

## School Year 2016 - 2017

These dates are for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Birmingham. For information about Academies, Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools please contact each school directly. The school year starts in September. There are 195 school days in each year (39 weeks). Five of these days are reserved for training for teachers and support staff, therefore pupils spend 190 days in school (38 weeks) each year. The dates for each school year are known and published 12 months in advance. The term dates for the year 2018 - 2019 are expected to be published by July 2017.

### Autumn Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2016  
Half Term: Monday 24 October 2016 – Friday 28 October 2016  
Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2016

**Spring Term 2017** Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2017  
Half Term: Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 23 February 2017  
Term Ends: Friday 7 April 2017

### Summer Term 2017

Term Starts: Monday 24 April 2017  
Half Term: Monday 29 May 2017 – Friday 2 June 2017  
Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2017

### Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2017  
Half Term: Monday 23 October 2017 – Friday 27 October 2017  
Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2017

### Spring Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2018  
Half Term: Monday 19 February 2018 – Friday 23 February 2018  
Term Ends: Thursday 29 March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

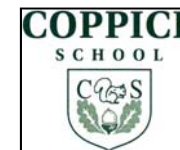
Term Starts: Monday 16 April 2018  
Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 – Friday 1 June 2018

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Pupils break up for Half Term

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Pupils return to School**  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov PTA AGM  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 9.30 R2017 Open Morning  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Academy Individual & siblings  
2.00 Reception P.D Workshop  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov SEN Reviews this week  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> -Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Swimming – 3CH  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 Class 4S Class Assembly  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> -Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Swimming – 3B  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov a.m 3CH Inspire Workshop  
p.m 3B Inspire Workshop  
PTA Disco  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 5C Assembly  
Fri 2nd Dec PTA Christmas Bazaar  
Weds 7th Dec 2.45 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Service  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec a.m Whole School Lichfield Garrick  
Sleeping Beauty  
Weds 14th Dec 2.00 Early Years Christmas Production  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 5.30 Christmas Carol Concert at Sutton Baptist Church  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 Early Years Christmas Production  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Pupils break up for Christmas 2017**  
**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan BANK HOLIDAY**  
**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Pupils return to School**  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00 2KT Class Assembly  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 9.00 2S Class Assembly  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 Reception PSED Workshop

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 Reception PSED Workshop  
PTA Film Night  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m Reception Inspire Workshop  
p.m Reception Inspire Workshop  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Pupils break up for Half Term**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Pupils return to School**  
SEN Reviews this week  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March Y5 and Y6 leave for Ski Trip  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 4M Class Assembly  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March Ski Trip Return  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 Reception Comm/Lang  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 3CH Class Assembly  
2.00 Reception Comm/Lang  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 6 Inspire Workshop  
Tues 21 March 2.00 Year 1 (both classes) Inspire Workshop  
Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Year 6 Inspire Workshops  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 5W Class Assembly  
Red Nose Day  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.00 2KT Inspire Workshop  
Fri 31 March 9.00 Year 1 Assembly



## AUTUMN 2016

### HARVEST FESTIVAL By Madison Harnett Class 5C

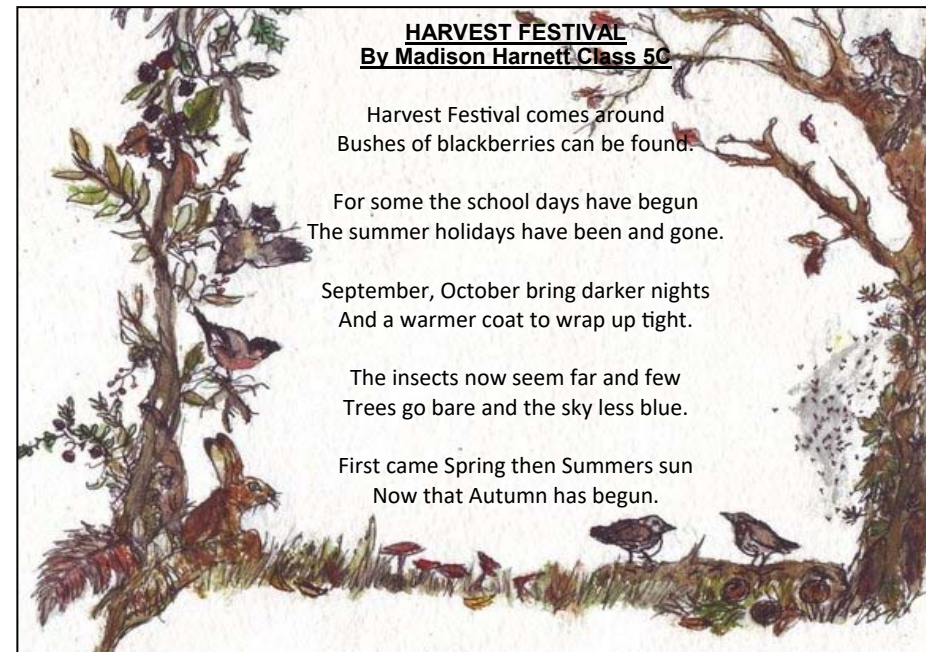
Harvest Festival comes around  
Bushes of blackberries can be found.

