



Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break during the festive period and found a little bit of time for yourselves. I would like to begin by saying a huge THANK YOU to the whole school community for welcoming me so warmly into your family. It has been lovely getting to know everyone and getting stuck in to life at Coaley! The children have had a fantastic week being immersed into their new topics and have been very keen to share their thoughts about the school, they have some wonderful ideas!

At the start of the week, we visited St Bartholomew's Church and Reverend Graham introduced our value of 'forgiveness'. Forgiveness is an important part of Christianity. It does not mean that Christians let others get away with things, but more that they make a conscious effort to forgive and let go of feelings that come with bearing a grudge against a person. These feelings of anger and hatred can cause harm to the person feeling them so Jesus taught people to try and let them go. The children thoroughly enjoyed re-enacting The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Matthew 6: 14-15, where the father forgives his son when he returns and welcomes him home. In the same way, God waits for humans to realise what they have done wrong, ask for forgiveness and welcomes them back when they do. During the term, we will be exploring this value in more depth.

If I have not yet had opportunity to meet you, please do come and say hello at drop-off or collection. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Miss Jen Thomas

As a family, we flourish.

Coffee Morning/ Afternoons

Building relationships and working closely with parents/ carers is important to me. I would like to invite you all in for tea/coffee and cake (I am no Mary Berry by any means!) on **Friday 19th January at 2.15pm** so I can get to know you all a little better. I appreciate that many of you will have commitments and might not be able to make this time but there will be more of these in the near future.

Please pop along if you can!



Younger siblings are of course welcome to accompany you!

Dates for the diary

- **Friday 19th January, 2.15pm- tea/coffee and cake with Miss Thomas**
- **Monday 22nd January- Cricket at Coaley-** please can all children come dressed in PE kits?
- **Monday 22nd January- Afterschool clubs begin** this week (except art club)
- **Monday 5th February- Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30** (information to follow soon)
- **Wednesday 7th February- Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30** (information to follow soon)
- **Friday 9th February- Last day of term**
- **Monday 19th February- INSET**
- **Tuesday 20th February- Term 4 begins**
- **Every Friday at 2.45pm- Celebration Worship in the hall, all are welcome!**



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Afterschool Clubs

A letter will be sent out on Monday 15th January to inform you of afterschool clubs on offer during the spring term. If your child would like to take part in one of the clubs, please return the slip as soon as possible (by 12noon on Thursday 18th January at the very latest). Clubs will be finalised by 3pm on Friday 19th January. These clubs will run during the following weeks:

Monday 22nd January
Monday 29th January
Monday 26th February
Monday 4th March
Monday 11th March

Home Reading

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum at Coaley. We encourage all children to read at least five times a week and they receive Dojo points when they achieve this. If you would like any support or guidance to help you support your child's reading at home, please do see your child's class teacher.



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Proud Cloud Certificates

Robins: **Evalyne**

Starlings: **Megan**

Owls: **Jasmine**

Value Certificates

Robins: **Daisy**

Starlings: **Ruby**

Owls: **Oscar**

Growth Mindset Certificates

Robins: **Poppie** for describing
the features of her monster

Starlings: **Zizi** for her incredible
handwriting transformation

Owls: **Lola** for being a confident
learner & putting in 100% effort!



GOVERNORS CORNER



Happy New Year from all your governors and a special welcome to our new Head – Jen Thomas.

Here at Coaley we pride ourselves for being a family who cares and works together for the benefit of all our children and staff.

Last term we had a change in staff governor. Mrs Spencer stepped down and Miss Rance has taken on this vital role.

We are still in need of another parent governor and will be running the election process at the end of January. We currently hold 4 meetings a year and then there are 3 committee meetings as well. Full governor meetings are held on Monday evenings and committee meetings during school hours.

Would you like to know more about how our school works and help with ensuring all our governance processes and policies are followed? Phil Greenow is our other parent governor and along with myself would be happy to discuss the role in more detail with anyone who is interested. I can be contacted on chair@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk and Phil is around in the playground most days.

Please think about this vital role in our governing board and watch out for the election letter at the end of this month.

Thank you for supporting our school in the ways that you do, it is very much appreciated.

Best regards

Carole O'Donnell – Chair of Governors.



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A vibrant poster for Dynamo's Cricket. It features two young children in yellow t-shirts. The girl on the left is holding a yellow cricket ball, and the boy on the right is in a batting stance with a cricket bat. The background is a mix of blue, pink, and yellow. A yellow triangle in the top right corner contains the text 'DYNAMO'S CRICKET' in pink. The main text 'This is our game.' is written in large white letters across the center. At the bottom, it says 'Calling all 8-11 year-olds! Sign up today, at dynamoscricicket.co.uk'.



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