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This half-term our Values are Forgiveness and Justice
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School vision: Nurturing children to become confident and successful learners for life.

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy week at Coaley, I am not sure where the time has gone!

The week began with sports afternoon which I know all of the children really enjoyed and it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a picnic with your children. Well done to all the children for trying their best and persevering.

We were lucky enough to have play group with us on Thursday; I was able to spend some time with them where we enjoyed playing parachute games together with Class 1. I am sure you have heard all about it ☺ we also had our new parents meeting on Tuesday morning, where Mrs Walker was able to talk about moving from playgroup into EYFS and helping with any questions parents may have.

As promised I have added some photographs from the residential trip last week.



Ofsted

This week Steph was in school all day on Wednesday. Steph and I conducted lesson observations with a focus on good teaching and learning. From these observations we will then work on the next key areas. This forms part of the CPD package of support that has been put in to support us on our journey. On Thursday I welcomed Mr Ken Buxton to school (Ofsted) he was with us the whole day he looked at how we are spending the Pupil Premium money and how it is helping our children. He met with Governor Gillian Holmes who oversees this area in her Governing role; he also spoke to all staff and some children. Together we carried out lesson observations across the school, book looks and I was able to share some of the new projects that we have been working on to support our children e.g. the marines. As soon as I have the report I will share the highlights with you.



Den Day

Polite reminder - We have a few left overs from the Den building day that are in the parent sheletr, if you would like these please collect them as soon as possible. We will recycle anything that is left on **Monday 10th July**. Thank you for your support with this ☺

Thank you Mrs Smith

I am sure you are aware that all schools are being hit by budget cuts, being a small school this hits us even harder and so as of September Mrs Smith will no longer be teaching French with us, we have had to make financial cuts and this has been seen as a luxury. Children will still have French teaching over the course of the week. We thank Mrs Smith for all that she did at Coaley.

Following on from this we are having to look at how we can spend less but still ensure that our children are getting the best education. So over the next few months we will need to let you know of changes that need to happen to enable us to keep within in an even tighter budget.



Parent Forum

Vicky Paterson has been doing a brilliant job behind the scenes looking at clubs after her questionnaire and analysis that she carried out for us. So far she has spoken to the FA Gloucestershire Co-ordinator today and he has confirmed that they will provide a free after school club from September as well as a full day of coaching in the school. We are just awaiting some paperwork on this. Vicky is also waiting to hear back from a guitar teacher in Dursley, **he can't run an after school club** but he is willing to come to the school one afternoon a week to provide **small group or individual lessons if parents wanted to pay for this**. She has also approached two dance company's one is Street dance while the other is dance and drama combined. She is also exploring a martial arts class, a multi-sports company and it would be great if parents could run a lego club on a rotational basis (Parents would need to be CRB).

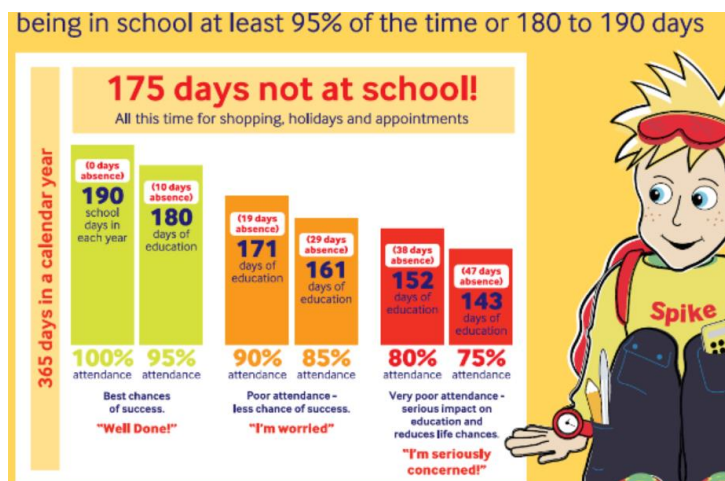
FOCS

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's FOCS 100 Club. The third draw prize was won by Emma Jones. We made £270 profit (after prize money has been deducted) so good effort all round.

