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Dear Parents and Carers,

After last week's foray into the murky world of football puns, I have decided to not mention football again in the newsletter. I am definitely not going to mention Forest Green Rovers winning 2:0 at the weekend against the mighty Bristol Rovers. I will also not be mentioning the two stunning goals, even when we were down to 10 men, or the amazing home fans who cheered and sang the whole way through. I feel that any mention of football would not be fitting for this newsletter so I've decided that this newsletter will be a football-free zone.

As Christmas approaches, it is important that we do make sure that we do some of the traditions that are normally associated with this time of year. So, with this in mind, Christmas Jumper Day (or wearing any Christmas decoration accessory) will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, the same day as Christmas dinner in school. Children can wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas hat or any Christmas decoration/accessory but to still wear their normal school uniform. Please bring in a pound for Save the Children as part of their Christmas fundraising campaign.

+++++ **STOP PRESS - SAVE THE DATE** +++++

Great news! FOCS are busy arranging a Coaley Christmas Fair outside in the Playgroup play-area on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, directly after school. This will work alongside the School Council cake sale and FOCS raffle that is already being organised.

There is a flyer attached to this newsletter and, as you can see, there will be stalls and games, such as a Tombola and a Lucky Dip, as well as some food/refreshments to give us all a bit of festive cheer. It will be wonderful to have us altogether to celebrate the Christmas joy.

To get items for the tombola, we will have a non-uniform day next **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** where your child can wear non-uniform in return for bringing in a prize for the tombola stall.

The School Council will also be holding a Cake stall at the same time and have been busy making posters for their contribution to the Christmas Fair. Please bring in cakes for the cake stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Keep an eye on the Coaley Crew Facebook page for updates of both events.



I love it when children in school celebrate their achievements from home. As a Coaley family, it is important that we share and celebrate all the brilliant things that you all do at home just like families do. This week, Oscar Morgan shared the rugby medal he received from a recent rugby tournament and looks every bit a winner, wearing his winning medal with pride. Also, Joseph Kidner had his investiture into Slimbridge

Scouts. Scouting is such a great organisation to be a part of where you can experience many different activities and learn new skills. If anyone has similar things to celebrate from home then please let me know so we can share the joy with the whole Coaley family.

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

### FOCS Christmas Fair



We're delighted to say that we will be running the Christmas Fair next Friday (10th) at 3.15pm. Please come along for a jolly holly time!

### Non-uniform Day

On Wednesday 8th December, there will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of a gift please. These gifts will then be used in the tombola on the Friday. Big or small, it doesn't matter, but generally things that the children will like - the children absolutely LOVE the tombola! In the past people have donated boxes of chocolates, sweets, toiletries, small games etc etc.

### Christmas Jumper Day 2021

This year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers. Actually, it could be Christmas T shirts, Christmas scarves or even some Christmas Tinsel. Come festive and no need to buy anything special to wear. If you would like to make a donation we can pass this on to Save the Children.



### Cake Sale – Message from the School Council

Don't forget our cake sale after school on willing to donate a cake for us to sell, we

Cakes can be homemade or bought ready-drop them off on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

These donations are going towards raising with be taking place outside in the December.

Thank you so much



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. If you are would be very thankful.

made and It would be lovely if you could

money for our school. The cake sale playground at pick up time on the 10<sup>th</sup>

During the December holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School provided by Gloucestershire County goes hungry'. The vouchers are have received and is separate to that



Parents who have signed up to the child who is eligible for FSM which will

Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are Council as part of its commitment to 'no child funded through COVID-19 grant funding we of the term time free school meals.

scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each cover both weeks in the December holidays.

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the December holiday period is open from **Tuesday 30 November until midday Monday 13 December**. Voucher emails will be sent out between **13 and 15 December**. If parents apply after the deadline, we cannot guarantee delivery of vouchers before 25 December.

For more information and for sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

Please contact [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) if you have any queries not answered on the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page.

### Table Tennis

Stroud Table Tennis Club is embarking on a big push to get boys & girls aged 7-11 years more active by playing table tennis, starting with a **free taster session** at the Leisure Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

As a follow up to the taster session, we are planning to run Table Tennis England's popular 8-week 'TTKidz' programs in February/March next year

You may remember the 'TTKidz' program we ran at Nailsworth Primary School in 2019.

This was very successful and now that life has returned to some sort of normality (and stays that way), we be running more TTKidz programs at the following venues:

- Leonard Stanley Primary School
- Nailsworth Primary School
- Katherine Lady Berkeley School
- Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

These will take place on weekdays from around 5pm to 6pm – final details will follow within the next few weeks.

**We are hoping that the taster session will encourage some of the children to participate in 'TTKidz' and we would very much appreciate it if you could forward the attached flyer to parents/carers using your internal network and also post on your Social Media sites.**

#### Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Ruby and Alfie

Starlings: Clementine and Oscar

#### Values Certificates:

Robins: Beatrix

Starlings: Ffion

#### Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Dakota for independently using the stem sentence in Maths.

Starlings: Ben for having a can do attitude and completing all work set

Owls: William for working 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.

**December Dates**

8<sup>th</sup> December – Non-School Uniform Day – Please bring along a small gift for the Tombola on Friday.

10<sup>th</sup> December – Cake sale, Tombola and Christmas Fair

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

15<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch – Get your order in.

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day.

17<sup>th</sup> 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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