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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week and are surviving the joys of our latest lockdown. Once again I wanted to say thank you to everyone for wearing face-masks for pickup and drop-off times. The slightly longer times between each class leaving and arriving is also helping to keep the school as safe as we can and avoid those bottlenecks that we were finding before.

We've continued to be outside as much as we can and thank you for bringing in wellingtons or old shoes to wear on the field. We have asked our 'resident maintenance operative' person (Mark) to make some wellie racks for every child to store their wellingtons at school and these are in the process of being put together, which will certainly make the carpets in school a bit cleaner.

We love being outside at Coaley and we are very lucky that every child gets a weekly dose of Forest School. I have been to check out what they are learning this week and the children have been making things, drilling things and clearing out the stinky pond, all under the watchful eye of Emma - our Forest School leader. The children learn loads from these extra opportunities such as how to work together, how to persevere at a task and how to clean a stinky pond! All of these are good life skills to have.

Sadly, Mrs Squire will be leaving us at the end of next week to pursue new adventures and we wish her every success in her future endeavours. She has brought a wide range of skills to Coaley and her sporting prowess and passion for outside play will be sorely missed. I'm sure that all of you will all want to wish her your very best wishes too.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and enjoy some of the hopefully sunny weather.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Message from Museum in the Park – Big Green Draw Climate of Change Activity

Just thought you might like a copy of our Big Draw 'butterflies from nature' activity to share with your pupils and their families.

We're making butterflies because they symbolise positive change and transformation. Butterflies and moths are also sensitive indicators of the health of our environment. Here in Stratford Park special planting schemes (sometimes simply allowing wildflowers and 'weeds' to grow freely) have encouraged many different types of butterflies and moths to return and thrive in recent years.

An activity guide is attached and artist Susie Walker has also made a short film with ideas:

<https://museuminthepark.org.uk/big-draw-climate-of-change>

We'd be very pleased if some of you can take part and enjoy this simple but creative and thoughtful activity.

Mrs Squire Leaving

Mrs Squire will be leaving the Coaley family next week. We are really sad to be seeing her go. Mrs Squire has made a huge contribution to the sports and outdoor play in the school. Owls class have an amazing den in their section of the field that she helped to build during the summer term. Thank you Mrs Squire and good luck in your new adventures.



Proud Cloud Certificates:
Robins: Clementine
Starlings: Andrew
Owls: Declan

Values Certificates: Humility
Robins: Stephanie
Starlings: Joseph
Owls: Scarlett

Growth Mindset Certificates:
Robins: Finley for growing in confidence in all aspects of school life.
Starlings: Thomas for putting his mind to everything all week.
Owls: Bella for having a really positive attitude towards her maths this week, especially "secure it" questions.