



## Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Once again, the week has been teasing us with its warm sun, torrential rain and cold mornings. I'm sure it's the same every year so I'm not sure why I am so surprised, but it does mean coats in school for the children, especially on their Forest Schools and PE days. A few plucky parents still come to school in shorts and flip-flops which I always admire.

I missed mentioning Coaley's Wildlife Quizzers in last week's newsletter and I wanted to share how proud Mrs Lowe and I were with their enthusiasm, teamwork and knowledge about wildlife both locally and nationally. They identified plants, knew about lots of different species and worked so well together. They were ambassadors for our school and it was lovely see us begin to take part once again in this local competition. I want to say a HUGE thank you and congratulations for representing the school to our Y6 competitors: Oscar, Max, Bella and Will who did us proud at Coaley.

I hope to see you all at the disco tonight. The timings are: Playgroup and Reception from 5.30-6.00pm; the rest of the Robins to join us from 6.00-6.30pm; and then everyone to join in from 6.30 to 7.30pm. There will be a couple of breaks for a drink and snacks, to create an oasis of calm amongst the crazy dancing.

We are holding our first Easter Service in Bartholomew's Church since Covid began at 9.30am next Friday, 8th April. It's a wonderful chance for us to be together once again in the church and to celebrate Easter in one place. It will be a led by the children, with some songs, a retelling of the Easter story and poems. We hope to see you all there!

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

# COALEYROCKS

The playgroup are organising a fundraising rock night at Coaley Village Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be a bar and two live bands 'The Bohemian Bar Thieves' and 'Archalia.' Megabite burger van (who you might remember from the School Fireworks and will definitely recognise from B&Q) will be stationed outside the village hall and serving from 18.00.

The bar opens at 19.00 and the music starts at 20.00. We will also be holding a raffle on the night with a range of local and Rock themed prizes. Tickets for CoaleyRocks are just £6 and are available at Coaley Shop or from Susy Keating at school. They're selling fast so do get yours to avoid disappointment.

If loud music, drinks and a dancefloor aren't your thing you can still come along and get a delicious Saturday takeaway dinner from Megabite and support the playgroup. We hope to see you there for a rocking night out right on your doorstep.

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Taking place on Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April



## Pigs – some help requested

Local Farmer Mr. Jones has asked the children for help. He has lots of pigs and has decided that he isn't keen on their pink colour and would like the children to help him paint them a different colour. I wonder what bright colours and patterns they can come up with?



## Adult Education Family Learning Courses - Gloucestershire County Council

Please find some details of courses which may be of interest.

\* Upgrade Your Maths is a 5 week course running on Thursday mornings from 10-12. This course is designed especially for parents who are anxious about maths. Parents work in a small group online and are supported so that they soon feeling comfortable tackling a range of maths questions and develop confidence to support their children with their homework. Starting on Thursday 28 April. You can enrol by clicking on this link Upgrade Your Maths<<https://courses.glosglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055280&NAME=Upgrade+Your+Maths&ID1=2500&ID2=55280&ID3=1>>

\* Help Your Child with Writing for ESOL Parents runs on Wednesday afternoons online. The focus of the class is to improve parents English skills and look at the techniques schools use to support children with their written skills in the UK. This class runs weekly in term time for 12 weeks. You can enrol by clicking on this link English Class- Help Your Child with Writing<<https://courses.glosglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055284&NAME=Help+Your+Child+With+Writing+ESOL+Parent&ID1=2500&ID2=55284&ID3=1>>

\* Calming the Mind is a 4 week introduction to mindfulness. Parents who attended this course last year have noticed a real change in their lives, and a greatly improved relationship with their children. This course is running on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings, starting in early May. You can get more details and enrol by clicking on the links Calming the Mind Tuesdays<<https://courses.glosglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055281&NAME=Calming+the+Mind&ID1=2500&ID2=55281&ID3=1>> or Calming the Mind Monday Evenings<<https://courses.glosglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055282&NAME=Calming+the+Mind&ID1=2500&ID2=55282&ID3=1>>

Parents can enrol online. Just cut and paste the links.

\* The courses are free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK for 3 or more years, have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,374 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 ( less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.



## FOCS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter things are starting to take shape for Coaleyst '22 (25th June).

There has always been a fantastic turnout - even in the years when the weather was looking a bit dodgy - with families, friends and villagers alike, young and old, turning up for a good time. So we need help from Volunteers please.

Most of the organising is already underway but we will need people to step up and volunteer for various tasks on the day (nothing too onerous, we promise!). Big or small, it all helps and it's a brilliant way to meet and make friends with other parents with children in different classes. Or, if you do want to help beforehand with planning, please just let us know. There will be sign up forms put up around school hopefully next week.

It takes a **lot** of hard work to pull it together, but it's so worth it. Coaleyst has raised staggering amounts of funds - the last time it took place in 2019, it made over £6k profit! That's way more than most much larger schools fundraise in a whole year! In the past it has helped pay for some amazing things for our children.



## School Uniform

School uniform, including PE T-Shirts can be ordered by parents direct from our supplier at any time of the year – please follow link below:

<https://ahyde.co.uk/collections/coaley-primary>.

We do have limited items of stock in school, so please check with the school office before you order in case we hold what you want.

Going forward, we shall be placing 2 main school orders per school year – June and September, and order forms will be sent home at these times

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Cooper, Charlotte and Daniel

**Starlings:** Ffion

**Owls:** Dexter

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Zeliha

**Starlings:** Lucas

**Owls:** Freddie

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Beatrix for fantastic reasoning when finding one quarter of an amount.

**Starlings:** Oscar for improving and perfecting his handwriting whilst in year 4. Well done!

**Owls:** Max for working so hard with your maths this week

**April Dates**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – April Fool's day. Did you spot it?

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – 3pm Deadline for Parent Governor nominations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – FOCS School Disco

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Closing date for FOCS Easter colouring competition

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Last day of Term 4

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service in church – 9.30am

**11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Allocation day for those starting school in September 2022

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Back to school for the Summer Term

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – 2.45pm Celebration Worship with Parents starts each Friday

**May Dates**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 Bikeability

**9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May** – SATS week

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Rags to Riches collection

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Marling Open Mornings

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Photographs

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Last day of Term

**June Dates**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – First day of Term 6

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – CoaleyFest

**27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Owls' residential to Kilve Court

*Please note - Dates and times are subject to change, and depend on Covid restriction updates. We will advise you of any changes as soon as possible.*

**WE ARE COALEY - We Believe We Respect We Belong**



COALEY VILLAGE PLAYGROUP PRESENTS

**APRIL 30TH 2022**  
**COALEY VILLAGE**  
**HALL**

**BAR OPEN FROM 19.00**

**MUSIC FROM**  
**20.00-23.30**

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**TICKETS £6**  
**FROM COALEY SHOP**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO**  
**COALEY VILLAGE**  
**PLAYGROUP**



Foo Fighters ACDC Greenday Dandy Warhols Blondie The White Stripes  
The Killers Nirvana Arctic Monkeys Billy Idol Queen Bon Jovi and more

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**

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**\_ROCK AND ROLL BAND**

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