



COALWAY COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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Staff News

Congratulations Miss Screen! Miss Screen has recently been appointed to a Senior Leadership position in a new school, starting in September. We are absolutely delighted for her on this achievement, although we will also be incredibly sad to see her go.

Miss Screen has been at Coalway for the past 8 years and has been an absolutely fantastic member of staff; she will be very sadly missed by us all. We would like to thank her for her dedication, hard work, care and commitment during her time with us. We are extremely grateful to her for the wonderful support she has given to so many of our pupils and families over the past 8 years and wish her the very best of luck in her new position. Until then, she is really looking forward to enjoying her last few weeks with us and the children. We are sure that parents would like to join us in congratulating Miss Screen on her new appointment!



We have therefore been busy appointing a new Class teacher this term and are delighted to inform you that Mrs Arnold will be joining us from September. Mrs Arnold is really looking forward to joining us and will be visiting school regularly in the coming weeks in preparation for next term and to spend time with her new class. We look forward to introducing her to you and the children very soon.

Mrs Arnold will be starting part-time from September for 2 days each week during term 1, and teaching full time from the start of Term 2. Mrs Nicholls will be teaching with Mrs Arnold during Term 1.

New Classes

The classes for September will be as follows:

Class 1 Mrs Gwynne

Class 2 Miss Roberts

Class 3 Mrs Grindle

Class 4 Mrs Arnold & Mrs Nicholls

Class 5 Mrs Burke

Class 6 Mr Hook



... so which class will my child be in?



Current Class 1 (Mrs Gwynne) will transfer to Class 3 – their Class Teacher will be Mrs Grindle

Current Class 2 (Miss Roberts) will transfer to Class 4 – their Class Teachers will be Mrs Arnold and Mrs Nicholls

Current Class 3 (Mrs Grindle) will transfer to Class 5 – their Class Teacher will be Mrs Burke

Current Class 4 (Mrs Burke) will transfer to Class 6 – their Class Teacher will be Mr Hook

The children are very excited to have met their new Class teachers outside already today! Mrs Arnold will be visiting on Friday to meet her new class.

Annual School Report & Parents' Evenings

Parents should have received their child's Annual School Report last week. Please do celebrate the children's reports with them and congratulate them for their many achievements this year! We are extremely proud of them.

Parents' evenings continue into this week, the final session taking place on Wednesday 7th July, 3.15-5.45p.m via Microsoft Teams. Appointments may be made via ParentMail.

COVID end of term guidelines

All of our current arrangements and organisation on site will continue until the end of term, Wednesday 21st July, as previously advised by Gloucester County Council. (The Juniors will continue with current arrangements until Friday 23rd July).

Therefore all of our Class bubbles with attached allocated staff will continue to the end of term, with no mixing outside of these bubbles. The virtual Office will remain in place and parents should also continue to wear masks at all times on site.

From September arrangements will change, in accordance with the Government's arrangements outlined yesterday. We will send parents further information regarding this before the end of term.

Thank you to all parents for your continued vigilance in following our site COVID guidelines, and being particularly mindful of COVID symptoms and notifying the school accordingly. Your support has been absolutely fantastic all year and supported us in keeping everyone across the site as safe as possible.

We are sure that parents will be aware of rising case numbers and school bubble closures within the local area; we would therefore ask you to please continue being so vigilant in looking out for symptoms and to keep us informed so that we can take appropriate action should the need arise.

To the end of this term, any events held in school will continue to be celebrated via Coalway Kids News or virtually. We are so sorry that we are unable to invite parents into school to be part of any of these this term due to the COVID restrictions and guidelines, but again will inform parents of intended changes next year once guidance is confirmed.



Sports Days

Each year group is holding their own Sports Day during their PE/active days sometime before the end of term, as the weather allows. Please look out for photos in Coalway Kids News later this term!

Concerts

Our Reception (Classes 1 & 2) and Year 2 (Classes 5 & 6) year groups are busy putting together virtual concerts for their parents at the moment – links to these will be sent home via ParentMail when they are ready! Our Year 2 children always produce a Leavers concert at the end of the year and Reception are also performing a concert as they missed their opportunity in March due to the school closure period.

Term Dates for next academic year

School finishes for the Summer holiday at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21st July.

The autumn term starts on Monday 6th September for Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Tuesday 7th September for Classes 1 & 2.

Term dates for next academic year are attached and also available on the school's website www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk All term dates are in conjunction with the Junior School and Coalway Early Years.

Autumn term menu

Please find the Autumn term menu attached for parents' information.

FSM eligibility

Your child might be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you think your child may be eligible please apply through this link

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Free School Meal support this Summer

This summer, Gloucestershire County Council is running two schemes for children eligible for Free School Meals: Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers and the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). The School Office will send information via ParentMail about the schemes to all eligible parents. Parents must sign up to the programmes to take part.

Free School Uniform

From this September we are able to offer any child eligible for Free School Meals a school jumper or cardigan free of charge. This offer may be redeemed at any time during the academic year, September 2021 – July 2022. The school will be informed by GCC of children's eligibility once parents have applied (see eligibility criteria above).

School Uniform

If you require any jumpers/cardigans for September please contact the School Office as soon as possible to ensure we have sufficient stock in school to process orders. Thank you.



May we take this opportunity to thank all of our families once again for your brilliant support during a very different school year this year, particularly with home learning during the school closure period. Despite the many challenges we have faced as adults, the children have had a happy and successful year and thoroughly enjoyed their time in school. We are hopeful that next year will be a more 'normal' one for everyone!

Summer Term ends Wednesday 21st July at 3.00 p.m.

Autumn Term Begins:

Monday 6th September for Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 7th September for Classes 1 & 2