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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a really positive week and have been enjoying the small joys this week. At school, we have been busy doing lots of exciting activities and learning loads, and time does seem to fly by when you're having fun! However, sometimes, we forget to notice the small pleasures in life that bring about much joy, giving us time to stop and wonder, ponder and think. So I have made a point of noticing some small joys in school this week. I have definitely seen some joyous moments. First our new Coaley school banner arrived with the new school logo on, which we will now be able to proudly parade around Gloucester Cathedral this summer at the Y6 leavers' celebration. A photo of the proud Y6 children is attached. Second, there were so many wonderful and joyful comments spoken about your children at the parents' evenings and so many parents were very proud of their hard working children. Third, it was a joy hearing the children singing together once again in school, something we haven't been able to do for quite a while. Keeping an eye out for small joys helps ground us in the present and remind us of the joy and wonder in our lives.

Talking of wonders and joy, FOCS (Friends of Coaley School aka the PTA) are nearly up and running with some events but they do need your help for them to run successfully. FOCS have two events this term: the Fireworks display and the Christmas disco. We are meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm to discuss the Fireworks and to sort out the jobs we need to run this event successfully. We will also be talking about the disco and future events, including what to do. I look forward to seeing you at school.

As some of you may know, Amanda Russell (our esteemed Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, SENCo) will be leaving us next week to pursue new adventures and concentrate on her other schools. She is only with us one day every two weeks but she has seen us through the necessary changes that were needed at Coaley and has put us on the right path to success. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Russell for all her help, expertise and support, and wish her the best of luck in her next venture. Luckily, we have appointed Mrs Jen Panton (the current SENCo at St Matthew's Primary School) as our new SENCo who will be taking over immediately. She will be having a full and comprehensive handover next week. She will be fully up to speed so the transition will be a smooth one.

Yours

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

## School Council

Meet the School Council of 2021!

We have a brand new school council and they have already had their first meeting. Molly, William, Oscar, Elise, Tess, Oliver, Charlotte and Eloise met to talk about what their plans are for the coming year. They are making plans for the Prayer Garden, Play Leaders and play equipment and an IT wish list.

We will keep you updated on what the school council are up to throughout the year.



## New Coaley School Banner

The year 6's with the new school banner.

With huge thanks to Suzanne Perrett from SeamsSewPerfect who spent her summer creating and sewing it for us.



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Cooper, Dakota

**Starlings:** Anna Mae

**Owls:** Freddie

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellanore

**Starlings:** Ellie

**Owls:** William

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Lochlan for showing an interest in clocks and making his own.

**Starlings:** Tess for contributing in class discussions and having a can do attitude.

**Owls:** Oliver for working really hard in your writing this week. You didn't give up – well done!

**Please help!** - We are still looking for a Chair, Secretary and Volunteers to help run events to raise money for resources for school. Please come and speak to us if you are interested in offering some time to organise some fun events and raise funds for the benefit of the children.

**October Dates**

18<sup>th</sup> October – Fireworks planning meeting. **2.30pm in school.**

20<sup>th</sup> October - Small Schools Football Festival for year 5 and 6.

31<sup>st</sup> October – Spooky Trick or treat trail from 4.30pm.

**November Dates**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Forum. **9am in school.**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Coaley Fireworks. **Gates open 5.30pm.**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Height, Weight & Measure (YR & Y6) Health and Wellbeing team in school.

**December Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> December – School Disco.

13<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisation. Details to follow.

*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**

## Half Term Family Events at The Museum in the Park, Stroud

**Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 October, 10am, 11.30am & 2pm**

### **Experiments with dyes! Workshops with Stroudwater Textile Trust**

In these fabulous hands-on art & science workshops we'll use ingredients from the kitchen cupboard and discover the colours we can make with them. Sometimes there will be surprises! You will also be able to see eco printing and natural dyes created by volunteer Ruth Illingworth whose exhibition will be an inspiring backdrop for these sessions.

These workshops last around one hour and are great fun for curious children aged 8+ and their parents or grandparents. Please wear old clothes or bring an old apron, and book ahead to ensure you have a place.

**£2 per participant, booking required: [book online](#) or call 01453 763394**

*Grown ups who don't wish to take part can look around the Museum or Gallery or have a coffee while children enjoy the session.*

**Friday 29 October at 2pm**

### **Stratford Park Tree Walk**

A guided walk exploring the beauty of trees and Autumn colours with Walking the Land artists. For children aged 7+ as well as for adults. Wrap up warm and wear sturdy shoes/boots and raincoats. We'll meet outside the Museum's Garden Pavilion where we'll look at Ruth Illingworth's use of leaves in eco printing before we set off and explore the park. Walk lasts around 90 minutes.

**Cost £5 / £3.50 booking necessary: [book online](#) or call 01453 763394**

*Sorry, this event is not suitable for wheelchairs/buggies or dogs.*

**Saturday 23 – Sunday 31 October**

### **'Hiding Hedgehogs' I Spy Trail (outdoors) FREE**

Families with young children are invited to enjoy a quiet walk around the beautiful Walled Garden. Admire Autumn colours and seed heads, listen to wind, rain or bird song ... and see if you can spot some little stone hedgehogs hiding here and there. Free 'I Spy' trail.

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### **Past (Wild) Life Trail (indoors)**

Time has gone wild ... again! A gaggle of curious costumed creatures from the past are lost inside the Museum (you may have met them outside during the summer holidays!).

Please tell us where they are hiding and put them in chronological order for extra points.

*Free 'I Spy' picture trail designed by local illustrator Hannah Shaw.*

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