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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2017

Welcome back

... We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday!

Curriculum Topic Planners



Last term's topic continues until the end of this term for Classes 5 and 6. Classes 1 and 2 start a new topic of 'How Does It Work?' and Classes 3 and 4 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear'; parents should find topic planners attached. Spare copies of all planners are kept in the school entrance foyer.

Parents in Classes 1, 2, 5 and 6 will also find attached homework choices for the children for their new topics; we shall be sharing the children's fabulous work with their friends and teachers again this term and celebrating it on our homework walls.

R.E.A.D.

We are launching a new reading initiative this month called READ: '**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 today which we will then start stamping in school every time they read with you. Please see the letter attached which explains our READ project in more detail.

Remembrance Day Poppies



Poppies are on sale in school – available from the Office and in classrooms. Year 2 children will take the poppy tins around classes every day until Friday 10th November. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please send donations in with them (with wrist bands and reflectors being 50p and friendship bracelets and slap rulers being £1.00).

'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



Thank you to all those parents who have supported this appeal and made an individual box with their child/children. If you wish to make up a box we are able to accept these in school until **Thursday 16th November**. Spare leaflets are available from the school entrance foyer. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is enclosed within the shoe box.



Children in Need ... 'Do your thing'

We shall be raising money for Children in Need by holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 17th November**. This year's theme is 'Do your thing' so the School Council would like everyone to dress in something that they like to do out of school, for a donation of 50p per child. For example, their football kit, ballet clothes, brownies uniform, cycling clothes or even their swimming costumes (worn on top of other clothes obviously!)

We shall also be selling the official Children in Need **wristbands**. They will be available from the School Office, price £1.00 each, should you wish to purchase one for your child to wear on Children in Need day.

Friendship/'Pick me up' week



As last year, we will be holding a Friendship week next week, when we will be talking about rules, friendship, our behaviour towards others and reinforcing the Coalway Bees and our 'Pick me up' positive behaviour message. We will share our work with parents through our Coalway Kids' Newsletter and the school's website during anti-bullying week the following week.

In-Service Day

A reminder that an In-Service Day is to be held for staff on Monday 20th November.

Flu vaccination

The school Nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 21st November to undertake nasal flu vaccinations. In order for your child to receive the immunisation, parents should complete the online consent form via



the following link <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent>. If the consent form is not returned your child will not be able to have the vaccine.

Pantomime


On Wednesday 29th November a theatre group will be visiting school to perform the pantomime 'Aladdin' for the whole school. School fund is covering the cost of this fabulous experience for the children; there will be no charge to parents.

Photographs

Parents should have received proofs of photographs taken by Academy Portraits today, with ordering details. Any orders should be placed online or returned to school by Monday 13th November with payment.

Year 2 Clubs  started this week and **Let's Get Cooking Club**  next week.

Parents should have received letters last term with dates for their child to attend these clubs. Please ask at the School Office for any further information or Year 2 parents may check classroom windows for details of this term's clubs.

'Wake and Shake' Club  continues every Wednesday morning. 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.

Admission to the Junior School September 2018

Year 2 Parents should shortly be receiving a letter detailing the admissions process for transfer to the Junior School for next September. All Year 2 parents should complete the on-line application form by **15th January 2018** at the latest – full details within the Admissions letter.

School Intake September 2018

The same admission process applies to parents of pupils due to start school in September 2018. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2018, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.

Adverse Weather Conditions

As winter approaches please can we remind you about our general procedures regarding possible school closure in the event of severe weather:

1. Closure of the school will be posted on the school website www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk
2. If there is heavy snowfall overnight you will be contacted by text to your mobile phone by 8.15 a.m. the next day informing you of closure of the school.
3. If you have not received a text message you may check by telephoning the school after 8.30 a.m. to check if the school is open.
4. Listen to Radio Gloucestershire - FM 104.7 and/or Severn Sound - FM 102.4; AM 774. They will give news about school closures.
5. Access the Gloucestershire website to view the list of schools that are closed www.glosclosedschools.com
6. It may be necessary for the school to close during the course of the day. In that case, it is very important that we have an emergency contact number as a text message will be sent in the first instance.

Christmas Events

Please see 'Dates for the Diary' below for advance notice of forthcoming Christmas events, including concert and Christmas activity dates.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much for supporting us by purchasing books at our recent Book Fair – we were able to take **£381** 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!

Thank you also for your support in raising **£137.36** for the **Forest Food Bank** through our Harvest sale, as well as donating many food items for the Food Bank in Coleford.



Scholastic Book Club

Please find this month's leaflet attached - any orders should be returned to the school office by Friday 17th November. Thank you.

Cauliflower Cards We are expecting delivery to school before 1st December; we shall distribute any orders to parents as soon as we receive them.

Parking

May we remind parents to park considerately and without blocking home-owners' driveways on Holcot and Coalway Roads when delivering and collecting children from school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

Friday 17th Children in Need non-uniform day – 'Do your thing'

Monday 20th November In-Service Day – staff only

Tuesday 21st Nasal flu immunisation

Wednesday 29th Pantomime: Aladdin

December

Wednesday 6th Christmas Disco 6.00-7.15 p.m.

Friday 8th Christmas Fayre 2.00-3.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12th Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children 1.30 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal – Parents with Toddlers, school
(details to follow)

Wednesday 13th Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children 1.30 p.m.
Adults only (details to follow)

Thursday 14th Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children 9.30 a.m.
Adults only (details to follow)

Friday 15th Children's Christmas Dinner 12.00
Children's Christmas Parties 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 19th End of Term Christmas Service 1.00 p.m.
School finishes at 2.00 p.m.