



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a positive week and keep remembering to find those moments of joy in each day. I often find it in children laughing and giggling or seeing the whole school playing outside at lunchtimes. Last Friday lunchtime, the Owls created a fantastic den in the field and it was such a joy seeing their enthusiasm and teamwork bringing it altogether.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Zoom Parents' forum last Friday – thank you for those who attended and for those who gave their apologies. We talked about the new approach to remote learning and how we will carry on with your child's learning if we have a school lockdown, a class is required to close or individual families need to self-isolate. There were also Gmail and Google Classroom details sent out to you last week so you can set up a Gmail account and access Google Classroom. Please see Jackie in the Office if you need any further information.

A couple of concerns were also raised from parents about keeping you all safe and making sure that you are safely distancing at collection and drop-off times. As a result, we will be changing the timings after half term to create more space around the school and to keep you safe. As before, please drop-off at the later times for siblings in the morning and the earlier class times for collecting in the afternoon.

	<b>Drop-off:</b>	<b>Pick up:</b>
Robins	8.50am	3.10pm
Starlings	8.45am	3.15pm
Owls	8.40am	3.20pm

Some parents also asked if I can suggest that parents wear face-masks on the school site. I will not be making masks compulsory yet but can I politely ask you to wear a mask and stay well-distanced from one another as much as possible when you're on the school site.

As you should now know, parents' evening will be via a phone-call this year as we cannot welcome you into school. I hope you have received the letter about how this will work and to contact Jackie Astley in the Office to book your preferred time. We are doing this over two weeks because we only have one phone line in school and the mobile phone reception in school is pretty terrible!

Also, I wanted to remind you that half term starts at the end of next week and we have two INSET days wrapping around the half term week. We will finish on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October as the school will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for staff training. We will welcome all the children back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the new times.

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

**Robins busy work**

The Robins wanted to share their game with you all. It's called Shape Shop. They "telephone" each other and ask to buy a shape with say, three sides, or no corners, etc. The other person then has to find the correct shape. This is a favourite game for reception year but years 1 and 2 still enjoy playing as well and they can now help the receptions with their learning as well. BUT..... the game today escalated and their lunches turned into phones!! Toby in particular looks like he is doing very busy, important work.



**Creative Café**

There is a free event being held at Kingshill house on 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October. It's a pop up café with a free packed lunch and goody bag! There is a flyer attached to this newsletter for you all to view.

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**  
**Robins:** Sasha, Ffion  
**Starlings:** Anna-Mae, Joseph  
**Owls:** Lucas R

**Values Certificates:**  
**Robins:** Jack  
**Starlings:** Andrew  
**Owls:** Lucas B, William and Harry P

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**  
**Robins:** Charlotte for knowing how to use the “ck” digraph at the end of the word “duck”.  
**Starlings:** Thomas for improving his editing skills in writing to see how to make it better.  
**Owls:** Bella for showing a “can do” attitude towards your work AND Aidan for showing determination when dividing numbers.

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