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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week and have been enjoying the slightly shorter sunny week in school. This is such a short term and we have so much to cram in!

This week, most of the Year 5 children have been taking part in Bikeability ('cycling proficiency' in old money!) and have undertaken a gruelling range of tests and tasks to make sure that they are fit and safe to ride on the roads. The children behaved so well and listened carefully. I had excellent feedback from the Bikeability instructors about them all as they all took turns to go out on the roads to practise their stopping, turning and riding skills. I will be proudly giving out their certificates this Friday at our Celebration Worship at 2.45pm in school. It was so lovely to see some of them confidently riding to school, using all the skills they have learned from the week's instruction.

Next week the Year 6 children will be doing their statutory SATs assessments. This means that the timetable will be slightly different so we can help the week run smoothly. The Year 6 children will also have a special breakfast to help them settle and to feed their brains. At Coaley, we want our children to have the confidence to believe in themselves, to be respectful of themselves and others and to feel the unique and special bond of being a part of our Coaley family so they can go on to be successful learners and extraordinary individuals. We believe our children should have a wide range of experiences at school, as well as being masters of the basics of reading, writing and maths. Our Year 6 children have endured two lockdowns and have still come out as champions, learning loads and being such wonderful ambassadors for our school and amazing role models for the younger children. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff to say that we are very proud of all their achievements and we have confident that they will all go on and do amazing things in their future.

I also want to say how amazing the Coaley-Rocks Playgroup fundraiser was last Saturday evening. The evening was a social and fundraising success and I even heard there was a special musical guest appearance too! It's so lovely to see the village and Playgroup/school community come together in such a joyful way. I'm sure there will be further musical events planned in the future.

And finally, I have been asked to spread the word on behalf of our local Church, St Bartholomew's, about a special Jubilee celebration on June 5th at 6.00pm. They are asking if any child from school would like to take part in a reading in church. Please let me know if your child would like to take part so I can put you in touch.

I hope you all have a lovely, sunny weekend

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Bikeability

Our Year 5's have been doing Bikeability this week. Year 6 will be doing it in July.



Owls' Kilve Court Residential Trip

Thank you to those parents who have now paid their 2nd instalment for Kilve Court, which was due on Friday 29th April. A reminder to those who have yet to make the payment to do so as soon as possible please.

The future instalment dates for payments are:

Friday 27th May - £55

Friday 24th June – £50 or the remaining balance

Rags to Riches

Don't forget to drop off your bags of clothes by Monday May 9th. The more we collect, the more funds we raise for the school. A perfect chance for some spring cleaning this weekend!

Clothes can be brought to school at any time during the day on Monday. Please see poster below for details. Thank you



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Dakota, Honey & Eloise

Starlings: Sasha & Theo

Owls: Bella

Values Certificates:

Robins: Finley

Starlings: Ffion

Owls: Molly

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Alfie – for thinking about how we can look after our environment by picking up litter

Starlings: Leo – for putting his head under water at the swimming pool

Owls: Andrew – for his continued determination during Bikeability.

May Dates

Sunday 8th May – 3pm Words & Music for Ukraine at St Bartholomew's Church

9th to 16th May – SATS week

Monday 9th May – Rags to Riches collection

Wednesday 11th May – Starlings' final swimming session

Tuesday 17th May – Class Photos

Wednesday 18th May – Owls' first swimming session

Friday 27th May – Jubilee Celebrations

Last day of Term 5

June Dates

Monday 6th June – First day of Term 6

Thursday 9th June – 6pm New Parents' Evening

Tuesday 14th June – Year 6 Leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral

Tuesday 21st June – Y4 & Y5 Marling Open Evening (visits must be pre-booked)

Saturday 25th June – 3 to 10pm CoaleyFest

27th to 29th June – Owls' residential to Kilve Court

Wednesday 29th June – Robins' swimming session

1.30 to 2.30pm New reception Stay & Play session

July Dates

Wednesday 6th July – Owls' final swimming session

1.30 to 2.30pm New reception Stay & Play session

Monday 11th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 13th July – Whole School Trip

18th to 20th July – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 21st July – Final day of the academic year

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

WE ARE COALEY - We Believe We Respect We Belong

CoaleyRocks

A Message from Coaley Playgroup...

Many thanks to everyone who attended, supported and helped with CoaleyRocks. It turns out that Coaley does indeed Rock! (As if there was any doubt). The crowd were entertained by the bands Archalia and Bohemian Bar Thieves and even had the very special treat of our very own Mr Lucas on drums for one song. The atmosphere was incredible and **the night raised an amazing £1600 for Coaley Playgroup**. Can't wait to see you all dancing again at CoaleyFest!

Special thanks to:

Suki Cook for her brilliant help and endless patience in the planning and running of the event.

Members of the playgroup team Becky, Shelly and Sarah, Suki and Jeremy Keating for running the bar.

Tim Kidner and Chantelle Walker for their excellent work on the door and selling raffle tickets.

Deb Hamby and her family for leafletting half of Coaley.

Verity Kologlu for all her support in the planning of the event.

Abdul Kologlu and all at Megabite for feeding all the hungry rockers and for their generous donation to the playgroup.

The Old Fox for their support and for their huge donation.

Carly Baird and Leanne Mann for giving up their time to help set up and tidy up. Couldn't have done it without you guys.

Mr Lucas for keeping the beat so expertly and for being such a good sport in coming and joining us all on stage. Thanks, most of all, to every single one of you who came and danced and sang along. You all made it a wonderful night.





To pre-order Coaleyfest tickets, please fill in the form and return to the school office.

Name _____

Child's name _____ class _____

Tickets required:

Ticket type	Quantity	Cost
Adult @ £7 each		
Child @ £5 each		
Helper @ £5 each		
Total cost		

Please delete as appropriate.

I am paying by cash / bank transfer (details below)

Bank transfer – Please use your name as reference and pay into the FOCS Lloyds Account:

Name – Friends of Coaley School s/c – 30-98-29 account no. – 03051454



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

Items that **CAN** go in the bags

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult's clothes and children's clothes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and handbags |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired shoes and footwear | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and accessories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soft toys and unwanted gifts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bedding and household linen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bath and hand towels | |



Items that **CAN'T** go in the bags

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL UNIFORM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL SPORTS KIT |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CURTAINS, PILLOWS OR DUVETS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRIC-A-BRAC OR BOOKS |

If you are unsure what to put in the bags

STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Monday 9th May

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



PLEASE NOTE – NO BAGS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR THIS COLLECTION, SO PLEASE JUST USE ANY CARRIER BAG YOU HAVE TO DONATE. MANY THANKS