



# Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Forest School

This week, pupils from across the school have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in outdoor Forest School activities, kindly funded by FOCG. Activities have included pupils being shown a variety of equipment and learning how to whittle sticks safely to create a point. Pupils have also learned how to make a shelter using a tarpaulin. Next week, we look forward to more exciting Forest School activities, including toasting marshmallows! Please can pupils once again wear outdoor clothing on the following days.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Acorn & Oak Classes

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Ash & Elm Classes

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Maple & Elder Classes

If your child also has PE on this day, please wear PE kit and bring wellies and an outdoor coat to wear on top. Thank you.

## Gardening Club

This half term has seen the launch of Gardening Club. Our enthusiastic gardeners have been busy at work in the Wellbeing Garden and have already planted new flowers to spruce up the tyres and started the vegetable planters, thanks to Toby and Tom Mycock, who donated seeds and seedlings. It has been wonderful to see the children happy and engaging with nature. We hope to invite families into the Wellbeing Garden to explore our super work soon.

## Steven Gerrard Football Academy

Some of the dates for pupils to take part in football training with Steven Gerrard Academy at Withy Grove Sports Ground have changed. Please can pupils now wear PE kit to school on the following days.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Oak & Maple Classes

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Ash Class

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Elm & Elder Classes

## School Closures

Please note that school is closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, as school is a polling station, and Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Mobile Phones

Last half term, some concerns were raised about mobile phones in school. We appreciate that some children bring a mobile phone to school for safety when walking home alone, or on certain days when they go to other homes. However, in order to keep all children safe in school, mobile phones must be turned off and handed in to the school office. To ensure that this is happening consistently and safely, children who bring a phone to school will now have to take their mobile to the school office before entering their classroom and then collect it, once they have been dismissed from class, at 3:15pm. If children fail to do this and mobile phones are in bags, they will be confiscated and an adult will be contacted to collect the device at the end of the school day.

## Our Super Power

This half term, the super powers of 'Equality and Love' have returned. During our Monday assemblies, we have been exploring the film, 'Elemental' and the message it shares about love, equality and inequality. It has been amazing to hear the children discuss the power of people's words and behaviour and how they can impact others. We will continue to consider the power we all have to make our community and, indeed, the world a place which is powered by equality and love.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to monitor the attendance and punctuality of our children to ensure that they have the best opportunities to learn and progress in school.

Last half term, we saw an increase in the number of children whose attendance was identified as below the school target. Many absences are linked to unavoidable illness; however, it is important that attending school is seen as a high priority for all.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and / or ability to arrive at school on time, please do not hesitate to seek support by contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Littlewood.

## KS2 Cricket Day

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, we look forward to our pupils developing their cricket skills during a special cricket day in school. Please can all pupils in Ash, Maple and Elder classes wear their PE kits to school on Monday.

## Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and invite our parents to please put yourself forward for election. Here at Coupe Green, we have two parent governors on our governing body, who are elected by the parents of pupils at school to serve a four-year term of office.

Governors have an important and influential role to play in the life of our school, and we do hope you will be able to take part in this election by becoming a candidate and by casting your vote when the time comes. If you are at all interested in joining our governing body, please contact the school office for further information.

Nomination forms should be requested from the school office and the deadline for these forms to be returned is 12 noon on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

## Local Walk

This week, our youngest pupils, in Acorn Class, have enjoyed exploring our local area, including the park, discussing what they could see, hear and smell, using their senses, while thinking about seasonal changes. During this walk, pupils also had the opportunity to use the local post box. On 15<sup>th</sup> April, Acorn Class celebrated World Art Day and created a special piece of art to send home, which they then posted while on their local walk.

## Book Bus

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, pupils from Acorn Class through to Maple Class had the opportunity to visit Lancashire Library School Book Bus and exchange 100 books, so that we now have 100 new library books, chosen by the pupils themselves, for them to borrow, read and enjoy. Meanwhile, Elder Class now have their own book of books borrowed from Lancashire Library to enjoy this term.

During this Summer Term, please can we ask all families to have an extra check at home to see if you have either any school reading books or Lancashire Library books, borrowed from school, anywhere at home. Please return any books to the school office, if found at home, so that everything is returned by the end of this academic year.



## Friends of Coupe Green News

### Summer Fair Volunteers

Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 8th June from 11:30am – 3:00pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with setting up from 9:30am, running games stalls, serving on the bar, serving food, supervising inflatables, including jungle assault course, giant slide and bouncy castle and tidying up afterwards, please.

FOCG are a tiny team of seven and this is a huge event, so we really rely on the help of extra volunteers, otherwise we simply can't run all the fun things we have planned. The more volunteers we have, the less time we each have to spend volunteering and it would be lovely if, this year, the FOCG could manage a short break to enjoy a little bit of the event with our own families.

You could run a stall or game, as a family, with friends or extended family. We need as many hands as possible, please, and appreciate any amount of time you can spare. Please leave a contact number or email with the office for us to contact you or speak to any of the FOCG committee in the playground, if you can help out. Thank you.

### Clothes Donations

Thank you very much for all your generous donations of clothing. We received a huge amount and will update you with the total amount of money raised within the next few weeks.

### Easyfundraising

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when your book your next family holiday, renew car or home insurance, switch energy companies and for your weekly online grocery shopping, plus hundreds of online stores. If you use Easyfundraising when you do your weekly food shop, you could receive up to £120 a year of free funding for FOCG which goes back to supporting all our children's learning.

If you haven't signed up yet, please visit the link below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coupegreenprimaryschoolpta/?searchSessionId=29137619-61f3-4445-859e-3085de986876>

Remember to set the reminders so a notification will pop up as you shop online.

For all event information, please follow the FOCG Facebook Page:

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