



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”  
Colossians 3:17

Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carer,

I would just like to thank you for your support when unfortunately, we needed to close school to ensure the safety of children and staff when were engulfed by snow. It was lovely to see all the children back in safely on Monday and hear them talking excitedly about their weekends with family and friends.

### DGAT



Maths is one of the key areas in school that we are currently working on with children and staff.

Through the on-going support from DGAT we have been really lucky to have had another inspirational speaker in school. Dave Bowman who works with GLOWMaths (Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire hence GLOW) delivered staff training here last week. He embraces a “YesUCan” approach and the power of **Yes!** I am sure your children have come home talking about the YesUCan headbands we have in class; these are used when children and adults feel that they can’t do something - we say instead they “can’t do it yet” and “YesUCan”. This approach also deepens our Christian value of perseverance and is supported by our song “Try”, which we sing in worship. To increase our Maths learning and progress we are embracing this method that works hand in hand with Growth Mindset approach, which we are developing as a school. Part of the support that we have will help the children to take maths to a new level by developing their skills and teach for mastery through the ‘Try it, Use it, Prove it method’.

Mrs Walker had the opportunity to visit Bibury School with Mrs Kelly this week, which is very similar to our school at Coaley as it also has mixed age classes. The focus for the visit was to enable Mrs Walker to see another mixed EYFS/KS1 class and share good practice between the two schools. Watch this space for lots of exciting opportunities coming this way into Class 1 ☺



Declan said: “My neurons are connecting and my brain is getting bigger” Well done Declan you are a Super Star! ☺

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents’ Evening on Tuesday, we are expecting to see 100% of you as we really value having this time to talk with you about your child’s progress and any support required. I hope that you find the summary report helpful in explaining the progress that your child has made. You will also have seen recent targets and next steps on the reports along with data from Target Tracker showing the breakdown of attendance and results from recent standardised tests.

Parents’ Evening was also an opportunity to formally welcome our new IGB (Interim Governing Board) to Coaley and I know lots of you had a chance to talk to them but if you were unable to please do not worry as they will be around over the coming months. If you are still wondering who the Governors are please see the following link :- <http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/our-school-1/governors>

**SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Monitoring Visit**

We welcomed Daphne Spitzer from the SIAMs Monitoring Team to Coaley last Wednesday. Reverend Sue, Gillian Holmes, Charlotte Rawlings and myself spoke to Daphne about Coaley's Christian Distinctiveness and worship. As soon as I have some more information it will be shared with you ☺



**Sport**

Mr Hall (Atlas Sports) has been working on fundamental skills with all the classes over the last few weeks. Class 2 and Class 3 have really enjoyed taking part in Tag Rugby and gymnastics. It was lovely to see so many children taking part in sports club after school as well. If you would like your child to attend please speak to Mrs Kalinowski or Ms Craig for further information.



**Cross Country News**

We are very proud of Lewis Buffin, Year 6. He was selected and represented Dursley and Wotton District at the County Cross Country Championships.

This took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in Cheltenham. He raced against other year 6 boys from the county, he came a very respectable 62<sup>nd</sup> out of 125.

Well done Lewis ☺

**Violin Tuition**

Polite reminder we have a few places left for Violin lessons with Mrs Gillian Holmes, previous chair to the Governor's, please see Mrs Kalinowski or Ms Craig for more information.

**Attendance**



Thank you for helping your children to have the optimal learning time - our attendance figures are continually monitored internally and externally so please continue to help your child have 100% attendance. If your child feels ill during the day we will phone you to let you know, so if you are ever in any doubt as to whether to send them in, please do so and we will call you if needed.

**Celebration Assembly**

**Week 3/4 Class Attendance:**



- Class 1 – 96.3%
- Class 2 – 98.6%
- Class 3 – 93.5%

**Well done – Class 2**

**After School Clubs for Term 4**

- (Booster Learning Clubs- Invite only)
- Monday - Curriculum Boosters
- Tuesday – Curriculum Boosters
- Wednesday – Curriculum Boosters
- Thursday- ATLAS SPORTS CLUB KS2
- Friday - ATLAS SPORTS CLUB KS1

**Week 3/4 Values Certificates:**

- Class 1:** Bella Bywater
- Class 2:** Sammy Radford
- Class 3:** Mia Norman

**Golden Book Certificate Week 3/4 :**

- Class 1: Effort –** Ben Jones
- Class 2: Effort –** Jack Cook
- Class 3: Effort –** Molly Bywater

- Progress –** William Jones
- Progress –** Amelia Freeman
- Progress –** Tyler Titheridge

- Behaviour –** Declan Green
- Behaviour –** Noah Carter
- Behaviour –** Liam Young



