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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been such a busy week in school and it's definitely feeling more autumnal.

On Monday, we had Catherine Leahy from DGAT HQ come in to see how well the school is doing. Catherine is a former Senior School Inspector (HMI) who worked for Ofsted so she really knows her stuff. She was so impressed with how well the school is doing, especially with the quality of teaching going on. The children were very enthusiastic and are into such great learning habits already. The teachers are teaching at the expected year group that they are in and we are filling in any gaps that have occurred due to the 6-months lockdown with small group interventions. Our aim is to have everyone back on-track by the Spring term. I am going to talk a little more about our Post-COVID recovery plan at the Zoom meeting this afternoon. The Governors will be getting a report from her and I'm sure will share a little something of the joy we saw after the next meeting.

The weather hasn't stopped our children getting outside and the Forest School has been in action this week. They have been doing lots of painting using natural materials for colour and their amazing pictures smelled as good as they looked. The Forest School is a part of the wide offer we manage to pack into our small school day.

Now that we've been back a while, it's worth also remembering that being a parent at this time is sometimes really tricky too. I've attached a flyer with contact details on that you might want to use that offers support for you and your child at this time. It's not a weakness to seek out support and it's something we all need at times.

I hope you all have a restful and warming weekend.

Executive Headteacher

School Photographs

On the morning of Monday 12th October Tempest Photography will be making their annual visit to school to take the children's portraits.

This year, due to current guidance the portraits will be limited to individuals only, i.e. if siblings are in different classes, and therefore different bubbles, unfortunately they will not be able to have their photograph taken together as we are not able to mix or cross bubbles. We will also not be allowed to invite younger siblings into school to take part in the photographs.

Towards the end of the academic year Tempest will visit again with the intention of taking class photographs. At this point if the covid-19 guidance/rules have relaxed then we will endeavour to incorporate sibling photos at this time.

Parent Governor vacancy

We are still looking for a parent governor to join our governing body. This really is a rewarding role and lots of training and support will be provided. We will open up the nomination process again after the October half term. For further information please contact <u>clerk@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk</u>

Google Classroom Remote Learning

As mentioned earlier in the week, we will be using Google Classrooms for remote learning going forward. In book bags today will be a simple guide to setting up a gmail account and the Code required to access your child's class.

There are various youtube tutorials you can look at to help you navigate, and we are always happy to help should you require any assistance or information.

Robins: Daisy, Jess

Starlings: Andrew, Oliver

Owls: Phoebe

Values Certificates: Compassion
Robins: Ella
Starlings: Anna-Mae
Owls: Amelia

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Abbie for thinking about how it would feel to lose a special toy and acting her feelings.

Starlings: Oliver for working really hard on his spelling and handwriting and earning a pen.

Owls: Scarlett for showing determination when dividing a 4 digit by a 2 digit number.

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