Coaley Church of England Academy



The Street, Coaley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5EB Executive Headteacher Mr Richard Lucas t: 01453 890358 e: admin@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk www.coaleyacademy.co.uk



11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to get back to a proper working week and for all the children to be learning loads and having fun. The children have all settled in extremely well and I have loved walking around, seeing them learning and reading lots of new books. The new sweatshirts look so smart and it's wonderful to see lots of children wearing them with pride. If you want to find out more and buy some then please see Mrs Astley in the Office.

I just wanted to remind you of the protocols for the staggered drop-offs and pick-ups. We are doing this to avoid large gatherings and to keep us all safe. Below are the timings for each class. If you have children in another class, then please drop off at the later time and pick up at the earlier one. If you have another child in the Starlings, they need to be collected from either the Robins or the Owls as there is a much larger space by the field. Please do not wait by the front door in the mornings as this inhibits social distancing for other parents dropping off their children. Please wait away from school until your time.

- Drop-off times and locations
 - Robins: 8.45am via the main gate and Robin's class outside door
 - Starlings: 8.40am via the front of the school, going in via the side gate
 - Owls: 8.50am via the main gate and the Owls outside door
- · Pick up times and locations
 - Robins: **3.15pm** from the Robins outside door
 - Starlings: 3.20pm via the front of the school, exiting via the side gate
 - Owls: 3.20pm from the Owls outside door

I hope this message reaches you in time as we are holding a socially distanced celebration and official opening of our super new playground. We have some refreshments and there will be a BIG CHEQUE to hand over. Please come and socially distancly share in our Grand Opening!

Some good news, there will be some clubs running from next week delivered by our PE and Forest school external providers. We need to continue with our bubbles and therefore cannot mix the classes but we have managed to find a compromise. There will be a letter coming out today with more details but the clubs being offered are forest school for Owls on a Thursday after school, sports club for Starlings on a Thursday after school and a lunchtime sports club for Robins during the day on a Thursday. Details of how to access these are in the letter.

Richard Lucas Executive Headteacher

Village shop

We have had some news from the village shop they are slowly returning to normal and have new weekday opening hours 9.00-13.30 then 15.00-17.00.

Wellbeing

It has been a big focus of the department for education to ensure children's wellbeing. Of course, at Coaley we make this our priority as well. All the teaching staff have received training in how to assist in the children's wellbeing and have their own resources they can call upon when needed. The following links are for parents and carers to access to give you some tools to help ensure your child's mental health stays well, as well as a workshop. It's been a difficult few months for us all and we all need to work together. There is no health without mental health and this starts from being a child.

https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/mental-health-needs/rebuild-and-recover-resources/?utm_source=DfE&utm_medium=bulletin&utm_campaign=rebuildrecover

http://imagineforschools.co.uk/navigate-pathways/

Dojo points

The first week of Dojo points has made a huge impact on the children. All the children agree that they are working harder to earn points, and their teachers agree! When we asked how getting a Dojo point made them feel words like happy, excited, really good, and epic were used!

Well done everyone. Keep up the good work and don't forget that you can earn points at home as well.

Reception

It has been a lovely week here at Coaley. We have had the excitement of all our new reception children settling into Robin's class. They already feel a part of our school even though they are only doing half days at the moment. Only another couple of weeks before they can be with us all day and their school lives can begin in full.

Today some of the year two children, Jess, Elise and Ellie read two stories to the morning group to show off their amazing reading skills and help settle them into school.

^

Year 1 and 2 also had the great idea of drawing Robins to put on the classroom door so when Reception leave the classroom they know which room to come back into.



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Tess

Starlings: Lewis

Owls: Oscar

Values Certificates:

Robins: Toby

Starlings: Oscar

Owls: Lucas R

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Daisy for persevering with finding diagraphs to help her reading.

Starlings: Joseph for guided reading knowing that the answer would be text and not giving up until he found it.

Owls: Sam for working so hard this week in all your lessons.