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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to warmly welcome you back to the start of the new year and hope you all had a restful and relaxing holidays (or are ready to rest and relax now!).

The children have settled in really well and it's been wonderful to see and hear all the children and staff working so hard and learning loads from the first day. We've got lots of things going on this year and I will share with you the main themes and what our priorities are to be in the coming weeks. One little secret we are all very excited about is to develop children's love of reading and turning the library into a magical place for children to go and read. So, if anyone has any expertise in this area, we'd love to hear from you. Children's reading is a gateway into the world and will be an absolute priority this year in school.

I have also made a promise that I will be outside at the beginning and end of the day if I'm in school (and not stuck in a meeting!) so you can see and speak to me any time I'm here. I intend being in school for one whole day and 3 part days, spending a similar whole day at Uplands. That way I'm in Coaley for 50% of my time. There are times when I have to go to meetings and Ofsted training and inspections but I hope to keep these to a minimum. I'm hoping that Tuesday will become my whole day in Coaley, although this is likely to change over the next few weeks as the term settles. Otherwise, if you need to get an urgent message to me, then you can always contact Mrs Astley in the Office. We have an open door policy and we will be honest and open with you. We will share information with you about what we're doing and I also want to find out what your dreams and ambitions are for the school. With that in mind, I'd like to invite any of you who can come to sit and chat and have a cup of coffee and cake on Tuesday 7th October at 9.00am so I can share with you our news and find out what you want for Coaley.

Coaley really is a magical school with such ambition and potential. I'm really looking forward to being on that journey with you all.

Attendance

A little reminder that any absence from school means that your child will miss valuable learning time. There is so much going on in school, I wouldn't want your child to miss out and get left behind with their learning due to not being in school. If you do need to take your child out of school, please can you make sure that Mrs Astley knows in the Office and complete the absence request form. If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please can you ring the Office by 9.30am and every subsequent day that they remain away from school.

Apologies

The letter given to Y5 and Y6 regarding whether children can walk home had a slight error on it. It should have said that both Y5 AND Y6s are able to walk home with your permission.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

