



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been really impressed with the quality of maths teaching this week as Mrs Lowe and I took a really deep look at the teaching of maths across the school. We spoke to children, looked at books and saw learning in lessons. The children were very enthusiastic when talking about maths and they love the challenge, and learning from their mistakes! Learning mathematical fluency and knowing facts by heart is such an important skill to have and one which we will be concentrating on.

We will also be using this idea when we come to looking at homework with the teachers as there are some things you just can't practise enough, such as knowing your times-tables or practising reading. Quite simply: the more you practise something, the better you get at it!

Talking of getting better: we have been looking at our behaviour policy this term and seeing how our 6-Coaley values can help us focus on positive behaviours around school. This makes it clearer and more consistent for the children and so we all know what is expected and how the children will behave. Below are the 6-values, matching their behaviours. We will be looking out for these positive behaviours and you might see some start to appear as Proud Cloud celebrations too!

<b>CODE OF BEHAVIOUR</b>	
Forgiveness	Be a friend
Humility	Be wise
Courage	Be bold
Truth	Be honest
Respect	Be polite
Compassion	Be kind

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### Cross country

It was the last cross country of the season on Saturday. Another muddy course with a chilly wind. This did not deter the children though, as the results prove. 7 children ran with the help of Mrs Squire and we would like to thank her for giving up her Saturday mornings as well as all the parents who come and support the event. The plan next year is to train harder and get more children involved so that we can attempt an overall place in the competition for our school.



★ Junior Boys:  
 ★ Harry M 20<sup>th</sup>, William 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sam 47<sup>th</sup> and Oscar 56<sup>th</sup>.

★ Senior Girls:  
 ★ Erika 50<sup>th</sup>, Lara 58<sup>th</sup>, Scarlett was unable to run this week due to an injury.

★ Senior Boys:  
 ★ Aidan 57<sup>th</sup>. A special mention to Aidan as he found it difficult half way round but being a true athlete he found resilience and courage and made it to the end of the race in a fantastic position.

★ Two of the children placed highly in the overall results. Harry 24<sup>th</sup> and William 28<sup>th</sup> out of over 100 children. WOW!  
 ★ We interviewed both children and this is what they told us.....

★ William: I loved representing the school and that is what I focus on when I am running. I ran through some water last time and slipped over.  
 ★ Harry: You must not run too fast at the start.

★ Both boys said they felt really sick at the end! They must have been working really hard.

★ Well done to everyone who has taken part this season. You have represented our school in the most amazing way and we are all so proud of you.

★ **Introducing.....Mrs Street**

★ We thought it would good to get to know our new teaching assistant Mrs Street. Mrs Street has been in the school for two weeks now and has become part of the furniture already. She said the children have all been friendly and helpful and she has just about learnt all their names. Mrs Street is currently making a bakery shop for the reception children in their role play development, something which she has a lot of experience in as she is a baker herself. Mrs Street lives with her two sons, husband and hamster called Cookie.

★ Thank you Mrs Street for letting us introduce you.

★ **Reverand Fewings visit**

★ Reverand Fewings made his first visit into school this week. There was lots learnt, in particular The Lords Prayer using sign language. We would like to thank him for his visit.

★ **Please note, PE Days:**

- ★ Tuesday – Owls Forest School (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag)
- ★ Tuesday – Owls PE (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag)
- ★ Thursday – Robins (arrive in PE kit)

★ **\*\*\*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*\*\***

★ Please remember if your child has a head bump at school the lower section of the red head bump form **must be returned to school** the very next day. Thank you.

★ Can we make a polite request that all cheques are made out to Coaley Primary Academy School.

★ If anyone specifically requires a hard copy of the Newsletter then please speak to Mrs Astley or Mrs Oxley and they will organise this for you.



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ben, Daisy.  
**Owls:** Lara, Amelia.

**Attendance:**

**Robins** –96.8%  
**Owls** – 94.4%

**Forgiveness :**

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Toby  
**Owls:** Bella

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Jess for explaining a “deepen it” mistake on a number line.  
**Owls:** Lucas B for working really hard in maths this week.

**CLUBS: Term 3 for 5/6 WEEKS**

**Tuesday:** Multi Skills (All) - (lunchtime), Forest School 3:15pm -4:30pm,

**Thursday:** Sports Club (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) 3:15pm - 4:00pm, Arts & Crafts Club (All) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

**Friday:** Drama Club (lunchtime), Fun & Games Friday (YR,Y1,Y2) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

**Dates for your Diary**

Celebration Worship – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 2:45pm  
Christingle (in Church) – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9:00am

**FOCS Dates**

Coaleyfest - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020

*Please note - Dates and times are subject to change, we will update you as soon as possible.*

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