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# NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019

## Double Award Celebration!

We are very proud to inform you that we have recently received two very special awards, Gloucestershire's Mental Health Champions Award and Healthy Schools Award.



We are delighted to have been recognised for our good practices in these areas, promoting and developing the well-being and positive mental health, as well as healthy lifestyle habits, of our children, parents and staff.

To gain this recognition we submitted lots of examples and information about the sorts of ways we work and projects we do with children, staff and parents to support everyone's mental well-being. The assessors looked at lots of evidence and also visited school, where our School Council and staff hosted a 'walk around' to talk to the children and staff and see our practices in action. We were congratulated for all the hard work we put into both submissions and for our staff's commitment.

Here is some of the feedback we received:

*'The Mental Health Quality Assurance Group were extremely impressed with the excellent practice at Coalway Infant School and it was clearly evident that emotional health and wellbeing is not just a 'bolt on' to the school but is at the heart of the school environment as well as the community and important to everyone. Mental health and wellbeing are clearly embedded in all aspects of school life at Coalway Infants. This was noticeable not only for the children but for the staff and community as well.'*

Congratulations to everyone!

## Parents' evenings

It has been lovely to see so many parents at parents' evenings this week. Thank you for your support and interest, it is very much appreciated by staff.

## R.E.A.D.

We are re-launching our reading initiative called READ this month: '**R**ead **E**veryday **A**nd **D**iscover'. The aim is to reward the children for reading regularly and also boost their confidence and make them very proud of their achievements. To get started, your child will bring home a bookmark which we will then start stamping in school every time they read with you. Please see the letter attached explaining our READ project in more detail.



## Harvest

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30 p.m.** to which all parents are invited. We would be grateful for any contributions of tins, packets, bottles, pre-packed cakes, etc. next week and fresh produce, cakes/bread on Thursday morning.

This year we will be raising funds and donating items to the Forest Food Bank in Coleford, which is part of the UK-wide network of food banks supported by The Trussell Trust. We will be selling all produce and items immediately after the service, at bargain prices! Parents may take their children home after the service – at approximately 2.00 p.m.

Thank you in anticipation of your support ... we look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

## Photographs



'Academy' photographers will be on site on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual and family photographs. Please complete and return the attached slip if you would like your child to be photographed.

## 'Wake and Shake' Club



This popular club started again this week, on Wednesday. All children across the school are welcome to attend this club, where the children exercise to music to 'wake and shake' themselves up for the day! The club takes place at 8.30 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. Parents may bring their children to the entrance foyer for 8.30 a.m. prompt where a member of staff will collect them. At 8.50 a.m. the children will be taken to their classes.

## Year 2 Clubs



Parents of children in Classes 5 & 6 will shortly receive a letter giving details of after school clubs on offer to their children this academic year, starting next term.

## Flu vaccination

The School Nurse team will be in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to undertake the nasal flu vaccination programme being offered to Gloucestershire schools. In order for your child to receive the immunisation, parents should complete the online consent form. If the consent form is not returned your child will not be able to have the vaccine. Spare letters about the programme are available from the School Office.

## PTA

We are always keen to recruit new members to our PTA, the 'Friends of Coalway Infant School', to help with events throughout the year. Any help is appreciated and parents with pre-school children are welcome to bring them along to the meetings/events. If you are interested in helping in any way please call in to the School Office to let us know or leave your name on the PTA clipboard in the school entrance way.

The PTA would also really appreciate any further items of good quality uniform you no longer need, to sell on to other parents in school at very reasonable prices.

## School Intake September 2020

The process for school admissions for September 2020 is due to start soon - if you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who does not attend playgroup or nursery and intends to start at this school in September 2020, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.

## Cauliflower Cards

A reminder that any orders should be returned to school by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, with artwork and payment. Samples of completed cards and gift tags are on display in the entrance foyer should parents wish to see them.

## 'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



Please find a leaflet attached from the Samaritan's Purse organisation about the Shoe Box appeal, which we support annually. If you wish to make up a box we are able to accept these in school until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is enclosed within the shoe box. (Spare leaflets are available in the school entrance foyer).

## Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you so much for supporting us by purchasing books at our recent Book Fair – we were able to take **£366** of books in commission for the school, which is fantastic! This enabled us to give all of the classes the books they asked for on their class wish lists and extra books were also taken for the School Library. The children and staff are delighted!

Thank you!

**Aldi's Kit for Schools** We are collecting stickers for the Aldi Kit for Schools promotion which will give us a chance to win £20,000 and an exclusive sports kit. Please collect Team GB Stickers when you spend £30 in an Aldi store, and bring them in to school to add to our poster. Thank you.

## In-Service Day

A reminder that an In-Service Day is being held for staff on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Photograph Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day – staff only

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Holiday**

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> /Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Clubs start

**COALWAY COMMUNITY INFANT & COALWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**Coalway Road, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 7HL**

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 Head: Mrs F Hamilton

Junior School: (01594) 810271  
 Head: Mrs F White

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photographers from Academy Portraits are coming to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to take family/individual photographs of the children. We would be grateful if all children could wear a school sweatshirt on that day and bring in a comb/hairbrush if they need it.

**The photographers will be based in the JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL.**

Photographs will begin at 8.30 am and follow the programme below:

- **Families with pre-school children** who want a group photograph with an Infant and/or Junior School child
- **Infant + Junior groups**
- **Infant + Infant groups**
- **Infant individual photographs**
- **Junior + Junior groups**
- **Junior individual photographs**

With the early start for family group photographs, we are hoping that most of them will be taken before the bell goes for the start of the day. Infant School pupils should call in and register with their class teacher before going to the Junior School if they need to have a photograph taken with a pre-school child.

I would be grateful if you could fill in the reply slip below and return it to school as soon as possible to enable us to sort out the groups efficiently.

Yours sincerely,



**F S White**



**F Hamilton**

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**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER (ASAP)**

Name of Child: ..... Class: .....

All children will be photographed individually but please fill in the table below to indicate if a group photograph is required.

Infant School	Junior School
Name and class of child .....	Name and class of child .....
Name and class of child .....	Name and class of child .....
Name and class of child .....	Name and class of child .....

I do not wish my child to be photographed

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....