



# Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/ Carers,

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of term so soon, it really has flown by. I would like to thank you all for your continued support; it is recognised and hugely appreciated. It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evening earlier this week; I hope you enjoyed celebrating your child's personal and academic achievements this term and recognise the progress they have made not only this year, but from their starting points in Reception. A huge thank you to our wonderful governors who very kindly provided refreshments during the evening.

This week we were delighted to be joined by several special visitors. KS2 children were visited by an MP who shared information to enhance their knowledge and understanding of British Values. In addition to this, we welcomed Reverend Graham into school to introduce the season of Lent.

Over the past few weeks, the team of staff have been working incredibly hard to plan some exciting learning opportunities for next term, these include World Book Day (Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March) and 'Enrichment Week' (Wb 11<sup>th</sup> March). We look forward to sharing more information about these events with you at the start of next term.

Have a wonderful and restful half term,

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas



**Just as a plant needs sunlight to flourish,  
our world needs us to flourish!**

As I arrived at school one morning last week, I had to take a moment to appreciate the beautiful sunrise and the glorious colours projected across the sky. The photo really does not give it the justice it deserves but it made me truly appreciate the beautiful community our school sits in.

## *As a family, we flourish*

### Dates for the diary

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**- Last day of term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**- INSET

**Wb 19<sup>th</sup> February**- No clubs this week (except Forest School)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**- Term 4 begins

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** National Dental Survey

**Wb 26<sup>th</sup> February**- Clubs continue this week & Y5/6 Bikeability

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**- World Book Day (Info to follow next term)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (11.00-3.00) Tabletop sale at Coaley Village Hall

*Every Friday at 2.45pm- Celebration Worship in the hall, all welcome!*

### Breakfast Club Play Leader

We are seeking an enthusiastic leader to run our breakfast club on a **Monday** morning between 8.00am and 8.40am. Please see Mrs Sarah Edwards for more information.

## KS2 Parliament talk with an MP

On Wednesday, we had an assembly from a visitor from the Houses of Parliament. He came in and taught us all about the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We learnt about how laws are made and who creates them.

Ffion



## Proud Cloud Certificates

Robins: **Thea and Poppy H**

Starlings: **Eloise**

Owls: **Ffion**

## Value Certificates

Robins: **Jacob**

Starlings: **Megan**

Owls: **Sasha**

## Growth Mindset Certificates

**Robins:** **Ivy** for her fantastic effort making a postcard in geography.

**Starlings:** **Daniel** for really thinking about the punctuation he uses.

**Owls:** **Lucas** for his hard work when writing a biography about Neil Armstrong

## Ash Wednesday Worship

We were joined by Reverend Graham this week to celebrate Ash Wednesday (a little early as it is on the 14<sup>th</sup> February). Children learnt about the significance of this day as it begins the season of Lent. During Lent, many Christians, and people of no faith, try to make changes to become better versions of themselves. Christians believe that this represents the sacrifices Jesus made in the desert.



Reverend Graham, the local vicar, came into the school on Thursday morning to teach us about Ash Wednesday. He taught us about Lent and that 40 is a special number in the Bible. Christians get ready for Easter during the 40 days before. He also taught us that the ash comes from burning your palms from the previous year. Christians wear these ashes on their head to show that they are sorry. He demonstrated this on two Year 6 children.

Ellie



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## WORLD BOOK DAY

7 March 2024

### World Book Day

We will share more information about how we intend to celebrate World Book Day at Coaley during the first week back after half term!

World Book day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we have lots of fun planned! Our theme is 'Bedtime Stories' and children will be able to come into school in pyjamas (or comfy clothes/costume linked to a book if they prefer) with their most loved book. Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to share their book with the class so please ensure the book is named.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
Gloucestershire 2024

Chinese Sticky Chicken Noodles  
Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice  
Broccoli and Roasted Peppers  
Mandarin and Cinnamon Cake



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Happy Lunar New Year  
2024 - Year of the Dragon

Change in dinner menu!  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February



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## **SPORTS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS,  
FENCING, CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY,  
ULTIMATE FRISBEE, CRICKET, MUSICAL THEATRE,  
DODGEBALL, PARKOUR, TENNIS, ATHLETICS.**

**Alongside the sports coaching, we follow the needs of  
the children to support with the competencies below:**

**Self-Awareness, e.g. self-efficacy, self-esteem, resilience,  
self-confidence, identifying strengths and weaknesses.**

**Self-Management, e.g. independence, self-motivation,  
expressing emotions appropriately,  
executive functioning.**

**Social Awareness, e.g. empathy and compassion, mutual  
respect, perspective-taking, conflict resolution.**

**Relationship Skills, e.g. collaborative problem-solving,  
leadership, honesty, resisting negative social pressure.**

**Responsible Decision-Making, e.g. self-discipline,  
reasoned judgement, problem-solving,  
evaluate consequences of actions.**

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