



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this is the final newsletter of the year and what a year it has been! The school has changed and improved so much this year and I hope you will all get to see the new library, playground and logo on our sweatshirts really soon. I also want to personally thank you all for making me feel so welcome and to feel a part of the amazing Coaley family. It is a magical school and one that brings out the best in all of us. As we grow and improve, I know that the strong family ethos at Coaley will not change and it will continue to be a fantastic place for your children to grow and learn.

We are all very excited to be expanding to three classes and Miss Rance has made a brilliant start already, getting to know the children and how we teach at Coaley. We have also decided on a new name for the new class. From September, the new class name for the Year 3 and Year 4 children will be the .... *Starlings!* The starling is a strikingly coloured bird, works brilliantly as a team (just watch their murmurations!) and is very confident and sociable. I think it will fit in really well and that the class will have all the qualities we expect from our children at Coaley.

I would like to wish our delightful Year 6's all the very best on their next adventures and I hope that they will always remember their time at Coaley. I'm sure they will stay in touch as we love hearing about what they're doing and what amazing things they've achieved. We will also be saying a fond farewell to Miss Hudson who is going on to train to be a secondary English teacher. We have loved having her here in school working with all the children and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

And finally, on a more boring, practical note: we are making plans for starting in September and I want to give you all as much notice as I can about how it will be, with the caveat that it may all change given the Government's latest guidance. I will send out a more detailed letter by 28<sup>th</sup> August but there are some details that I hope will help with your planning. As I said last week, we will be running a staggered start and end to the day, as well as lunch and playtimes. We want to have the children in quite quickly from September but to use different entrances to avoid mixing bubbles. If you have children in more than one class, then please drop your child at the later time slot. So, from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the drop-off and pick-up times will be:

## Drop-off times and locations

- Robins: **8.45am** via the main gate and Robin's class outside door
- Starlings: **8.40am** via the front of the school, going in via the side gate
- Owls: **8.50am** via the main gate and the Owls outside door

## Pick up times and locations

- Robins: **3.15pm** from the Robins outside door
- Starlings: **3.20pm** via the front of the school, exiting via the side gate
- Owls: **3.20pm** from the Owls outside door

There is a separate letter going out for children who will be coming into Reception in September as their timings are slightly different.

We are also going to start Breakfast club at 8.00am for 5-days a week from September. More details will be going out about this in August when we get some clarity from the Government on how this will operate. We will probably have a limit on the number of children who can come each day. We will be investigating how we can start after-school care next year.

I hope that gives you some notice of when school will open. Much of the other information I sent out last week still stands and I will send out more details at the end of August.

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

### End of Term Ice Cream Visitor

The children were thrilled with the sound of the chimes coming into the carpark and then the van appearing onto the field. Everyone enjoyed the treat, so thank you Mr Lucas for organising an ice cream break for us all.



### Long Term Learning Plan

The long term learning plans for Robins, Starlings and Owls are now available to view on our website in the key information section. Please take a look at what exiting learning will be taking place from September.

### Uniform

Our items of uniform which require the new school logo are currently in production and will be available in Term 1. The Uniform Policy and a copy of the uniform order form has been sent to you via Parentmail today for you to complete and return to the school office at your convenience (please make cheques payable to: Coaley Primary Academy School.) Alternatively orders can be made directly online with [www.ahyde.co.uk](http://www.ahyde.co.uk) although there is a delivery charge incurred with an online order. I must say the new logo really does look bright and colourful on all of the uniform items.



## C19 Mobile Testing Units

As you may already know there are now a number of Mobile Testing Units available across the county. The Mobile Testing Unit, previously at Oxstalls Tennis Centre in Gloucester, is now available at other locations across the county. The mobile unit has meant hundreds more tests are available each day it is operating.

Those who do have symptoms can get tested at the Mobile Testing Units and here are the testing locations below: Information of opening times can be found at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### **Stow**

Stow Rugby Football Club, Oddington Road, Stow, GL54 1JJ

### **Stroud**

Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AH

### **Gloucester**

Hempsted Meadows, David Hook Way, Gloucester, GL2 5LE

## Year 6 Leavers

Well it wasn't the end of year we expected but what an amazing group of children to spend these unusual times with. Year 6 have shown courage, resilience and brought so much laughter to our school. We will miss you all so much. We wish you all the best in your new adventures.



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**We Respect**

**We Belong**