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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the Spring term. I always feel that this is the term when loads of learning gets done. The children know the routines and expectations; the teachers know the children really well; and the children's learning builds on all the firm foundations learnt in the autumn term.

We spent the INSET day on Monday planning the curriculum at Coaley, making sure that the children are being taught the right things, at the right time, in the right way. We have all decided that we want to teach in a thematic way. This means using topics such as Egyptians or Space to ensure the children learn their subjects in depth and have the knowledge they need to go on and be successful at secondary school. We will be piloting the new curriculum in the summer term and I will share what this involves soon.

In the week commencing 6th July we will be holding an enrichment week. During this week, we will be exploring our learning in a different way, mixing up teaching, inviting visitors in and dropping out of our normal curriculum to do things differently. Our theme will be on the environment and saving the planet. To do this properly, we want to work with the whole of the Coaley community to make this a week to remember. We might do some fundraising, campaigning, building things, cooking things, painting things, all in the name of saving our planet. If you'd like to get involved, please can you let me know and I will arrange a Parents' Forum meeting this term so we can talk through our ideas.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Future newsletters

Following a suggestion at the parent's forum last term we have decided to stop printing the newsletter as a hard copy. This is to help reduce our resources at school and make us more sustainable. I am sure you will all agree this is the right move in the current world climate. If anyone specifically requires a hard copy following this one, then please speak to Mrs Astley or Mrs Oxley and they will organise this for you. Thank you for your support.

Governors

There have been a few changes to the governing body over the past few months. We have a new chair person, Carol O'Donnell, who kindly put herself forward when the previous chair came to the end of his run. Carol was an existing member of the Local Governing Body (LGB) here at Coaley so is already familiar with the school and the direction in which we are heading. All information relating to the LGB is on the school website including minutes of meetings and a complete list of who is on the board.

Church Service

We started this term with a service in St Barts church on Thursday. The children were asked to lay down stars to help guide the wise man on their journey to meet the baby Jesus. Once again the children were impeccably behaved and did their school proud.

Cross country

The next cross country competition is upon us. Please can all the children involved meet at KLB at 9.00 ready to start. Years 5/6 can wear spikes if they have them and all the children are allowed to wear football boots as the ground will be very wet and muddy (sounds like fun to me!). A big good luck to all the children and we look forward to reporting on this next week.

Emergency School Closure

In preparation for the potential bad weather, please read the information below to ensure you are aware of our procedures should we have to close the school.

Our priority is the safety of the children. In the event of adverse weather conditions we will make every effort to remain open. We take the view that closing the school can disrupt teaching and learning as well as inconveniencing parents and carers.

The decision to close the school will review a number of factors:

- The conditions on site are considered too dangerous – this will include heating and utility factors caused by adverse weather.
- The conditions traveling to and from the school site are considered too dangerous or likely to worsen.
- We receive advice and recommendations from other agencies, including Gloucestershire County Council, local emergency services or transport agencies.
- We are unable to get a sufficient number of staff to the school site to operate safely.

On those occasions where the weather closes in overnight, a decision will be made as early as possible or by 7:30am at the latest. Sometimes, the weather may worsen during the school day. We will notify you of an early closing time should this be the case.

Notification of a school closure will be sent to you directly via Parent Mail – please ensure the school office have an up to date telephone and email contact. A list of school closures will also be available on the Gloucestershire County Council website – <http://www.glosclosedschools.com>, BBC Radio Gloucester 104.7FM, Heart Radio Station 102.4FM.

Please note, PE Days:

- Tuesday – Owls Forest School (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag)
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- Thursday – Robins (arrive in PE kit)

*******REMINDERS*******

Please remember if your child has a head bump at school the lower section of the red head bump form **must be returned to school** the very next day. Thank you.

Can we make a polite request that all cheques are made out to Coaley Primary Academy School.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Theo, Stephanie, Clementine.
Owls: Erika, Lucas, Molly, Ronin, Liam, Harry, Jamie, Sam, Lewis.

Attendance:

Robins –97%
Owls – 95%

Compassion :

Values Certificates:
Robins: Ffion
Owls: Iyla

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Anna-Mae for practising her multiplication statement at home!

Owls: Declan for working really hard this week. Well done for putting in 100% of effort.

CLUBS: Term 3 for 5/6 WEEKS

Tuesday: Multi Skills (All) - (lunchtime), Forest School 3:15pm -4:30pm,

Thursday: Sports Club (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) 3:15pm - 4:00pm, Arts & Crafts Club (All) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Friday: Drama Club (lunchtime), Fun & Games Friday (YR,Y1,Y2) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Dates for your Diary

Celebration Worship – Friday 17th January – 2:45pm

Church Worship – Thursday 6th February – 9:00am

FOCS Dates

Coaleyfest - Saturday 20th June 2020

Please note - Dates and times are subject to change, we will update you as soon as possible.

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We Respect

We Belong