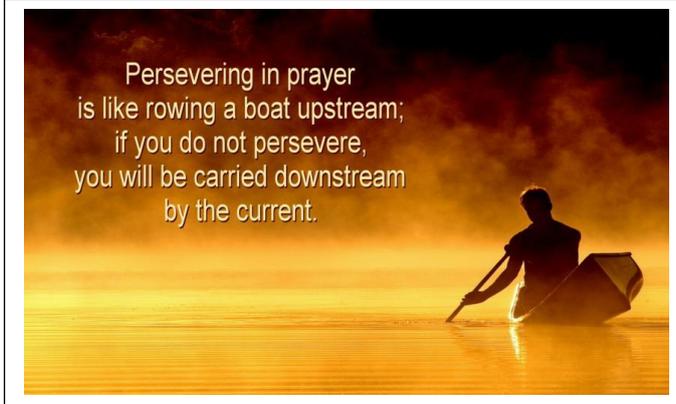




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This half-term our Values are Perseverance and Courage
19th May 2017

School vision: Nurturing children to become confident and successful learners for life.



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking Year 2 children and all of the staff; you have worked hard this week and shown courage and perseverance as well as many other values.

Just a reminder that we are still working very closely with our local PCSO's at the moment due to concerns again about speeding and dangerous driving through the village. Again, I can only re-iterate that we have raised concerns on your behalf but it would also be really helpful if you could report any concerns and then we can all ensure that children are safe.

Well done to Max Griffiths, Martha and Noah who attended the Computer Control in Business- STEM morning at Renishaws this week, thank you for representing Coaley so well, you were a credit to us. My thanks also go to Miss Hunt for attending the workshop with the children.

Reporter Martha Wilcox very kindly wrote a piece for the newsletter this week about the fun that they had: "We entered this huge building. We were shown around part of the building and then we took apart a tablet, laptop, keyboard and a CD-Player. After that we each made a spinning top which had a magnet on top which then made the paper clip stick to it and spin around".





We will be sending home next week a After School Club survey Can you please return these to the office before the 26th May.

Weekly Class Attendance:

Class 1 – 96.3%
Class 2 – 96.6%
Class 3 – 95.5%

Well done Class 2

Eco Warrior Certificate:



Class 1 – Sammy Radford
Class 2 – Harry Miles
Class 3 – Mia Norman
Well Done eco warriors "Take care of the earth and she will take care of you"
~Author unknown.

Values Certificates:



Class 1 – Jasmine Turner
Class 2 – Alex Kinsella
Class 3 – Alex Smith

Golden Book Certificates:



Class 1: Effort – Sophia Cross, Progress – Freddie Dalton, Behaviour – Joseph Kinder
Class 2: Effort – Mia Griffith, Progress – Adam Tudor, Behaviour – Phoebe Hewlett-Hitchings
Class 3: Effort – Hudson Taylor, Progress – Maddie Cross, Behaviour – Jamie Cann & Max Griffith

After School Clubs for Terms 5 & 6

Monday – Running Club / Art & Craft
Tuesday – Choir Singing
Wednesday – Athletics
Friday – French

Class 1

Remember: Please sign your child's reading record to show that you have listened to them read.

News: This week in class 1 we have been thinking about how we can look after our school. The children have come up with some brilliant ideas and over the next couple of weeks the children will be using these ideas to create their own non-fiction books. In Science we have been exploring living things and life processes and have just started to discuss habitats. We will be exploring this further over the next few weeks. In maths this week we have continued to explore the number system and we have been revisiting our shape work.

Home learning: Homework is due in on Monday. New homework will also be set on Monday.

Class 2

Remember: I look forward to marking the children's time homework on Monday when it is due.

News: Class 2 have continued to use their knowledge of telling the time to solve time problems. The children tried so hard to use their existing knowledge of methods to add and subtract hours and minutes and we have now found out using a number line approach is the best. Ask your child to show you. It's easy when you know how! We enjoyed exploring life as a Roman legionary in the Roman army. The children have written descriptions, an application letter to join the army and a set of instructions on how to dress ready for battle. We are now ready to do some conquering!

Home Learning: The children have done fantastically well at their new look spelling tests. I am sure this is already having such a positive effect on their top quality writing during English lessons.

Class 3

Remember: Class 3's home learning task is due back on Monday.

News: This week year 6 have started their 'Theme Park' topic. Within this the children will be developing both their mathematical and English skills. So far the children have used scaling to plot where all their rides and amenities are going to be placed and worked out their budget for the build and the launch. They have also created a brochure to advertise their park. Year 5 have been working hard on equivalent fractions and problem solving and reasoning using their knowledge. In English the children have been writing newspaper articles based on our book 'The Firebird, they have created their own success criteria and have been editing their writing to ensure it's their best work.

Home learning: Our Design and Technology unit over the next 2 terms is called 'Marbulous Structures.' Within this we will be constructing marble runs. Please can you send in any cardboard tubes (Toilet rolls/kitchen rolls) to help us with this. Many thanks.

Notes for your Diary

Year 2 SATs in the month of May- Please avoid taking your child out of school

26th May- Last day of term, enjoy the half-term break

5th June- First day back after half-term

8th June - Cathedral Leavers Service at Gloucester 1.30pm (details to follow)

9th June – Fit4Schools, taster session in the afternoon (postponed from 5th May)

It is lovely to see the children cycling to School but please REMEMBER that cycle helmets must be worn for the children's safety.

Coaleyfest arrangements are all going well, this is a big fundraiser for the school raising nearly £4000 pounds last year and an event the community really values. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far, and helped with fliers and posters. We still need quite a lot of help on the night so if you are able to help please, please do. You can email or speak to Lisa to find out how you can help, (lisanemiles@gmail.com). All the children who can come to Coaleyfest open the evening with a singing performance, Jo Taylor will be coming into school to practise this with them. Remember you can buy your tickets via the school office. We have a Job Vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for 2/3 lunchtimes, if you know of anyone who might be interested in this position please contact the school office for more details.



Governor update

Your continued feedback is important - thanks for the comments which have found their way back to date. We've been given a slot, and that isn't to be wasted. No real news to report as yet, I'm afraid that doesn't mean things aren't being progressed, but agreements need to be put in place before anything can be announced e.g. Partner School.

We have a Full Governor Board (FGB) meeting on Tuesday evening with Sandra Shephard from the LA, who was at Thursdays presentation, the Governors will have some more news to report next week.

Many of you asked for more information on the process of becoming an academy. Here's a link to a description courtesy of the BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-13274090>. The Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust (DGAT) is a possible destination for us, given that we are a CofE school, so more information can be found here: <http://dgat.org.uk/>

Further questions resulting from the Ofsted report and presentation have been received, and these will be collated next week, and answers issued to all via book bags, and we'll put more meat on the bones of the notes on Q&As received during the presentation.

Moving off governor news, but acting as the "glue" between the different support groups:

A call to arms has been issued to do some work on the Beds and Borders around the school - I'm in. Anyone else? More support needed for CoaleyFest - our biggest fund raising event of the year - see you there for the setup, and the event.

And lastly FOCS 100 Club: better odds than the National Lottery, but more support (organisation as well as "buy-in") would be welcomed.

Thanks for your continued interest and support - all comments and suggestions welcomed - the Comments Box is working well. Best wishes for the w/end – Bruce Caldwell

Coaley C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available to view via the School Office.

Kind Regards,
Suzette Kearns

Parent/Carer comment slip:

If you have any comments please complete the slip below and send into school in a sealed envelope for the attention of Mrs Kearns.