Attendance

The School Council have come up with some rewards that they would like for good attendance, these new rewards will be put into place ready for September. We have noticed that once children are in school and with their friends engaged in learning they soon feel better, so in the first instance always send your child into school, if they are deteriorate we would always phone you. If your child has a local medical appointment send them in first thing and then collect them just before the appointment so that they are not missing out on key learning time.

Children are not allowed to take holidays in term time, apart from the fact that this is unauthorised every day in school really does count especially when we are all working to the same goal to enable all of our children to reach their potential.



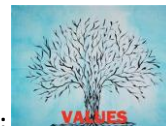
Attendance below 95% is what GCC deem a 'Cause for Concern'. If a child is absent for a total of 11 days in term time it means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.9%

Please be aware that letters will be coming home if your child's attendance is slipping, if there is no improvement after this we will have no option but to engage in more formal proceedings. This year in the reports you will see a full attendance record so you can see very clearly the attendance, authorised and un-authorised. Attendance is an area that was scrutinised in our March Ofsted, but also in the Pupil Premium Review yesterday, so please help us to help your children make more progress ☺

Weekly Class

Attendance:

- Class 1 –95.2%
- Class 2 –96.4%
- Class 3 – 94.7%
- Well done Class 2



Values Certificates:

- Class 1 – Jamie Turner
- Class 2 – Ava Dunn
- Class 3 – Daniel Astley



Golden Book Certificates:

- Class 1:** Effort –William Jones, Progress –Sophia Cross, Behaviour – Olivia Cann
- Class 2:** Effort –Mia Griffith, Progress –,Tyler Titheridge, Behaviour –Amy Kimber
- Class 3:** Effort –Alex Smith, Progress –Hudson Taylor, Behaviour –James Buffin

Class 1

Remember: Please listen to your child read and then remember sign your child’s reading record to show that you have listened to them read.

News: This week in class 1 we have been researching sea creatures. The children did their research on the internet and using nonfiction books from our class library. We then used the facts that we had collected to create our own fact pages. We have all learnt a lot this week! In maths we have been looking more closely at division and how we can check and prove our answers. We have also continued to work on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Home learning: Homework is due in on Monday. Please can all maths games be returned to school on Monday.

Class 2

Remember: Please bring maths homework in by Monday. As the term is beginning to draw to an end, I have asked Mrs Kearns if we are able to have a Roman day where the children come to school dressed as Romans. We are planning to do this on Thursday 20th July. I will send further information about this special day soon.

News: This week in class 2 we have been writing descriptions about different Roman characters. The children then used these characters to write a play script based on Boudicca’s rebellion. The children learnt a great deal about how to write a play script and the things you need to include when you write a play script. In maths, the Y4s have continued to read and write co-ordinates and then make translations in order to move points on a grid. The Y3s have been solving capacity and mass problems using their operations to work out and investigate problems. In Computing, the children used a web based resource called Isle of Tune to create music for the Roman army to march to. If you would like to look at that resource over the weekend just search Isle of Tune. The children really enjoyed composing music this way.

Home learning: This week the children have maths homework to complete. The children have their individual piece named in their homework file to complete with you at home.

Class 3

Remember: Please sign your child’s reading record if they get 9 signatures over 2 weeks they will receive golden time.

News: This week the year 5’s have been learning about decimal numbers; they have ordered them and rounded them to the nearest tenth and whole number. The children have then moved onto problem solving and reasoning about these concepts. Year 6 have been problem solving using their knowledge of written methods of calculations. In English we have been writing our own quest stories. The children have created their own success criteria and worked hard on editing their writing to ensure it is their best work. In topic we have started learning about the Ancient Mayan City of Chichen Itza; next week we will use our information to create tourist leaflets using publisher.

Home learning: Home Learning tasks are due on Monday.

Notes for your Diary

11th July- Reports out to parents

21st July- **Celebration @ 2:30, there will be no drop-in session in the morning** and Year 6 Leavers/goodbyes – everyone welcome 😊 Last Day of Term- enjoy the holiday!

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.

