg hunt

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Last week saw the whole school go on our annual visit to the Garrick Theatre to see Aladdin and it was lovely to watch the children enjoying it and taking part. A special mention must go to Mr Matthiesen who entered fully into the proceedings after being heartlessly singled out by the Pantomime Dame! A big thank you to all the parents who got the children here on time, despite the continued freezing conditions. The coaches were slightly late leaving but the children were all wonderful and we all got there and back safely.

As we come to the end of a very long 15 week term, I would like to thank parents for all their support. The children have worked very hard this term and it is quite amazing to think of all the things they have achieved.

I hope that you all have a very restful Christmas and that everyone returns safely in the New Year.

## A 'Rights Respecting School'

You may have heard your children talking about Coppice being a 'Rights Respecting school' and talking about the rights that children around the world have.

Along with many schools across the city, Coppice is looking to gain recognition as a UNICEF Rights Respecting school. What this means is that we are looking at the rights that children have in law across the world and how we at Coppice can support this.

There are various articles in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and time is being spent looking at them. There are articles for example that say all children have a basic right to a free education, healthy and nutritious food and clean water.

Two of the projects we are doing as a school that support these rights are the foodbank and the Clarks shoe collection.

Please help us support these projects by leaving food at the foodbank in the entrance hall if you can and by bringing any old pairs of shoes that you are no longer using.

Many thanks.

## Acorns

Don't forget Acorns is open from 8.40 until 9.30 and then 2.45 until 3.25 each day for parents to drop in. If you use the facility then please make sure you make a donation as it does cost to heat the water etc. Thank you.

## Training Day

Please note that Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February has been designated as a teaching training day for the school and we will be shut to pupils.

## E safety tip

Do not tell strangers where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know that.

## 30/30

In an attempt to meet the government's new target of 30 minutes physical activity for every child in primary education per day, that is not part of a PE lesson, we are as a school investing in a dedicated leader of sporting playground activities. This will enable us to provide every child physical activity at lunchtime.

The initiative from the government also encourages parents to facilitate the same amount of time, 30 minutes per day, of physical activity before or after school. Some suggestions that could help fulfil this are – walk, cycle or scoot to and from school, a walk in the park, play on a gym trail, swimming at the swimming baths. These are all free activities for children in primary education amongst others.

Please assist us in this worthwhile target as your children's health and wellbeing is one of our priorities.

## Vacancies

We have vacancies for a lunchtime supervisor and can be flexible on the days worked. Times are from 12.15 to 1.45 each day. Should you be interested, or know of someone who may be, then please contact the office for an application form.

Coppice School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to all necessary pre-employment checks, including: an enhanced DBS; Prohibition check; Childcare Disqualification (where applicable); qualifications (where applicable); medical fitness; identity and right to work. All applicants will be required to provide two suitable references.

## Safeguarding

Our first priority is your child's welfare, and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board and are in our Safeguarding Policy which is available on the school website. Should you ever have concerns about your child's, or any child's safety then please speak to the Headteacher.

## Last week's maths solution

Here is the solution to the last letter's problem using the bar model.

Monday	Tuesday		Wed
35 pages	18	18	18
	75%		25%

He reads 35 pages on Monday.

On Wednesday he reads 18 pages, which is 25% of the remainder.

If 18 pages is 25% then 54 pages is the 75% he reads on Tuesday.

Total is  $35+54+18=107$  pages

## Coppice PTA News

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the Christmas Market and hope that everyone who came had a great time.

It was lovely to so many people there and it really did feel that it was the start of the Christmas celebrations. If you can help take the decorations around school down, we will be doing it on Friday 22nd Dec after school drop off. Please help if you can as many hands make light work. It'll take 1 person several hours and may people 1/2hr.

Have a wonderful Christmas  
Coppice PTA