



16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Dates for your diary

### May

- 16<sup>th</sup> 5W Inspire  
1SM swimming
- 17<sup>th</sup> 5C Inspire
- 19<sup>th</sup> 1D class assembly  
Y6 to Sutton Park
- 21<sup>st</sup> PTA Fun run
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1D swimming
- 26<sup>th</sup> Y3 Roman Day  
Break up

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> Training day
- 6<sup>th</sup> School reopens  
2pm reception  
workshop
- 8<sup>th</sup> School closed for  
General Election
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y3 to Roman Villa
- 12<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> celebration week
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm open afternoon  
for past staff and  
pupils  
7pm School show
- 15<sup>th</sup> Whole school photo  
7pm School show
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y6 to Laches Wood  
New reception parent  
meeting.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y 1 to Sandwell Valley  
PTA disco
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Reception assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> PM KS1 sportsday
- 29<sup>th</sup> PM KS2 sportsday

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> PTA Summer fayre
- 7<sup>th</sup> 3B class assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 end of year trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> PM early years sports  
day.  
Leavers disco
- 20<sup>th</sup> Reception to Twycross  
Zoo.
- 21<sup>st</sup> PM Year 6 leavers  
assembly.

## Aberdovey

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Outward Bound Centre in Aberdovey recently and confirmed it as one of the most memorable part of school during their time at Coppice. They went hill climbing, canoeing, gorge walking and jumping of the jetty to name but a few things. The Coppice and Outward Bound staff have all remarked upon how well behaved the children were and how they approached the activities with such maturity. A lot of the activities are very daunting and the children should be very proud of themselves for being prepared to have a go. A special thank you to the staff for taking them and for enabling the children to have such an experience.

"My most favourite activity was the wonderful rock climbing, because I enjoyed trying to find different ways to put my shaking feet. I had to trust my team, who were holding the rope that lifted me up. I never knew they were that strong! I was a bit scared at first, but the higher I got, I was more confident in myself. The finest moment was when I got to the top and felt amazing, but also relieved." Ruby.

"Personally, the most exciting activity of all was the jetty jump where we put on five layers and jumped off the jetty at high tide. It was fun because I felt more brave and fearless afterwards. I was completely out of my comfort zone. It was very challenging." Daniel B

"My most wonderful experience in Aberdovey was the canoeing because it built up my muscles. I mostly loved it because when we got onto a little island which we had lunch on, we filled up our water guns and splashed and sprayed another team!" Charlotte

"Nobody wanted to go first. Suddenly I raised my hand without thinking and knew that there was no going back. I stepped onto the edge, listening to everyone cheering me on. I shut my eyes and took one big step..I did it, it felt like I was in the water for ages." Harry S

**Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June as Coppice is being used as a polling station for the General Election.**

## Acorns

Please remember that the Acorns is now open for parents each morning between 8.40 and 9.30 and each afternoon from 2.45 until the end of school. Please come and serve yourself to a drink and have a chat with other parents.

For those parents who very generously donated to the project, we are hoping to have the Platinum, Gold, Silver etc acorns available to display shortly.

## Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Miss O'Dea in reception who was married over the Easter Holidays. She is now technically Mrs Mitchell but has decided not to use her new name until September to avoid any confusion. There is already one Mrs Mitchell in the same class presently and a change mid-year will only add to any confusion!!

## Year 6 SATs

A special mention this week must go to our year 6 students who have just finished taking their SATs tests.

They have worked extremely hard all year and approached the tests with a very positive and mature attitude. They have been a credit to the school and should be very proud of the way that they have behaved this week. Thank you to all the parents for getting them here on time.

## Year 6 Leavers' assembly

Would year 6 parents please note that the Year 6 leavers' assembly will take place on the afternoon of the last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Parents are invited to the assembly, where the children will perform and we will say goodbye to them after their time at Coppice.

## Past staff and pupils open afternoon

Past staff and pupils are invited, as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, to come and visit school on the afternoon and early evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We are planning to display some of the memories of Coppice from past pupils and staff and would ask that if you have not sent in any memories yet then please do so to [enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@coppice.bham.sch.uk).

## Car parking

Once again I would ask parents to be considerate when parking to drop off and collect children. The local bus was unable to pass along the road last week – this may well result in the bus route being changed and so members of the public not being able to have access to public transport. Sadly, Coppice parents are developing a reputation within the community of not being caring or thoughtful – we cannot expect correct behaviour from the children if they don't see it from the parents.

## E safety tip

Tip of the week:- 'For Me' is the new app that puts Childline in your pocket. It's free, secure and is designed by young people, for young people. Providing advice and message boards, you can now get everything young people need from Childline in a discrete app. The app puts young people in control, enabling them to talk directly to Childline whenever - and wherever they are should they feel the need. (currently available for iOS and on Android soon).

## Coppice PTA News

### **Fun Run - 21<sup>st</sup> May,**

We hope you'll all be able to come and enjoy this family event, we will be selling bacon and sausage rolls along with cakes and other refreshments.

If you are able to help on the day please let Michelle Shepherd know on 07974 332250

### **Summer Fayre - 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Please don't forget to get you recipes in by the 26th May and contribute to the Coppice School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook.

If you would like to support us by advertising in the Summer Fayre programme; £50 full A5 colour page, £30 ½ A5 colour page and £20 ¼ A5 colour page, please e-mail [PTA@Coppice.bham.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@Coppice.bham.sch.uk)

Summer Fayre Raffle prizes; if you are able to help out in any way or if you have a contact to help us purchase a main prize we would be very grateful, please contact us on the e-mail above.

### **New Reception parents Meeting 6.30pm – 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Is anyone able to help set up from 6pm, sell uniform and provide refreshments to the parents? If so please let me know on the e-mail above

Thank you for all your support

Coppice School PTA