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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the sun this week and soaking in the warm rays of late summer. The school has been really buzzing with learning as we settle down to our normal working patterns and routines. Thank you ever so much for abiding by our collection and drop-off routines as these are making it so much safer in school.

Talking of routines: I also wanted to talk about homework. Homework will start next Friday for all classes. You should have had the whole school letter, and you will also be getting a separate letter from each class teacher to explain how this looks for your child. As we discussed in our last parents' forum (way back pre-COVID), homework is about practicing the skills learnt in class, such as reading and phonics, spellings, maths and timetables. These are the skills that you simply can't do enough of, and the more you practice them, the better you get. The initial letter from me explained what we are doing and why. Your child's learning is best when we all work together to make sure that your child works hard and achieves amazing things. We are not leaving anything to chance.

On a very different note: we had two of Her Majesties School Inspectors (HMIs from Ofsted) visit the school this week. It was not a full inspection but to see how we have coped with the lockdown and what we are doing to support learners to catch up from this September. It was a really positive experience and they saw and heard lots of great things about our school, and the children behaved beautifully, as you'd expect. I'd particularly like to thank all the staff who were simply amazing, working as a team to show our school to be the brilliant place to learn we know it to be.

In these continuing uncertain times, we do need to be aware how we can all be affected by the pandemic and we will be keeping an extra close eye on your children in school. To help you at home, I've attached a link to some NHS resources for parents, to help talk about what is going on and to reassure parents about what to say and do.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

I am also planning a Zoom parents' forum on Friday 9th October at 2.00pm to go through and talk about what learning will look like if we have a local or class lockdown. I will be sending out a link nearer the time and I will share the policy anyway. We will make notes for you, so if you can't make it, you can still find out what was talked about. I hope that Coaley school's internet can cope!

I hope you all have a great weekend and hope the sun continues for a little bit longer.

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

New Playground Edition!

As always there has been lots going on this week but we have so many lovely photos to share from the playground opening last Friday, it has taken over the whole newsletter!

Thank you all so much for coming along for the grand opening and of course, your support in raising the funds with FOCS. A **BIG** thank you must go to Mrs Astley who has done **ALL** the organising, chasing, obtaining quotes, coming in her days off to let in workmen, basically she made the playground happen and deserves the biggest thanks possible. All for the love of the school !!!





The children have taken it in turns within their bubbles to enjoy the playground all week. Year 2 told us that they are enjoying the hopscotch because of the way it all meets together and the football pitch. There was a lot of love for the stage. The girls said they acted out the story of Tangled on it. Thank you Toby, Jess, Ffion, Ellie and Elise.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Toby

Starlings: Violet

Owls: Ronin

Values Certificates: Truth

Robins: Ffion

Starlings: Thomas

Owls: Sammy

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Theo for knowing he can make ten by combining 2 numbers, working it out for himself.

Starlings: Freddie for his determination and great attitude to learning all week.

Owls: Rosa for your hard work and determination in our writing this week.

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We Respect

We Belong