



# Coupals Primary Academy

## Parent Bulletin No.21

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I think we can all agree that it has been a fairly unusual week this week at Coupals. I must confess that when I woke up on Monday morning I didn't give much credence to the weather forecast for the week and thought that, as often is the case, that the forecasts of snow were fanciful. Clearly I was wrong!

Our decision to open on Wednesday was quite easy as virtually all of our staff could get in and the forecast stated that snow would stop at around 10.00am. Of course, it didn't and the snow got heavier and heavier and the road outside of school became treacherous. Our priority had to be ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff (many of whom live out of town and had to travel in conditions that were treacherous). I would like to thank you all for your flexibility and understanding with our decisions around closure – we appreciate that school closures inconvenience parents and their routines.

In spite of the disruption there has still been some fantastic learning taking place at Coupals in the curtailed week that we have enjoyed. We have seen some excellent writing taking place with new Talk for Writing stories being learned, innovated and invented on as well as some very enthusiastic reading in preparation for World Book Day (which will now be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March instead).

Visiting Reception I have seen some fantastic technology work through model making – a particular theme of robots emerged throughout the week.

I had the pleasure of teaching Year 1 on Monday afternoon and it was lovely to see their phonics developing so confidently.

Also on Monday afternoon I had the pleasure of teaching Thames class who rose to the challenge of 3d drawing to create some artwork of buildings which we will be continuing over the next couple of weeks.

Don't forget that you can keep up with everything going on through the following:

Website: [www.coupalsacademy.co.uk](http://www.coupalsacademy.co.uk)

Twitter: @CoupalsAcademy

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/coupalsacademy](http://www.facebook.com/coupalsacademy)

David Maguire

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### Information for parents:

World Book Day will now be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Children can, as planned for the 1<sup>st</sup>, come in dressed as book characters as per the letter sent out. Please encourage the children to bring in a book that they love as we will be encouraging children to talk about their favourite books throughout the day. We are also keen to hear from parents about their favourite books as we are planning to make a display of the favourite books of our school community. If you have a book you love (we hope everyone does) please post it to our Facebook page or tell Mr Maguire/Mrs Hughes.

We are in the process of rescheduling the Parent Consultations from this week which were postponed due to inclement weather. We will let you know of the confirmed date early next week.

Apologies if you have had issues with receiving notifications from our app this week. Having spoken to Piota, the app developer, they have explained that weather conditions have seen a 500% increase in traffic to their servers which has proven problematic. They have apologised and are working to ensure that this does not happen again. Thanks for your patience with the system.

### Key dates:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (second attempt)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Coffee morning (9.00am)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Disco

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Last day of Spring Term**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April: PD Day**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Pupils back to school for the Summer Term

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – end of year Disco

**PROVISIONAL DATE:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of June:  
Sports Day