

Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a calm and peaceful week, and are finding surprising joys in the continued lockdown.

It's that time of year when the weather really starts to take a turn and get quite a bit wetter. However, the children are still getting out onto the field as much as they can so having wellingtons/trainers and a good raincoat in school are essential. To stop it turning into a mud-bath, we're going to rotate the children with two-weeks on and one-week off the field, using our super new playground, so we can spare specific areas of the field, such as the goalmouth area on their football pitches! The wellies and old shoes are still necessary in school every day as the playground can still have standing water on it.

Talking of the time of year, we are beginning to look forward to Christmas and planning our seasonal festivities. As I'm sure you're aware, this year will not be quite the same as we cannot have our evening in Bartholomew's Church with a Nativity play and performances. So this year, each class is taking on a different aspect of singing and performing and we will video their contributions so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your home. This way, the children get to take part, you get to see them at their best and you can share it with friends and family. I will be sending you out more information as we clarify timings and how we will share this with you.

Also, the School Council are keen to have a Christmas dressing-up day on Friday 11th December (which also happens to be Christmas Jumper day!). I am aware of asking you all to do more things for school and themed dressing-up days can feel like another thing to do, so the children have decided to give it a broad theme. The idea will be that children can come dressed in a wide range of Christmas themed-clothes from the traditional Christmas jumper, to having a bit of tinsel in their hair, to wearing a full-on Christmas tree with baubles! More details will follow from our industrious School Council.

Once again, can I say a HUGE thank you for observing the wearing of facemasks in school. We all really appreciate it, especially as we hear more and more local COVID cases. Can I also remind parents to observe the same rule when dropping off children at Breakfast club too? This is just to keep us all safe and well, especially as we approach the end of lockdown.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and manage to safely get outside.

Richard Lucas Executive Headteacher

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(LGB) to introduce their selves again. The LGB provide strategic leadership and accountability to the school, s working really hard to help Coaley Primary Academy become the best we can. They meet once every half term as a full LGB and have two committees, Standards and Ethos (S&E) and Finance, Property and Resource (FRP). Any questions or issues you would like raised can be done through your parent governors or the clerk (clerk@coaly.gloucs.sch.uk).

Carole O'Donnell- is the Chair of the LGB. Carole holds the responsibility of safeguarding and Looked After



Children governor. She sits on the FRP committee. Carole says "My family have had connections with Coaley Primary Academy for over 50 years. I attended the school and all three of my children have also. I am a regular churchgoer and am a member of the Parochial Church Council at St Bartholomew's and Lay Chair of Wotton Deanery Synod. I have a keen interest in the running of the school and its future development".

Ken Hitchings- is the Vice Chair of the LGB, holds the responsibility of Special Educational Needs governor



and sits on both the FRP and S&E committees. Ken says "I was born and bred in Dursley and have always lived locally. I live with my wife in Cam and two grandchildren who both attend Coaley Academy. I am so proud to be a Governor of Coaley Academy. It is an inspiring place to learn with totally dedicated staff and fantastic children. I hope to play a small part in the future growth and success of the school".

Richard Lucas- is the Headteacher and as such, sits on all the committees. Richard says "I have been a



Headteacher for over 10 years, and the Headteacher at Coaley since September 2019. I started teaching more than 20 years ago and absolutely love my job. Working with children and being a Headteacher is such a privilege".

Anne Cheshire- is the chair of the FRP committee. Anne says "I moved to Gloucestershire from Leeds in



1980 and have subsequently lived in Coaley since 1981. Here we raised our son who attended Coaley school. I have always supported Coaley school and I am very keen to get involved in the development and progress of the school."





Coaley with my husband and two daughters who both attend Coaley Academy. I am keen to be an active member of the school community and support the school in maintaining the standards of education and family ethos".

Francine Jackson- is a member of the FRP committee. Fran says "I live in Dursley and have two children,



both of whom are in secondary school. I was a governor for 5 years at another local school and enjoyed being part of a small team working towards a shared vision so, when I was approached to be a co-opted governor in late 2019, I was happy to agree to join the board at Coaley. I am passionate about the idea that education is the key to aspiration and opportunity".

Rebecca Hancock- is our staff governor and sits on the S&E committee. Rebecca says "I landed on my feet



in 2019, joining Coaley school at a time of change and growth. I am passionate about Early Years education and am delighted to have the opportunity to teach my class for three years, watching as they grow and flourish through the EYFS and Key Stage one, within our small, nurturing Coaley family. I am a mum of two grown up children".

Rebekah Kidner- is the latest addition to the LGB as a parent governor. Rebekah says "I have lived in Cam



for 9 years, moving up here to start a family from Bristol where I worked as a Montessori early years teacher. I have 3 children the oldest 2 of whom are at Coaley school. We found the school after my eldest joined the playgroup in Coaley and it seemed a natural choice for him to join the school. I am looking forward to seeing another side to how school is run and am enthusiastic about helping our school to continue growing". *****************

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Abi

Starlings: Freddie

Owls: Oscar, Amelia, Sammy

Values	Certificates:	Humility

Robins: Theo

Starlings: Lewis

Owls: Lucas B

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Giles for spotting the "th" diagraph in words

Starlings: Jasmin for persevering in maths

Owls: William for working really hard in his maths this week (x by 10, 100 and 1000).

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