★ **Newsletters**

★ Class news will now appear on the website for each class – Classes > Class \* > Class\* Newsletter (\*Class no.) or please go to the following links:-

★ <http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-1/class-1-newsletter-1>

★ <http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-2/class-2-newsletter-1>

★ <http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-3/class-2-newsletter-1>

★ **Website**

★ Exciting news the new Coaley website is almost ready to go it is currently going through quality assurance and then then will be notified when it will go live. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

★ **Dates for your diary for 2018**

★ **March Dates- Values- Humility and Thankfulness**

- ★ 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Sport Relief- Atlas Sports
- ★ 20<sup>th</sup> March- Year 2 SATs parent talk at 6:00-6:30pm and Year 6 SATs parent talk 6:30-7:00pm
- ★ 20th March- Class 1 trip to Slimbridge
- ★ 21st March- Parent Forum Meeting in school @2:00-2:45pm
- ★ 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Open the Book
- ★ 27<sup>th</sup> March -Easter Service in St Bartholomew’s Church @9:45 am led by Reverend Sue everyone welcome
- ★ 28th March- Class 2 and Class 3 Celebration VE Day Event (letter already sent out)
- ★ 29<sup>th</sup> March- ‘Wear a hat day’ raising money for brain tumour awareness. This day is in memory of Gill Hunt
- ★ <http://www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day>
- ★ 29<sup>th</sup> March - last day of term
- ★ 31st March- FOCS Easter egg hunt on Coaley school field (Further information to follow)

★ **April Dates- Values- Perseverance and Courage**

- ★ 16<sup>th</sup> April - Price Increase on School Meals
- ★ 16<sup>th</sup> April- Term begins for children and staff
- ★ 18<sup>th</sup> April- Internet Safety Awareness Session for parents @North Nibley C of E Primary School@6:30pm
- ★ 19<sup>th</sup> April-Country Dancing Festival@6:30pm Stroud Leisure Centre
- ★ 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April- Travelling Book Fair
- ★ 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Drop-in @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 24th April- Parent Forum@5:30-6:15 pm
- ★ 26<sup>th</sup> April- Open the Book
- ★ 27<sup>th</sup> April- Celebration Worship @3:00 pm

★ **May Dates – Values- Perseverance and Courage**

- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Whole School trip to Bristol Hippodrome –David Walliams
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> May-25<sup>th</sup> May KS1 SATs- Polite reminder-Holidays taken in this time **are unauthorised**, please do not take your children out of school in May.
- ★ 7<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday
- ★ 8<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday for this week only due to Bank Holiday)-drop-in’ @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 11<sup>th</sup> May- Celebration Worship @3:00 pm
- ★ 14<sup>th</sup> May-17<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATs- Polite reminder-Holidays taken in this time **are unauthorised**, please do not take your children out of school in May.
- ★ 21<sup>st</sup> May -Drop-in @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 24<sup>th</sup> May- Open the Book
- ★ 25<sup>th</sup> May- Last day of term

★ **June dates-Values- Forgiveness and Justice**

- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> June -Term begins for children and staff
- ★ 5<sup>th</sup> June -Year 6 Leavers @Gloucester Cathedral am
- ★ 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and some Year 2’s.
- ★ 11<sup>th</sup> June -Drop-in @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 11<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day- parent/carers picnic @12:15-1:15 pm- House Sports
- ★ 12<sup>th</sup> June School Photographs- Classes, Year 6 Leavers and Team Sport photographs
- ★ 15<sup>th</sup> June - Celebration Worship @3:00 pm
- ★ 16th June- FOCS Coaleyfest on Coaley school field
- ★ 20th June- Parent Forum @9:00-9:45am at school
- ★ 21<sup>st</sup> June- Den Day in aid of Save the Children am





- ★ 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June- Year 5 and Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- ★ 25<sup>th</sup> June- Drop-in @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 28<sup>th</sup> June -Open the Book
- ★ 29<sup>th</sup> June- Celebration Worship @3:00 pm

★ **July Dates**

- ★ 9<sup>th</sup> July- Drop-in @8:40-8:50 am
- ★ 13<sup>th</sup> July- Celebration Worship @3:00 pm
- ★ 18<sup>th</sup> July- Reports out to parents
- ★ 24<sup>th</sup> July- last day of term for children Year 6 Leavers Service in School at 9:00am
- ★ 25<sup>th</sup> July- INSET for staff

★ **FOCS Future Events:**

- ★ 26th October- FOCS disco at the village hall
- ★ 4th November- FOCS Fireworks on Coaley school field
- ★ 7th December- FOCS Christmas Fayre at the village hall

★ Please note- Dates and times are subject to change, we will update you as soon as possible.

★ Coaley Church of England Academy 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  
★ Headteacher

★ 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.

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