



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the loosening of lockdown and getting things back to some sort of normal soon. We have had no additional news yet from the Department for Education on how it will affect us in school but I will let you know as soon as I hear more.

The children have been working hard this week and have been getting into new routines and learning loads in their lessons. We had a visitor from the DGAT Central Team, Mrs Leahy, whose job it is to monitor how well all DGAT schools are doing. I wanted to let you know that we had a really positive visit and report. One of the main things it said is that the teachers and TAs are doing a really good job in helping children learn loads. One of the most pleasing things for me was the children's behaviour and attitudes that shone out. The children spoke to Mrs Leahy in lessons, at breaktime and at lunchtime. They said that they respect each other, that adults really take time to understand them learn and that they get lots of support. One child said that the school was already perfect when asked how it could improve. We know that we may be a small school but we have huge ambitions for the children at Coaley. We are looking forward to continuing our drive to improve the school further and, with lockdown opening, we are also looking forward to the exciting Arts Week and Owls PGL week at the end of Term 6.

On a slightly different note: there is still time to submit an application to become one of our wonderful Parent Governors. You get to play a vital role in keeping the school moving forwards and improving. It's not overly onerous but is a chance to get involved in the running of your child's school. Please contact Clair Hawes [clerk@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk) to find out more details.

Richard Lucas  
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## Prayer Garden Competition

The school council met with Mr Lucas this week to discuss and deliberate over all of the amazing competition entries to design a Prayer Garden. **Thank you** to everyone who entered. You all put in a great amount of effort and there are some fantastic ideas, many of which will be used to create a calm and relaxing space for all to enjoy. A letter will be sent out later today from the school council announcing the winners and prizes will be awarded in next week's celebration worship.



### After School Club

We are now in the third week of term and it is lovely to see and hear the children in the hall at the end of the school day in our new after school club. Miss Payne is doing a great job of keeping the children entertained with fun and engaging activities and a healthy snack to keep the energy levels up. From planting to painting, arts and crafts, it's clear to see they are all having a great time and enjoying the wide range of activities on offer.



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellanore

**Starlings:** Oliver

**Owls:** Phoebe

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Leo

**Starlings:** Andrew

**Owls:** Lucas B

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ffion for excellent reasoning about how conjunctions can change the meaning of a sentence.

**Starlings:** Oscar for brilliant maths work and helping his friends with theirs.

**Owls:** Harry P for showing determination in your maths work. Well done!

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