



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all getting used to the new lockdown 2.0 and aren't having to make too many changes in your usual routines. I want to say a HUGE thank you to all of you for putting on facemasks and helping us keep safe and well at Coaley. It's strange to think that this time last year we wouldn't have dreamed of wearing one and now it's just something that we do and have got used to doing. Speaking to lots of people, I find that many of us have ones in the car, at home and in pockets so we don't get caught out. I think I might have to buy some more FGR ones so I don't get stuck without one!

The term has started really well and the children have been bright and cheerful, learning loads and enjoying being with their friends again. Mrs Hancock and myself spent a morning this week looking at reading across the school and the children at Coaley are definitely enthusiastic readers. They love having their daily stories and reading lessons, where they get to dive deeper into books and discuss about characters and what is going on. The children can see the importance of reading and know how much it helps them in all other subjects they study. I know that reading is such a big part of our school's ethos and we will do everything we can to make sure your child can read to the best of their ability. Thank you for all your support in making this happen.

I hope you all have a peaceful weekend and the weather stays dry so at least we can safely get outside, observing good social distancing of course.

Take care and stay safe.

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

## The Wonder Wander

A further reminder of the Churches Together competition for the **Wonder Wander Nativity Discovery Trail**. This is an opportunity for children to draw a character from the nativity, Jesus, Mary, Joseph or even one of the animals. The winning figure will be displayed in life size on a trail to local businesses, in December. Later, on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December they will all be bought together outside in Cam and Dursley. Entries can be submitted at various points (stated on the bottom of the form) or the children can bring them back to school no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Council 2020/21



Meet the school council for the academic year of 2020 and 2021. They have now secured some funding for books for the new library and are working hard to draw a list together of all of the books all of the children would like to choose and read. They are doing a great job!



### Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Leo, Ellanore

Starlings: Poppy

Owls: Harry M

### Values Certificates:

Robins: Cooper

Starlings: Lewis

Owls: Sam

### Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Elise for explaining perfectly a mistake in maths –  $47 + 5$  is not 4012.

Starlings: Freddie for not giving up on his “deepen it” even though it involved lots of trial and error.

Owls: Sammy for always having a “can do” attitude.

**WE ARE COALEY ~ We Believe**

**We Respect**

**We Belong**