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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is well and truly upon us and all the children have settled into the routine of learning loads and being outside really well. I can't believe that it's only one more week until half term. Luckily, we still have lots of lovely learning to do in the meantime.

We are looking forward to the usual summer activities next term, especially to give the Year 6 children the send-off they deserve, despite COVID restrictions. Alas, we are still under the same guidance as we were before so we are still living with bubbles, wearing masks, having tight timetables and limited options with what we can do. We have no news yet on when this will change but I will let you know as soon as I know. However, we have planned a special activities week for the Owls to compensate for not having their usual residential trip this year. Mrs Lowe will be sending out a letter before half term to explain what is going to happen and what the children will be doing.

As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, we are also having a special environmental/arts themed week from 12th July. We are inviting in artists and the local community to give the children a really great arty experience. Coaley CAN are getting involved so they can share their passions and love of the environment with the children. We are really looking forward to a great and different week for everyone. We are firming up arrangements next week so if any of you wish to join in, then please let us know.

It's also wonderful to share special moments that children achieve outside of school too. If your child has a trophy or medal for a sporting achievement, or has done something amazing at home with Lego, then send in your photos or medals to share as we love seeing what the children achieve in and out of school.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Stranger Danger

Due to a recent incident in the local district, we ask that all parents discuss with their children "Stranger Danger". With half term coming up and children need their independence to grow and develop it seems even more pertinent to visit the subject. The NSPCC have some great information on their website about this. Click on this link to read more <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

Village Shop Time Capsules

We were asked by Mr Caldwell if we would like to create a time capsule to build into the fabric of the village shop. The builder's thought it was an excellent idea and are keen to make it happen.

The children have enjoyed it immensely and all classes have contributed. We linked it to the curriculum and our history topics, celebrating influential people and what we might find if we were to open a capsule from the past.

We also created diary entries, drawings and included a mention of our lockdown days.

Thank you to Mr Caldwell for asking us to take part. We have had a lot of fun!



EYFS Outdoor Improvements

During the half term holiday Mark, who completes our maintenance, will be revamping the outdoor EYFS area.

We are planning on a sandpit and raised bark and play area. We would also like to have a new mud kitchen like this one which Mark built for another school. He tells us that most of the wood he used were offcuts from pieces of decking and fencing.

We are hoping you may be able to help us by making donations to complete this project so if you have any unused pieces of wood at home which might be of no use any more, please contact Mrs Astley. We are also in need of an old sink and taps and any donations will be very much appreciated.



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Toby, Sasha, Stephanie

Starlings: Andrew

Owls: William, Molly

Values Certificates:

Robins: Elise

Starlings: Freddie

Owls: Ronin

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Finley for excellent handwriting in phonics this week.

Starlings: Thomas for developing his vocabulary and using it in his writing.

Owls: Jamie for working really hard when adding fractions.

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