



Dates for your diary

September

- 4th Teacher day
5th School open to children
20th 6.30p.m. Reception reading and writing workshop.
27th 6.30 p.m. Reception phonics workshop.

October

- 13th Flu immunisations R,1,2,3,4.
19th Reception 2018 open morning
20th School breaks up
30th Children back to school

November

- 1st Reception 2018 open morning
7th Year 1 swimming
14th Year 1 swimming

December

- 6th Cluster Carol Service
14th Whole school Pantomime trip
22nd School breaks up.

Summer Break

As we come to the end of another academic year I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the school. We have celebrated our 50th year with a number of special events and it has been good to see how many people have strong and positive memories of their time at Coppice.

As part of the 50th celebrations I had the privilege recently to meet the first headteacher of Coppice, Miss Harris. She shared with me many of the photographs that she has accumulated over the years and some lovely memories of her time at Coppice. What is very clear is that when the school was opened all those years ago, the ethos and values were as important then as they are today.

A special thank you must go to the members of the PTA who work very hard behind the scenes to put on and support the many activities that happen for the children. Not only does this help raise a lot of money for the children, but also creates a lot of fun on the way.

We say goodbye to our current year 6 and send them off knowing that they are well able and ready to move onto their next challenges. It has been fantastic to see them develop over the past seven years and I would encourage them to make the most of the opportunities that they will be presented with and to remember that every single one of them can make a positive difference as the individuals that they are.

We are trying to encourage the children in years 3 to 6 to become a bit more independent and responsible for their belongings and are asking them to come to school next term with their own pencil cases – please see the separate article in this letter for what should go inside.

As staff we say goodbye to Nicola Thorley, who is planning to spend more time with her family, and hello to Jess McCance and Harry Walklett.

Thank you once again for your support and contributions this year and I hope that you have a restful break.

Richard Green

Please label all clothes and shoes for the start of next term.

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.

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.

E safety tip

#DITTO is a free online safety magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter

Pencil Cases

We have decided that we would like to encourage the children's independence and for them to take responsibility for their own belongings by asking that all children from year 3 upwards bring in their own pencil case and associated equipment.

The pencil case should be practical in size and be able to fit into your child's tray. It should include a pencil, glue stick, whiteboard pen, blue handwriting pen (if your child has their pen license) highlighters and some coloured crayons. They will not need a ruler or a rubber.

It would be really helpful if the cases could be named.

Children's Centres

You may or not be aware that on the 9th of June Birmingham City Council announced that the contract for the new Early Years Health and Well Being Service had been awarded to Birmingham Community Health Care NHS Trust Foundation in partnership with Barbados, Spurgeons Children's Charity, St Pauls Community Development Trust and The Springfield Project.

The way that we deliver children centres, health visiting services and parenting support services in Birmingham is changing.

In relation to Sutton Coldfield the proposal is that the following venues will be closed or re utilised.

The Deanery Children's Centre

Four Oaks Children's Centre – including the services offered at The Hub in Mere Green and the Toy Library
Bush Babies Children's Centre.

New Hall Children's Centre would be open all year round and Holland House Children's Centre would offer sessional activities. There would also be a range of other venues across Sutton where activities could be delivered. It is important to note the impact on baby clinics, antenatal classes and post natal. Some areas of Sutton would have limited access to services.

June 19th 2017 saw the start of an important public consultation giving members of the public and in particular service users, with an under 5, the opportunity to have a say on these proposals to include delivery locations, which should stay open and which should close, and opening times.

This consultation document can be found at [https:// www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1eyconsultation](https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1eyconsultation)

I would encourage you to respond to the consultation if you use the children's centres as some very big decisions are about to be taken on how the service is delivered across Sutton Coldfield.

Coppice PTA News

Thank you for all your help and support this year.

Have a fantastic summer and hopefully see you at our next PTA meeting on the 20th September where we will be setting up dates for our events and looking at how to spend the money we have raised this year. It would be great to see you there – PTA committee.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank all the members of the PTA for their hard work that they undertake for all the children – they have a lot of fun too, so please feel free to come and join in.

Richard Green