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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week and managed to find some small joys to make the week a positive one. One of my simple joys this week was bracing myself for the cold evening air while watching Forest Green Rovers knock the wheels off Barrow FC's challenge, with a 2:0 home win on Tuesday night to remain top of League 2. Like being in school, there's a long way to go until the end of the season but it's good to savour the wins when they happen. In school this week, we scored some notable successes too. The children have been pulling together as a team and it's been lovely to see them working so hard. As a school, we have been focusing on the teaching of maths and Miss Vikki Ward (our new maths subject leader from St Matthew's Primary) played away from home and came over to see how good the teaching of mathematics is at Coaley. We definitely scored a hat-trick of success in all three classes when looking at the quality of teaching and how well the children were learning. She was very impressed with the children's knowledge and recall of number facts, as well as the quality and precision of teaching in mixed aged classes – a winning strategy! It made me feel so proud of all the hard work all the staff have been doing to ensure that the children are confident mathematicians, ready to get promoted to secondary school and achieve high scores to be top of the table.

Can I say a HUGE thank you for not parking on the zig-zag lines this week. I will continue to monitor the parking situation but it makes such a difference to the safety of your children to park a little further away and walk safely along the pavement.

I'd also like to welcome Mrs Sarah Edwards to the Coaley family. She is taking over from Mrs Astley who officially left last term but has been helping us out in the transition between her leaving and Mrs Edwards arriving. Sarah is an experienced School Business manager of many years in another local school and we are very lucky to have her in the Coaley team. Please see her photo below. She has already proved a big hit with the staff, children and with me, and I know you will welcome her warmly to the Coaley family too.

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher



FOCS Christmas Raffle

We have been lucky to receive some very generous gifts to raffle this Christmas. A huge thank you to those who organised donations.

Tickets are available from Verity Kologlu and Claire Hornby at £1 for a strip of 5. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize of the winners choosing and tickets will be drawn on Friday 10th of December after the school council cake sale.

The proceeds will go towards Christmas goodies for the children on the day when Santa visits.

Please buy a ticket and good luck!

PE at the school and an England Rugby Player

Some of you may know that we have Connie Powell from Atlas Camps who comes to teach the children PE on a Tuesday.

What you may not know however, is that she made her debut for England on Sunday. Fantastically, she also scored a try in their 89-0 demolition of the USA.

After the game she was interviewed on Sky Sports TV by ex England Captain- now retired- Dylan Hartley.

The England women's national rugby union team The Red Roses are hot favourites to become world cup winners!!

What an amazing achievement and how lucky we are to have her teaching PE at the school. Bringing her positive attitude with her every week.



Self Portraits

Last week the children made self-portraits using leaves and twigs found in the playground. A little bit of fun.



Holiday Activity & Food Programme - Christmas Food Boxes

This December, Gloucestershire County Council are collaborating with Stroud District Council with funding from the Department for Education to organise the HAF programme. HAF is for children aged 5-16 years who receive benefits-related free school meals to help them stay safe, active, entertained and healthy this winter.

HAF will be running from the 20th-23rd December 2021. Stroud's Food offer this HAF will be provided by the Vegetarian Society and will include ingredients for a Bean Chilli with Rice and a Green Lentil & Tomato Ragu with Pasta. You will also be sent a £10 Abel & Cole voucher which can you can redeem against a Medium Fruit and Veg box delivered direct to your door

[Click here to sign up to receive your food box this December.](#)

You need to sign up for your box by **Friday 3rd December 2021**

From the **1st December** you can also use the Children's Activity Booking System (CABS) to book our district wide offers which includes cinema vouchers, craft activities, swimming sessions and much more.

For more information on the Stroud HAF offer, visit www.stroud.gov.uk/HAF or

If you have any queries related to the offer please contact:

HAF@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 766321

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Ruby and Zeliha

Starlings: Juno, Theo and Clementine

Owls: Max and Lewis

Values Certificates:

Robins: Lochlan

Starlings: Jasmine

Owls: Sam

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Honey for applying her learning about animal groups at home, telling me her pet tortoise Peppia is a reptile.

Starlings: Elise for responding to and valuing adult feedback.

Owls: Andrew for working really hard in maths this week

December Dates

10th December – Cake sale. Please bring some cakes for the school council to sell.

13th December – Flu Immunisation. Forms have been sent out to parents. Please let us know if you haven't received one.

15th December – School Christmas lunch – Details to follow.

17th December – Last Day of Term – School will close an hour early.

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.

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SCHOOL

Christmas Raffle

3 PRIZES TO BE WON

M&S Prosecco and Gin Gift Box - Waitrose Hamper -
M&S Biscuits, Whisky and Truffles



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM
VERITY KOLOGLU, CLAIRE HORNBY, JACKIE ASTLEY
AND ON THE EVENING OF THE DRAW

COST £1 for a strip of 5
tickets

DRAW Friday 10th
December
(after the cake sale)