**Ofsted**

We have now received the final report from Ofsted following their recent visit and a copy is available on our website for parents to look at. ([http://coppiceprimary.org/](http://coppiceprimary.org/)) Should you require a paper copy then please ask at the office. Ofsted have graded us as Good under the current framework and said some very wonderful things about the school, staff and children. It should be uploaded to the Ofsted website from next week.

Ofsted are currently revising their framework to inspect schools and there is, quite rightly, a shift in emphasis onto the teaching of the wider curriculum. I am very pleased that they have acknowledged the ‘pupils benefit from a rich, broad and balanced curriculum’ as this is, and continues to be, an integral part of our school development plan.

I am obviously disappointed that they have judged leadership and management as requires improvement linked to their view that school should have acted more swiftly in some safeguarding cases. I am however happy that they have confirmed that safeguarding is effective, pupils are and have been safe and that swift action was taken to resolve the issue.

I am delighted that pupils’ personal development, behaviour and welfare has been judged outstanding and that the early years’ provision has also been judged outstanding. Your children were a credit to you and there is a strong emphasis in the report of the impact on their wider development.

It is good that the development areas mentioned are already part of our development plan and will continue to be so next year.

Thank you to all the parents who spoke to the inspectors during their visit and for the many positive comments that were made.

Richard Green

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**Dates for your diary**

**May**
- 10th: 4W Class assembly
- 13th: KS2 SATs week
- 17th: Year 6 Sutton Park trip
- 19th: a.m. PTA fun run
- 20th: 3.30 Ski trip meeting
- 22nd: 7.30 PTA meeting
- 23rd: School closed for elections
- 24th: 3CE Class assembly  
  School breaks up

**June**
- 3rd: Staff training day
- 4th: Children return  
  Year 3 outdoors’ week
- 6th: Year 2 trip  
  Year 3 sleepover
- 7th: 5C Class assembly  
  Keyboard assembly
- 14th: 5C Inspire
- 18th: 5S Inspire  
  6.30 New reception parent meeting
- 21st: 4E Class assembly  
  4P.m. rec 19 stay and play session
- 24th: PM KS2 sports day
- 26th: PM KS1 sports day
- 27th: PTA Disco
- 28th: Year 1 trip  
  PM rec 19 stay and play
- 29th: School Fayre

**July**
- 2nd: PM rec 19 stay and play  
  Parents’ evening
- 4th: PM rec 19 stay and play  
  Parents’ evening
- 8th: Year 6 residential
- 11th: Reception assembly  
  Year 3 trip
- 16th: Reception and nursery sports afternoon

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**News**

Miss Wheeler was married over the Easter break and she is now Mrs Faram (pronounced Fairam.) We send her and her new husband many congratulations and wish them well for the future.

At the end of this half term, Mrs Jan Sewell will be retiring. Many of you will know Jan as she has been a teaching assistant at Coppice for over 16 years. She has spent much of her time working with our year 6 cohorts and has contributed significantly to the success of many children over the years. She has also worked with children throughout the school who have special educational needs. She will be much missed by staff, children and parents and we say a big thank you for all that she has done for Coppice and wish her all the best in her retirement.
**Attendance**

Congratulations to **2M** for having **98.1%** attendance since returning in September and for having the highest class attendance year to date. Congratulations to **1R** who have the highest attendance for last half term since returning in February of **97.9%**. **Well done.**

Attendance at Coppice is something we have traditionally done really well but recently we have had increasing numbers of parents take their children out of school for holidays. Whilst an attendance figure of 90% does appear to be good, this is equal to missing half a day every week and across the whole year, is equal to four weeks of missed school work! Evidence shows that missing school on a regular basis will have a significant impact on the grades your child will achieve at both primary and secondary school.

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**Email communication**

In the event you need to contact a member of staff, senior leadership team or the Head teacher via email, please use the 'enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk' address rather than emailing staff directly. If a message is urgent it should be hand delivered or sent to enquiry.

As you can imagine, school staff and in particular the Head teacher, get inundated with emails, a lot of which are spam and during a working day, it is not always possible to sort through the considerable amount of mail received. Furthermore during the school day there is no expectation for staff to check their emails when they are teaching.

However, the 'enquiry@' emails are regularly checked during the day and forwarded to the most appropriate person to deal with. This is a much more efficient way of communicating with staff and ensuring that your specific query is dealt with in a timely manner.

Please also note that a two day response time to emails is expected. There is no expectation for staff to check emails outside working hours or during holiday time.

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**School Fund**

A letter was sent out recently asking parents if they were willing to support the school with a monthly financial contribution. Thank you to all those who have set up standing orders or sent the form back. If you did not receive the letter then please contact the office.

In these days of internet banking, should you wish to set up a regular payment then the details are:-

- Coppice PTA Sort code: 404328
- Account number: 62094924
- Reference - School Fund

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**Ramadan**

This week sees the beginning of Ramadan and we are aware that some children have come into school saying that they are fasting. Could we ask parents to inform us in writing if you are happy for your child to fast. Many thanks.

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**Election Day 23rd May**

Please be aware that we have been notified that the European Elections are likely to go ahead and that Coppice is a polling station.

Coppice will therefore be closed to children on Thursday 23rd May and will re-open on Friday 24th May.

Should there be any change to this due to the ongoing national situation, we will of course let you know.

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**Autism Coffee Morning**

Some mums from Coppice have set up a monthly coffee morning for parents of children on the Autistic Spectrum. They meet in Acorns on the last Friday of every month between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. They chat about helpful topics such as encouraging flexibility, visual learning, managing anxiety, sensory needs and much more. Please drop in if you are interested.