



Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of the school year, and what a year it has been! In all my 25 years in education (including 15 years as a Headteacher), I have never had a year like this one and, hopefully, will never have another like this anytime soon.

First of all, I want to thank you all for being so amazing and supportive of all we have done at Coaley this year. It has not been easy for any of you, and I want to say a MASSIVE thank you for your continued support. It makes such a difference and has helped us in school make it to the end of term in one piece.

Despite the year, we have continued on our journey of improvement to give the children an amazing time. We have more children starting in September and our reputation is definitely growing in Coaley and beyond. If you know anyone who is thinking of a great place to send their children, then please pass them our way so we can share the joys of belonging to the Coaley family.

As you know, we have held an arts themed week this week based around an environmental theme. We've had lots of visitors to enrich the children's learning beyond the National Curriculum. This is an important job for us to do in school, so we can offer a broad and varied wider curriculum to help everyone in school shine. We've had an artist visit us to make a mural for the entrance to the school all about our Coaley values. Mrs Holmes (our resident violin teacher) came in with her collection of recycled steel drums and the children played beautifully, if a little loudly! We also had some members of Coaley CAN who came in to help the children build a HUGE Bug Hotel out of recycled materials donated by parents. It's a multi-storey hotel which will house lots of bugs and beetles to thrive in. Emma, our Raffles Forest School teacher has been involved in creating miniature bug homes and helping Robins to name and make the sign for the bug hotel. In addition, the children have had a glamorous time designing and making items of clothing out of recycled materials. Also, Rednock Art Teacher, Lauren Burley has helped us create a prayer tree in our lobby area. It has been a great way of sharing the talents of our local community and enabling the children to share and learn from others beyond the school, in the local community. Again, I want to say a HUGE thank you to all our visitors and for all the recycled donations.

Talking of Coaley and Uley CAN: a few months ago, the Owls sent in some of their own designs for the Coaley CAN logo as part of their work in school. We are pleased to announce that Rosa's hands around the globe was chosen to be a part of the finished design! All the entries will receive a recycled pencil (from an old CD case!) and Rosa will also get some 'Beebombs' to help spread the love for more bees. Thank you to Ben Bywater (Bella's dad) for organising this competition and prizes too.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun. I look forward to the final few days of the term where we can all share in the best of Coaley.

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher



Arts & Environment Week



Paint – a – Tile



Bug Hotel



Making Bags



Redwing Gate



Steel Pans



Making Recycled Hats



Tree Art



End of term

We will be ending term 6 slightly earlier than usual.

Robins will finish at **2.10pm**

Starlings will finish at **2.15pm**

Owls will finish at **2.20pm**

After School Club will finish at **3.30pm**

Please contact the school office if any of these timings cause you a problem for pick up.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Ellie

Starlings: Lewis

Owls: Lara

Values Certificates:

Robins: Jack

Starlings: Arthur

Owls: Ronin

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Jess for persevering with her bag design and thinking of new ideas to make it even better.

Starlings: Joseph for persevering with sawing while building the bug hotel and got better and better.

Owls: Sam for always putting 100% into everything you do. Well done for working so hard this week.

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July Dates

Monday 19th July – Sports Day (Robins 10am-11.30am, Starlings and Owls 1.30pm-3pm) **ALL TO COME IN PE KIT**

Wednesday 21st July – Last day of term (leavers service 1pm) End of Day 2.10pm, 2.15pm, 2.20pm

After School Club End of Day 3.30pm

FOCS Future Events:

We need a new FOCS team for September 2021!.....please contact Mrs Astley if you are interested in offering some time to organise some fun events and raise funds for the benefit of the children.

Please note- Dates and times are subject to change, and depend on Covid restriction updates. We will advise you of any changes as soon as possible.