



## Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good start to the term and have been enjoying the autumnal weather. I found myself wearing my big winter coat this week and it's good to see the more seasonal clothing being worn by parents and children alike too. Children definitely need a coat at this time of year, and their wellies in school too so they can get on the field. I also love this time of year as there is so much to celebrate and much to look forward to.

First, we have the FOCS Fireworks display this Sunday. This annual event has been postponed by COVID so we are very fortunate that it will be on this year. Being outside makes this much more COVID-safe but please wear facemasks if you feel safer to do so and we will be using hand sanitiser as everyone enters. Remember there is lots of hot food and drinks on offer, with catering provided by MegaBites and teas/coffees by FOCS, to keep you warm as you watch the amazing Coaley display. Fireworks will start at 6.00pm but come early to eat, drink and avoid the queues. Can all volunteers arrive by at least 5.00pm so we can get everything ready? Thank you for all your help in making it another Coaley success story.

We are also looking ahead to the Christmas productions and [Christmas](#) disco. At the moment, we don't know if these events will take place with an audience due to COVID restrictions and guidance. A disco is quite hard to do [on your own](#) (although not impossible!) and so we might have to postpone this event to the Spring term; I will know more nearer the time. The Christmas production will either take place in the Church or it will be filmed. I will know more as the term progresses. However, the children will not miss out on performing and singing in a Christmas play, so we will go ahead with our Christmas production in some form or another.

Last Sunday, the Coaley Trick and Treat trail took place and was a HUGE success; it raised over £180 for the FOCS coffers! Many thanks to The Fox pub for organising the event with FOCS and Playgroup for the children of Coaley. I heard so many good things about the Trail from parents and children alike. One email I received said that the children at Coaley Academy and Playgroup were 'very polite and only took one sweet for themselves, not being greedy and grabbing a handful. They all looked amazing in their costumes!'. It's so wonderful to get feedback on how well-behaved and polite our children are and it makes us all feel proud to have them at school - they all deserve a pat on the back!

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

## Harvest Thank you

We received this lovely email from the Foodbank showing how much they appreciate the donations made and how much they are needed.

Dear Coaley Primary School,

We wanted to say a really big THANK YOU for your harvest donation this year. We have already collected over 5 Tonnes of food and your donation of 49.35kg of food certainly contributed to that. Prior to September our stock levels really ran low and we knew that we might have a busy winter ahead, so these Harvest collections really do help supplement the regular giving through supermarkets. So again Thank You!



## Year 5 and 6 Football festival Postponed

Sadly, the Football festival has been postponed due to Covid Restrictions – We will let you know when it is re-arranged.

## Updated Guidance from UKHSA

Just a reminder of the testing advice from UKHSA.

- As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well.
- Regular LFD testing of asymptomatic staff and secondary age students should continue. If someone tests positive on LFD, they should isolate and take a PCR test to confirm whether they are positive. If the result is negative, they can return to school.
- All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate.
- If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** All of the Robins

**Starlings:** Clementine

**Owls:** Thomas and Harry M

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ruby

**Starlings:** Theo

**Owls:** Rosa

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Alfie for using a sound mat to find the letters he needs to write 'web'

**Starlings:** Lucas for trying really hard to present his work natly

**Owls:** Iyla – working really hard in maths this week.

**Please help!** - We are still looking for a Chair, Secretary and Volunteers to help run events to raise money for resources for school. Please come and speak to us if you are interested in offering some time to organise some fun events and raise funds for the benefit of the children.

**November Dates**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Coaley Fireworks. ***Gates open 5.30pm.***

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Height, Weight & Measure (YR & Y6) Health and Wellbeing team in school.

**December Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> December – School Disco.

13<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisation. Details to follow.

*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.*

**WE ARE COALEY - We Believe We Respect We Belong**



Hot Food &  
Refreshments



# Fireworks Display

AT COALEY PRIMARY ACADEMY  
PLAYGROUND

7TH NOVEMBER 2021

GATES OPEN 5.30PM

TICKETS: £4 PER ADULT, £2 PER CHILD UNDER 12  
PAY ON THE DOOR WITH CASH PLEASE

NO SPARKLERS, ALCOHOL OR SMOKING PERMITTED

