



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week despite the extremes in the weather, from biblical floods, to freezing fog, to wild winds. I'm hoping for a more steady weather forecast for next week.

As a Church school, I have included a quote from the Bible on our value this term: courage, being bold.

*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak: Isaiah 40:29*

It has definitely been a different week for all the children this week, with a packed programme of play rehearsals and singing practise. The children have been getting ready to perform, sing and act on stage next week for the school's infamous Nativity play called "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" next Wednesday 13th December. You will be astounded at the talents on show and will delight at the beautiful singing. I would personally like to thank all the staff who have courageously put together a show to remember which I know the children have loved being a part of. There are limited seats so make sure you use all your allocated tickets or let us know so we can offer those not being used to others.

By now, you will have had a lovely letter from your new Headteacher in January, Jen Thomas. I know she is raring to go and will be in school quite a bit over the next two weeks. She is coming in to formally meet parents after school on Monday 11th December and will be in school, meeting the staff and children on Wednesday 13th and Tuesday 19th December, where she will be attending our Christingle service in the church. I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

Talking of welcome, we have a new Teaching Assistant starting after Christmas in the Robins class. I am very pleased to announce that Hayley Buckley (who some of you might know as Niamh's Mum) will be starting in January. She is a really experienced TA, who has a gift for working with children, and we are very lucky to have secured her here.

Yours  
Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

### Coaley Lights switch on

Our singers did an amazing job at the Coaley Light switch on at Coaley Village Hall on Sunday 3rd December. They all looked fabulously festive and were in fine voice.



### Christmas Play

We're really excited to be putting on our Christmas performances next week. Tickets will be sent home soon. We are limited on numbers so each family will get 2 tickets to each performance.

If you don't need some of your tickets, could you drop them back to school and then we will be able to offer them out to those who would like more. If you would like to be put on the wait list for more tickets, let us know in the office and we'll pop you on the list.



## Christmas Fayre

Father Christmas is coming to the fayre!!! – He's very busy though so a pre-booking form will be coming home for those that would like to sign up to meet him at the Christmas Fayre.

On Friday 15th December, there will be a non-uniform day in return for tombola prizes for the Christmas Fayre - all tombola prizes gratefully received.

**COALEY ACADEMY**

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Thursday 21st December**  
**3:15 - 4:30pm**

- ❄️ Hot chocolate
- ❄️ Mulled cider
- ❄️ Cakes & mince pies
- ❄️ Tombola
- ❄️ Fun games
- ❄️ Face painting
- ❄️ Father Christmas  
(pre-booking required)

**FOCS** Friends of Coaley School

## School Calendar Dates

### December

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play - Afternoon performance at 1.30pm and evening performance at 6pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Non uniform day – Donations for tombola

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service in Church

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fayre after school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last Day of Term

#### Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Louie

Starlings: Honey

Owls: Jess

#### Value Certificates:

Robins: Rowan

Starlings: Zizi

Owls: Clementine

#### Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Evalyne for using her handwriting skills in all subjects

Starlings: Cooper for having a go at work that is meant for older children

Owls: Toby for always putting 100% effort into all your work

**\*\*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.*

**AS A FAMILY, WE FLOURISH.**

Message from Longfield Hospice

Last year we collected nearly 3000 trees, raised nearly £50,000 for your local hospice and saved over 46,000kg of Co2 so your support would be greatly appreciated.



Registered charity number 1149008

# Recycle your Tree!

In aid of



## LONGFIELD Community Hospice

Registration closes Tuesday, 9th January, 2024



[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

After costs, Longfield Community Hospice receive 90% and up to 10% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from the 13th to the 16th January 2024.  
Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.

