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# NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

Welcome back...  
We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break

## Class Topics & Homework



Parents will find topic planners attached, giving details of the work that the children will be doing in their class over the next term as well as home learning choices for this term's topics. If required, spare copies are available in the entrance foyer or via the website. Topics are:

- Classes 1 & 2 'Q Pootle 5 calling Earth'
- Classes 3 & 4 'The Fantastic Forest'
- Classes 5 & 6 'Journey around the Globe'

The staff were delighted with the homework that the children completed last term; thank you once again for your support with this. We look forward to sharing the children's fabulous work with their friends and teachers again this term and celebrating it on our homework walls!

Thank you also to those parents who have further supported our curriculum work by sending in artefacts or related information during the course of the term – this is greatly appreciated and welcomed by the staff and children.

## Coalway Gardening Days!



We are hoping to have some gardening days in May if the weather is kind to us, when all staff and children across the school will be working in the school grounds, planting and improving our garden areas! We will let you know final dates via book bags or texts, as we would ideally like the children to come in to school in old comfortable clothes on these days. Wearing wellies or strong footwear may also be advisable in case we may get muddy! Details to follow.

## Admission to Infant & Junior School

Parents should have been notified on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April regarding school placements for September 2019 – for both Reception and Junior School places. We shall be holding a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May for parents of children due to start school in September 2019, with the Junior School holding a new intake meeting for parents in term 6 - details to follow.

## Attendance



We are extremely proud of **48** of our children who achieved 100% attendance for terms 3 and 4 – all will receive special certificates during assembly this week for such a fantastic achievement. Furthermore, another **58** children achieved attendance of 95% or better, meaning that overall **62%** of children in the school achieved attendance of 95% or better! Well done!

The school continues to monitor the children's attendance carefully. To ensure that parents are aware of their child's attendance to date parents will find attached a print out of their child's attendance, following on from the one we distributed in January. We would ask that you read this carefully and take notice of improvements or downward trends to January's printout. We would

hope that those children with noticeably lower attendance will be able to improve their percentage total during the remaining two terms of this academic year.

Your child's **percentage attendance** is identified on the printout and the percentage of **authorised** and **unauthorised absences** noted. Also listed is the **number of sessions** your child has attended – remember that there are two sessions per day, a morning and an afternoon session. If applicable, the number of **late** registration marks your child has had this year should also be easily identified.

It is important that all children arrive promptly every day and we would remind some parents that the teachers welcome the children into their classrooms from 8.50 a.m. ready for a 9.00 a.m. start. Classroom doors/outside area entrance gates are locked at 9.00 a.m. prompt. Any parent who is later than the 9.00 a.m. start should use the main entrance door and register their lateness with a reason at the School Office. Your attendance printout identifies the number of late registration marks your child has had this year.

The school monitors regularity of lateness and absence carefully, with referrals made for persistent absenteeism or lateness, the Government figure for persistent absence being below 90%.



### Term Dates for next academic year

Term dates for this and next academic year are available on the school's website [www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk). All term dates are in conjunction with the Junior School and Coalway Early Years.

### Holiday Absence Regulations

As from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holiday during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents will find full guidelines in our policy on the school's website, or alternatively may ask for a copy at the School Office.

### School Lunches Menu



A new dinner menu started on the first day back – copies of the Summer 2019 menu were sent home before the holiday, running to the end of this academic year. If parents need a fresh copy, spare menus are available in the School Entrance Foyer, or on the school website.

### Uniform Price Increase

Should parents wish to purchase any new uniform, please note that there has been a price increase on the following items from the 31<sup>st</sup> March:

Cardigans £9.95

Sweatshirts £8.95

Reversible waterproof coat £19.50

### Scholastic Book Club



Please find this month's leaflet attached. We would ask that all orders are returned to the School Office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### Wake and Shake



A reminder that this popular club runs every Wednesday morning between 8.30 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. All welcome.

### Site Safety

May we politely remind a minority of parents that access and parking on site is restricted to staff and authorised users only. It has been noted that some parents have been 'tail gating' cars that are authorised to enter and park on the school site which is compromising safety. We would ask parents to ensure that all family members who drop off or collect children from school are made aware of the above.

### Head Lice

Information on Head Lice is published in the newsletter at the beginning of every other term in line with the advice issued by the Gloucestershire Health Protection Unit. **It is each parents' responsibility to check hair at least once a week and to treat if necessary.** Please find below Local Authority information which we advise parents to read carefully.

The advice, briefly, is as follows:-

- An attempt should be made to remove the head lice by repeated combing of wet hair using a plastic head louse detector comb. Combs are available from pharmacies. Plastic head louse detector combs must be used.
- If this fails to clean the headlice infestations, parents should contact the Health Centre (0300 4218850) for a recommended lotion or further advice can be obtained from the school nurse on the same number.

It is most important that .....

- you check your child(ren)'s hair on a regular basis and follow this advice
- long, loose hair should be tied back to reduce the risk.

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Thank you to the children, all parents and families who supported our many events and activities last term to boost school funds or charity collections... and a special thank you to the staff for their hard work in organising and running some of these events.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day raised an incredible **£287!** Thank you to everyone for your generous donations which enabled us to achieve such a fantastic total!

**£434** was raised through the **Easter disco**



We were also particularly proud of our Reception children for producing such fantastic concerts for their parents and families. Well done children!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### May

Gardening Days – dates to be confirmed

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

**May Day Bank Holiday**  
New Intake meeting  
Class & Leavers photos  
End of term

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Holiday**

### June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

In-Service Day  
Return to school