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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a positive week and have been enjoying the excitement of the Euros, even if you have no interest in football. The children have been very excited and many have been singing, cheering and chanting, especially this week. Moments like this can inspire children and the message from the England team for me has been about not being defined by the past or by past-mistakes but by the possibilities of what the future may bring. I think that there are endless opportunities for the Year 6 children to grasp as they move on to secondary school and I know that they will all step up to the challenge with everything that we have all given them.

Talking of challenges: The Owls have been having their 'Residential' this week, and they have been taking part in activities that we have found to best try and match their traditional residential week away. They had a wheels-day on Monday where they brought in bikes/scooters and go-carts from home; they then went and camped out on Monday night (in all that rain!), and then had a day at Raffles Forest Schools; on Wednesday, they went for a local walk past some scary-looking cows; they had a great day at the climbing centre on Thursday; and they had fencing on Friday. It's important for us all that children leave Coaley with memories to last a lifetime and we all hope that the Year 6's will treasure their time with us.

We are still planning that parents can attend Sports Day on Monday 19th July and the long-range weather forecast is looking positive so far. Unfortunately, we do have to adhere to a strict one parent (or grandparent/auntie/uncle) per child policy for the morning and/or afternoon session. This also means that we cannot have any toddlers or younger children accompanying you on this day. We will aim for the Robins' Sports day to start at 10.00am and the Starlings and Owls will start at 1.30pm; both should last for about an hour and a half. We have to be strict on numbers as we are following Gloucestershire County Council guidance. The COVID rules in schools will not be changing this term, even if the rules will be different for the rest of the country.

To clarify: everyone will be required to:

- Register with us for track and trace as you come onto the school field
- Hand sanitise as you enter the school field
- Sit in a chair that will be socially distanced
- Remain in the chair for the entire time – you are allowed to stand up!
- Shout loudly and cheer on all the children!

I apologise for the measures we need to put in place to do this but I want to do everything I can to avoid spoiling anyone's holiday plans.

We are also looking forward to our Arts/Environmental week next week. There is a timetable for the week attached. I wanted to say a HUGE thank you for the artists, environmentalists and parent volunteers (as well as supporters from Coaley) for making it such a packed and exciting week for the children.

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Arts and Environment Week 12th – 16th July

Day	am/pm	Robins	Starlings	Owls
Monday	am	Claire Hill from Paint a Pot in Nailsworth is working with all of the children (in bubbles) to create a display in school by each child painting a tile based on “What Coaley means to you”.		
	pm	Designing bags from recyclable materials.	Redwing Gate - Tour & sustainability talk, to learn about hedgehog highways.	Designing hats from recyclable materials.
Tuesday	am	Paint a Pot – Finishing tiles for Claire to take away for firing. Finished display is due in new academic year.		
	pm	Coaley CAN Bug Hotel Building – all classes to take part at various points in the afternoon.		
	pm	PE/Forest School – with input to the Bug Hotel.	Designing jewellery from recycled materials.	Virtual Knex Competition Celebration.
Wednesday	am	Creating their bag designs.		Bikeability (small groups) Steel Pan Workshop.
	am/pm	Miss Lauren Burley – Rednock Art Teacher and inspiring artist will be providing virtual lessons for the children to create a 3D piece of art to be displayed within school, based on the environment and the life who thrive within it.		
	pm		Creating their jewellery designs.	Bikeability (small groups) Steel Pan Workshop.
Thursday	am	More from Miss Burley’s virtual lessons to finish insects and animals for the display.	Steel Pan Workshops – Mrs Holmes is our music teaching volunteer. An amazing musical experience of how beautiful sounds can be created by recycled materials.	Bikeability (small groups) Creating their hat designs.
	pm	Balinese (Monkey Chant) with Mrs Holmes.	PE/Creative Forest School lesson.	Bikeability (small groups) PE/Creative Forest School lesson.
Friday	am	Fashion Show – The Robins bag creations.	Fashion Show – The Starlings jewellery creations.	Fashion Show – The Owls hat creations.
	Pm	Celebration Worship & Bikeability Certificate Presentation.		

Coaley Produce Show

The Coaley Produce Show is on schedule to take place on Saturday 4th September at 2pm. We are very fortunate to be invited to take part every year in the Children’s Classes and submit entries to win the infants and juniors Centaur Cups. This year the junior’s entries are – To make a wind sock from a plastic bottle, recycling a plastic bottle into a wind sock by redesigning it perhaps as a fish, butterfly or aeroplane. The Starlings class was an array of colour as they created their designs earlier this week. The Robins class will be working on their entries next week. For more information on the show please follow the link <http://www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk/2021show>



Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Magazine Gloucestershire](#). This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including holiday activities, summer learning, health and family food.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Stephie, Cooper

Starlings: Ben

Owls: All of Owls

Values Certificates:

Robins: Ellanore

Starlings: Freddie

Owls: Molly

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Daniel for subtraction within 5 in maths.

Starlings: Anna-Mae for having a brilliant week, trying her best and helping her peers when they are stuck.

Owls: Jamie for showing determination at the climbing wall and reaching the top of the ladder.

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July Dates

Monday 12th July till Friday 16th July – Whole School Arts & Environment week

Wednesday 14th July till Friday 16th July – Bikeability for Y6

Monday 19th July – Sports Day (Robins 10am-11.30am, Starlings and Owls 1.30pm-3pm)

Wednesday 21st July – Last day of term (leavers service 1pm)

FOCS Future Events:

We need a new FOCS team for September 2021!.....please contact Mrs Astley if you are interested in offering some time to organise some fun events and raise funds for the benefit of the children.

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.