



Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really festive final week in school and the children have been having a great time. The Christmas Carol Concert was incredible and the singing and speaking was so clear and loud! The Robins acted so well and the Nativity tableau was wonderful. I'd like to once again thank all the staff and children for putting on such a performance and rising to the challenge as always.

We have also had some great news regarding the rising standards in school. In the latest Y6 league tables, Coaley came 3rd in writing and 9th in reading out of 286 primary schools in Gloucestershire – which is incredible!! This is such an amazing achievement and just goes to show how quickly standards are rising and that the school is on the right path to getting to where we all want it to be.

Also, I'd like to say many thanks to all the parents who turned up to the Parents' Forum on Tuesday for coffee and a mince pie or two. We talked about many of the positives in school, what you'd like to see more of, as well as homework. We will be formulating the school's approach to homework over the next term, making sure that we work together so that your child achieves their very best. It was good to hear a range of views and to talk through what we have currently got right as well as some things that you are not so keen on. We will be sharing our approach more fully next term, as we consult staff and make sure that our approach to home learning not only supports your child but is manageable for the staff too.

The next Parents' Forum will be in Term 3 where I'd like to discuss an enrichment week on an environmental theme for the summer term, and how you can get involved and what you'd like to see happen. I will give out a date early next term. If you can't make any of the Forums, then you are very welcome to call, email or grab me when I'm in school to add your views.

And finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to Vicki Smith who has been such an asset to the school and the children in the Robins. She is a very skilled TA/teacher and will be Lakefield's gain. I know all the children and staff will miss her terribly and we wish her all the very best of luck in her new promotion. Luckily for Coaley, we have secured Rebecca Street as our new TA for the Robins class who will be starting on the 6th January. She interviewed really well and I know that she'll make a really great addition to the Coaley team.

I hope that you all have a great Christmas break and enjoy all the festivities. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th January.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Carol Service

Thank you to all of the family and friends who attended our Carol Service on Monday. The children were amazing and did us proud. Thank you also to Mr Hitchings for all the wonderful pictures some of which you can see below:



Another plea from school council!

We are in the process of trying to secure some more money for our school library so that we can spend more on the books (and what's a library without books?). We would really like to make it a beautiful, immersive space for everyone to truly access the escapism that books can provide. For this to happen, we'd like some bespoke furniture that only a professional carpenter can provide. We were wondering if you or anyone could recommend a local carpenter who could help us build our vision?

Thank you again for your help,

School Council

Please note, PE Days:

- Tuesday – Owls Forest School (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag)
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- Thursday – Robins (arrive in PE kit)

*******REMINDERS*******

Please remember if your child has a head bump at school the lower section of the red head bump form must be returned to school the very next day. Thank you.

Can we make a polite request that all cheques are made out to Coaley Primary Academy School.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Theo, Ben, Oscar
Owls: Ava, Aidan, Andrew

Attendance:

Robins –96.9%
Owls – 94.8%

Truth :

Values Certificates:

Robins: Jessica
Owls: Amelia

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Ffion for working out problems relating to time.
Owls: William for working hard and persevering during maths lesson, especially when using co-ordinates.

CLUBS: Term 3 for 5/6 WEEKS

Tuesday: Multi Skills (All) - (lunchtime), Forest School 3:15pm -4:30pm,

Thursday: Sports Club (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) 3:15pm - 4:00pm, Arts & Crafts Club (All) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Friday: Drama Club (lunchtime), Fun & Games Friday (YR,Y1,Y2) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

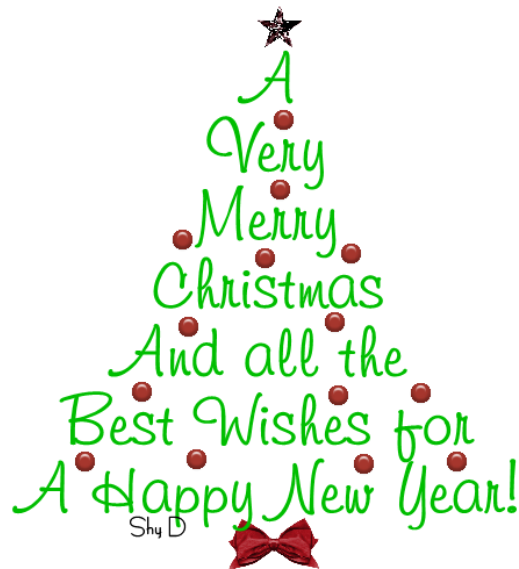
Dates for your Diary

Inset Day – Monday 6th January 2020

FOCS Dates

Coaleyfest - Saturday 20th June 2020

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



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We Respect

We Belong