For some the school days have begun  
The summer holidays have been and gone.

September, October bring darker nights  
And a warmer coat to wrap up tight.

The insects now seem far and few  
Trees go bare and the sky less blue.

First came Spring then Summers sun  
Now that Autumn has begun.



### Dear Parents

School closes for the October Half Term at the normal time on **Friday 21st October** and the children return to school on Monday 31st October.

School Term Dates appear on the reverse page of this Newsletter. Please check the school website for all the known significant dates for the coming year.



### SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a school meal for Key Stage 2 children is **£2.10** per meal. If you wish to pay weekly the cost is **£10.50** and if you prefer to pay for the whole half term the amount due this time is **£73.50 (up to Christmas)**.

Universal free school meals are for pupils in Reception Year 1 and 2. Lunch money for Years 3 to 6 should be paid in advance. Please pay via the ParentPay online system. We will be on Week 1 of our school menu when we return.

Milk money (Years Reception and 1 only) is 23p per day, £1.15 per week and will be £7.82 for the next half term.



### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Pupils will be having their school Christmas Lunch on Thursday 8th December. A letter with full information will come home with your child on Friday 21st October. Please ensure the tear of slip is completed and returned to school by Wednesday 2nd November.



### **PROPOSED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

Year 1 and Year 2 will have their Christmas Service at 2.45 on Wednesday 7th December. On Wednesday 14th December at 2.00p.m and on Thursday 15th December at 9.30 a.m there will be an Early Years Christmas Production. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 we will be holding our annual KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Sutton Baptist Church. Please look out for further information nearer the date.



### **EMERGENCY CLOSURES – WINTER 2015/16**

As in previous years, in extreme weather conditions blanket decisions concerning Birmingham (including Sutton Coldfield) school closures and re-opening dates will be made by the Chief Education Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Education Committee. Such decisions will be announced by 6.45 a.m. through Radio WM (95.6 FM) , FREE Radio (96.4 FM) and Heart FM (100.7). If for any reason Coppice's situation is different from the majority of schools, this will also be announced through the same stations. Please assume that school will be open unless it is announced on the above radio stations, our website or by text message.



### **KIDS CLUB**

Dear Parents, We wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable half term break. Forms for next half are available on our site [www.squirrel-club.co.uk](http://www.squirrel-club.co.uk) please return as soon as possible. We have spaces for half and full day care at Squirrels over half term. Daily activities include tennis coaching and dance.



### **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK**

This half term we say goodbye to two colleagues, Teaching Assistant Angela Sweet and Lunchtime Supervisor Lindsey Pearce, both of whom are moving on to new ventures. We wish them the very best of luck for the future.

The departure of Miss Sweet will necessitate a reallocation of teaching assistants and Mrs Jane Jarvis will be moving from year 3 to year 1.

Mrs Marie McElhannan, Mrs Kay Dodwell and Mr Paul Palmer will now be working across years 3,4 and 5 to help replace Mrs Jarvis.



### **MACMILLAN JOINT TEA PARTY WITH LANGLEY**

The joint tea party raised £465 for the Macmillan Charity. Thank you for all your donations of goodies and thanks to those of you that found time to come along and have a cake a chat and a cup of tea and make a donation.



### **YEAR 6 FAB AND HOUSE LEADERS TRIP TO WOODLANDS CAMP**

The House Leaders and FAB team had a wonderful time improving their leadership, communication and team building skills at Woodlands Adventure in Streetly. They also demonstrated their BLP skills as they completed high wires, zip wire and an assault course.

"It was the best day ever! My two favourite activities were the zip-wire and the assault course. We really had to encourage each other to complete the activities." Sophia Powers (FAB Team)

"It could not have been a better trip. We had to work as a team to complete the Assault Course. The zip –wire was a challenge, but it was also awesome!" Elliot Grant (Bracebridge House Vice Captain)



### **HEADTEACHER**

This has been a very busy half term and I can't quite believe that we are nearly into November and that the dark nights are now with us.

I have spoken to the children this week about the new 'Café' building and they will be having a look around it during the first week back. It is very much a joint project across the two schools of Coppice and Langley and we hope to have it kitted out in the very near future. The children have been asked to think of a name for the building that will be easily identifiable and memorable. The names will be discussed at a joint school council meeting and the final choice will be made,

During this last week we have held one of our Open Mornings and were also visited by the other Headteachers in the Trust who spent the morning observing reading and maths across the school. It was lovely to hear such positive comments from the visitors, particularly about the very positive attitude to learning that the children display and their behaviour around school. The children are clearly proud of their school and are happy to talk about the activities they get up to.

I hope that you all have a very restful break and thank you for your ongoing support.

Richard Green