



Coaley Church of England Academy

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As a family, we flourish

Love everyone as I have loved you: John 15: 12

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a peaceful and restful final week, and are ready for the Christmas break. I know that all the staff are looking forward to some time away to recharge and be ready for next term. Whilst I would normally prattle on about the weather in this bit, I decided to not mention the grim weather this week, with the torrential downpours and floods, as a different way to start the newsletter.

As a Church school, I would also normally include a quote from the Bible on courage but this time I wanted to include our school Bible quote which represents and summarises our values and vision for the school, and shows what it is to be a part of the Coaley family. I feel this beautifully sums up all that our school is about and the importance of showing and sharing love, kindness and friendship at school and in the wider world. It's so important to remember this and keep reminding ourselves of it, especially in today's more turbulent world:

Love each other as I have loved you John 15: 12

Finally, I wanted to say what a privilege it has been being the headteacher at Coaley Primary for the past 4-years as I have seen it grow and develop into the wonderful village church primary school it was always meant to be. It was one of the proudest moments of my professional career when we received the school's Good Ofsted grading and to then see the school grow, improve and nearly double in size as a result. It will always retain its small school feel but we have now become a slightly bigger, small school rather than a tiny one.

Being in the DGAT Trust also means that the school will continue to be supported to make sure that it remains a good school where great things happen, and that you get the education that your child deserves. Although we don't always get it right, we will always listen and reflect and make sure that we do things better which is a healthy place for a school to be. I always wanted it to be the kind of school that I'd want my own two boys to attend and they would have loved the family feel, the friendships and the forest school. Ken Hitchins (governor and school volunteer) and myself would often stand and drink in the joy during the summer months of the children playing, laughing and messing about on the field at lunchtime. I think that Coaley is a magical place to live, grow and attend school and I know it will continue to be so into the future. Luckily for me, Coaley will become one of the schools that I will be looking after in my new role for DGAT in January and I am very grateful that I can continue on with its journey.

Yours
Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

From all of us at Coaley



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas fayre was a huge success, thank you to everyone for donating items, coming along on the day and to the parents who helped out. It's really appreciated and whilst the funds are still to be completely counted it's looking like around £250 raised!!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 20th December

Great fun and a huge success. Lots of singing thanks to Mrs Lowe's choice of Christmas music and some lovely sparkly Christmas clothes.





The Christingle was beautiful, the children enjoyed making them and they looked amazing all lit up in the church



Mr Lucas

Today we say a fond farewell to Mr Lucas as he takes his last day at Coaley and onto pastures new. It's been a challenge finding any photos of him for the newsletter, we think maybe he's camera shy and likes to hide, but here's just a few.

We wish him the best of luck.



Nativity Play

Please find below a link to the YouTube video taken of the Play. Please note it is a private video and should not be shared on social media as some parents do not consent to their children being online.

<https://youtu.be/jLpjlEo9wLU>

School Calendar Dates

January

Monday 8th January – Back to school

Monday 22nd January – Cricket – Visit from a cricket club with games for all years

Friday 26th January – Small schools rugby

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Demi

Starlings: Albert

Owls: Olivia

Value Certificates:

Robins: Alexia

Starlings: Daniel

Owls: Elise

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Poppy for using 1 : 1 correspondence when counting

Starlings: Ellanore for working really hard whilst doing narrative poetry

Owls: Tess for working really hard in maths this week

****All parents are invited to join us for Worship each Friday at 2.45pm in the School Hall****

Please note - Dates and times are subject to change. We will advise you of any changes as soon as possible.

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St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Crib Service

Christmas Eve

2pm



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