



## Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a calm and stress-free week and are looking forward to a relaxing weekend with some treats.

This week, I've definitely been noticing more and more Christmas adverts appearing on TV and social media and this has got us all thinking in school about the run up to the end of term and all the lovely Christmas joy we have got planned. However, this year we are still facing the problem of a high number of cases of COVID in Gloucestershire and the COVID restrictions we have had to put in place. This means that we are having to rethink how we do some of Christmas this year so we don't spoil anyone's Christmas with COVID and to keep everyone safe. So this year, for Christmas, we will be doing the following to ensure we all have a happy, safe Christmas:

- The Christmas disco has been rearranged for 1<sup>st</sup> April – no joke! This is to avoid any large gatherings as it states in our COVID risk assessment.
- We will still be performing a Christmas Play but we have made the decision to record it instead as we just cannot risk large gatherings in Church to watch it. We will video the children performing and singing and post the play online, via Google Classrooms, in the last week of term.
- Father Christmas will still make a guest appearance but probably in separate classes, rather than altogether
- Christmas dinner will still take place but this will more likely be in separate places. We will still make it fun for each class.
- We will close school an hour early on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will mean that 3.10pm will be 2.10pm for the Robins and 3.15pm will be 2.15pm for the Starlings and Owls. We will still remain open for those who have childcare arrangements for the normal end of day. However, after school club will close at 4.00pm on the last day of term.
- Also, due to the current restrictions in place, all clubs will be cancelled this term to avoid mixing of classes.

I'm also asking as a polite reminder not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times. The zig-zags are there to keep our children safe so please do not use them as a car parking space. We have lots of on-street parking although I appreciate that the walk might be a bit longer than some would like. I will be approaching cars who park there and politely asking them to move on.

Recently, we've noticed that the area by the Trim-Trail is getting muddy and dangerous again. To help avoid any slipping accidents, we are going to send the Starlings out into the Playground by the lower gate, where they came out before. Please can parents congregate in the Playground to avoid muddying up the grass near the Trim-Trail and making it a dangerous place to stand.

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

**Cake Sale – Message from the School Council**

We would like to inform you that we are doing a cake sale after school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. If you are willing to donate a cake for us to sell, we would be very thankful.

Cakes can be homemade or bought ready-made and It would be lovely if you could drop them off on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

These donations are going towards raising money for our school. The cake sale will be taking place outside in the playground at pick up time on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you so much

*From school council*



**Longfield Reindeer Romp – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Hello



**What is the Longfield Reindeer Romp?**

The fundraising elves are already hard at work organising this fun and festive 5k walk, jog or run through [Stratford Park](#). The park is a 56 acre Green Flag Award park just outside the centre of Stroud. Pop on your free antlers and join in with your friends, family, and even your dog! You'll be awarded a medal and hot chocolate at the finish line.

Additionally, you can choose to take part in the event virtually. Challenge yourself to a 5k route of your choice. We'll simply send out your event pack (including reindeer boppers, medal, and hot chocolate) to you via post.

**Contact Longfield Hospice for more information**

**Stranger Danger**

Due to a recent incident in the Stroud District, we ask that all parents discuss with their children "Stranger Danger". 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/>

**Families Gloucestershire Magazine**

Here is the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2021](#) .  
The magazine features information about upcoming local activities for children as well as activities and information for families for the Christmas period.



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**  
  
Robins: Spencer  
  
Starlings: Leo  
  
Owls: Harry M

**Values Certificates:**  
  
Robins: Jack  
  
Starlings: Stephie and Clementine  
  
Owls: Bella

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**  
  
Robins: Beatrix for using maths resources to prove why Colin was wrong  
  
Starlings: Clementine for having a can do attitude in English  
  
Owls: Declan for working hard in maths lessons this week.

**Please help!** - We are still looking for a Chair, Secretary and Volunteers to help run events to raise money for resources for school. Please come and speak to us if you are interested in offering some time to organise some fun events and raise funds for the benefit of the children.

**December Dates**

- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Cake sale, Please bring some cakes for the school council to sell.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisation. Forms have been sent out to parents. Please let us know if you haven't received one.
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch – Details to follow.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term – School will close an hour early.

*Please note- Dates and times are subject to change, and depend on Covid restriction updates. We will advise you of any changes as soon as possible.*

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