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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and enjoyed the sunny resurgence. It definitely feels more autumnal although I have heard that summer might be having a bit of a fight back next week, which is always an added bonus. This week, we've been having a lovely time in school, getting used to our new routines and playing outside on the field as much as we can. We are blessed with our outdoor place and I have been showing quite a few new, prospective parents round this term, and the field is always our stand out attraction.

The big news of our week is that the new Reception children have started full time! They have been an absolute joy and have settled in so well. They started having lunches on Monday and all the children have been getting used to eating lunchtimes together. The older Owls have been wonderful role-models (I know you might not all believe this!) by helping look after the younger children, cutting up food, chatting to them and helping the younger children eat their lunch and feel looked after. This is one of the joys of not having 'bubbles' anymore in school where we can live out our Coaley family values of compassion and respect for each other. So, I'd like to welcome to Coaley's new Reception class: Alice, Alfie, Autumn-Rose, Eloise, Honey, Lochlan, Ruby and Spencer: they have made such a super start to their time at Coaley.

On the clubs front: Forest Schools Club has started and Emma is sorting that out separately. The clubs letter came out last week detailing all the other amazing extra opportunities we are offering as a small school. Make sure your child signs up to a club so they can benefit from different skills and activities that they might not have tried before. There will also be a letter going out shortly detailing parents' evening dates and times for you to sign up for a meeting with your child class teacher either in person or by phone. Parents evening will be taking place in w/c 11th October.

The amazing Friends of Coaley School (FOCS) has had a bit of a hiatus recently but there are plans afoot to breathe new life back into FOCS to benefit the children, school and parents. The FOCS 100 Draw is making a triumphant return (Flyers to follow next week). There will also hopefully be a Christmas disco for the children, as well as a Spooky trail organised by the local Coaley community. I'll let you know more when I know more but if you'd like to get involved in FOCS, then please come and see me so we can put some fun things on for the children (and parents), as well as fund raising for all the lovely things that make your child's time in school even more special.

Yours

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2021](#) for you.

Local family events and activities are included plus a What's On Guide. Activities and Days Out have lots of options for families wanting to get out and about in September and October.

For those staying close to home there are activities including Autumn Crafts, Growing oak trees from acorns and a Black History Month 'Who's Who' Quiz.

The magazine is also full of great advice and tips for parents including Tips for a positive parents' evening, dealing with back to school anxiety, Ride to school safely and Teacher Talk.

You just need to copy and paste the link above.

South Cerney

The year 6 children had a school trip to South Cerney. This is an opportunity for the Year 6's to meet children from other local schools to help in their transition to secondary school. On the day they did Raft Building, Sailing, Kayaking and Canoeing. See the photos below.



Message from Playgroup

Our numbers have become very busy and we are now full until September 2023. If you have any younger siblings that you are hoping to join Playgroup could we ask that you get in contact as soon as possible to add their name to the waiting list. Please email coaleyplaygroup@gmail.com if you wish to add your child to the list. Many thanks

The Coaley Playgroup Team

Uniform

In order to reduce the administration in uniform sales we would like to ask you to please make your orders online. Orders can be made directly with the supplier at <https://ahyde.co.uk/collections/coaley-primary> There is a delivery charge of £3.95 per basket but some individual items are slightly lower in price than the school price which can be more cost effective. We do have some items still in stock so please do ask and we will accommodate where we can.

Welcome Mrs Wheeler

Mrs Hayley Wheeler is joining us as an Administration Assistant in the school office. Mrs Wheeler will be assisting one morning per week and all day on Friday. We would like to give her a very big welcome to the Coaley family.

Music and Cake

Please find across a flyer for a music and cake evening being held at the Church at 3pm on Sunday the 19th.



Breaktime Fun

It has been lovely to see the children back together again this week. Now that the bubbles are able to mix they enjoyed a game of "duck-duck-goose" at break time today.



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Cooper

Starlings: Daisy

Owls: Rosa

Values Certificates:

Robins: Eloise B

Starlings: Ffion

Owls: Poppy H

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Jack for using a sound mat to help with his spellings.

Starlings: Toby for having a can do attitude in all lessons.

Owls: Molly for working really hard on your writing of an explanation.

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.

October Dates

4th October – Rags 2 Riches clothes collection

11th October – School Photographer

Week Commencing 11th October – Parent evenings. Letter 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.

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