

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 13thOctober 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week. I have definitely felt the colder climes of autumn coming and even considered putting the heating on at home for the first time! Luckily, I resorted to another jumper but I think cooler weather is definitely on the way, which does have the bonus of lovely crisp mornings, clear skies and frosty starts.

As you know, we will move to a different set-up for lunches next week. You should have received information earlier in the week on how to book a packed lunch from our school caterers, Caterlink, if you would like to order these. It's the same approach as before, except your child orders from a choice of sandwich fillings, accompanied with other goodies. Please also feel free to bring in a packed lunch from home as normal if you wish to. I can only apologise that our current recruitment crisis has got the better of us. It's not something any of us wanted to do and we have struggled on, but it has become unsustainable and was having a negative impact on staff workload levels and children's learning. Bringing a packed lunch from home or ordering one from Caterlink reduces the time and number of staff needed to safely supervise the children at lunchtime. I only hope we can get some adults through the door as soon as possible to help us so we can revert back to hot dinners. Please let us know if you are willing to help, either on a voluntary basis, employed for a few days or for all 5-days. Any help will be gratefully received.

We are holding our new Reception parents open morning for the September 2024 intake on Wednesday 8th November. A flyer is attached with all the details. Please spread the word, as we think Coaley is such a super place for your child to learn, grow and flourish in the warm embrace of a school family.

Please remember that parents' evening is on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th of October. You can sign up for a series of slots, email, call or pop into the Office.

Yours Richard Lucas Executive Headteacher

Our open day is here

Please pass on the details to anyone you know who may be interested in the school for next year and they can come and have a look around.



Wednesday 8th November 2023 9:30am - 11:30am

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Come along and meet the staff, governors and children, have a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and a look around the school to see how your child can flourish with us.

Contact us to let us know you are coming; we look forward to meeting you!

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Midday supervisor

Would you or anyone you know be interested in being a Midday supervisor?

About the role

We are seeking enthusiastic people to join our midday supervision team.

This is to support and develop active lunchtimes in the playground, as well as help to run and organise an efficient lunch hall.

We are looking for reliable and energetic people who are committed to a team ethos and the safety and well-being of our children. Experience of working with children is desirable but a determination to succeed in the role, work flexibly and with a commitment to our school are key priorities.

Instrument choices

Alongside our violin and guitar lessons we have had a request for Clarinet and have found a teacher who would be interested but needs some more pupils to make it worthwhile.

Would your child be interested? We could arrange Clarinet, Flute or Recorder for years 3 to 6.

Message from the teacher

The lessons would cost £8.50 each, an individual lesson is 15 minutes or a paired lesson 30 minutes. Clarinets and Flutes can be hired from Gloucestershire music

https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/instrument-hire/

Each child would also need a book and clarinets would need to buy reeds. I can let parents know which ones to buy.

Recorders and music books for recorders can be purchased easily. I can let parents know what would be a good one to buy.

Please also let us know if your child would like to find out more about piano or violin too.

FOCS AGM

FOCS will be holding their AGM on Friday 20th October at 7pm at the home of FOCS committee member Ella Fielding, Little Orchard, The Street, Coaley.

Everyone is invited, come along and hear about the successes of the last year and find out about plans for the upcoming year. It's a great opportunity to get involved in school fundraising which benefits the children at school.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Mo

Starlings: Zizi and

Charlotte

Owls: Elise

Value Certificates:

Robins: Poppie

Starlings: Cooper

Owls: Clementine

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Lily for writing a book about a frog at home.

Starlings: Megan for putting extra effort into phonics

Owls: Leo for putting 100% into your maths work this week

School Calendar Dates

<u>October</u>

Friday 20th October – Small schools rugby festival
Friday 20th October – FOCS AGM
Monday 23rd October – Parents evening – 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Wednesday 25th October - Parents evening – 4.00pm until 6.30pm
Tuesday 31st October – Transfer to secondary forms should have been completed by year 6 parents

November

Sunday 5th November – Coaley Fireworks display

Tuesday 7th November – Bonfire night special menu – Details to follow

Wednesday 8th November – Open morning for families wishing to join Coaley in the 24/25 school year.

Thursday 9th November – Individual and family photos

Wednesday 22nd November – Small schools football festival for KS2 – Details to follow

Friday 24th November – Flu vaccine – Please complete and return the consent form

December

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Play - Afternoon performance at 1.30pm and evening performance at 6pm
Thursday 14th December – Small schools Netball festival for KS2 – Details to follow

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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No sparklers, alcohol or smoking permitted



St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley Music & Cake featuring Clarinet Quartet Sunday 15th October Short informal & free concerts in church

followed by tea, cake & a chance to chat. AllWelcome



We're recruiting Volunteers

Would you like to help people in your local community who are struggling? We are appealing for new volunteers from all backgrounds who can give 8-10 hours per week in our Stroud or Cirencester office.

Administration/Triage Assistants

You will welcome callers at the door, provide information and signposting (no advice giving involved) and support the organisation with administrative tasks.

Contact us now to apply: training@ca-scd.org.uk

Volunteer Advisers

You will give advice and information (face to face, by telephone and email) to clients on a wide range of problems. The deadline for this role is 19 November; our next training programme in Cirencester starts in January 2024.

Information sessions for volunteer advisers:

18 October 2023 (2-3.30pm) in Stroud 8 November 2023 (1-2.30 pm) in Cirencester

To learn more about this role and to register your place for the information session: training@ca-scd.org.uk



www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk

Our October camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this October with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all. Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

For further information, please watch this video https://atlascamps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4 or check out the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.







Doors: Various

Start Time: Various

Date: Wed 20 Dec 2023 - Sat 06 Jan 2024

Price: £16.00 - £24.00