



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've made it to the end of a long term and it has certainly been one of the strangest terms I have ever known in my entire teaching career. I'd first of all like to say thank you to you all for bearing with us and supporting the school during the choppy post-lockdown waters. It has not been easy to cope with different procedures and protocols but we have loved having your children back at Coaley and they are all learning loads and really enjoying being with their friends again.

I'd also like to thank all the staff for being truly magnificent, coping with every chop-and-change that has come their way. We are very lucky at Coaley to have such brilliant staff and I know that they always have your child's best interests at heart and only ever want the best for them. We are very blessed to have such a strong team.

I hope you all have a restful half term and try to do some exciting and maybe a bit different with your children (with suitable social distancing of course). It's a good time to regroup and collect your thoughts on what we've been through and to look forward to the festivities and joy at Christmas – which is only 62 days away!

Take care and see you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the new times!

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

## The Wonder Wander

In book bags yesterday were details of a 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.



**New Drop off and Pick up times – Term 2**

	<b>Drop-off:</b>	<b>Pick up:</b>
Robins	8.50am	3.10pm
Starlings	8.45am	3.15pm
Owls	8.40am	3.20pm

**Stranger Danger**

Due to a recent incident in the Stroud District, we ask that all parents discuss with their children “Stranger Danger”. Half term is here and the nights are drawing in and with children needing 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/>

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellie, Zeliha

**Starlings:** Ben

**Owls:** Rosa, Jamie

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Dakota

**Starlings:** Jasmine

**Owls:** Lara

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Leo for the great progress he’s made this term in English.

**Starlings:** Anna-Mae for really putting her mind to everything she does at school and at home and not giving up.

**Owls:** Ronin for his hard work when writing a mystery story. You made sure that you included all of our success criteria. Well done!