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As a family, we flourish

Love everyone as I have loved you: John 15: 12

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our value is compassion: being kind to everyone. To celebrate our close connection to the Church, I have included a quote from the Bible:

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble:

1 Peter 3:8

I hope you have all had a super week, dodging the downpours and basking in the autumn sun. It's been a strange week of weather and I'm hoping for a calmer week next week with more sun, if possible.

I can only apologise for my absence at the beginning of the week as St Matthew's CofE Primary school (where I spend the other half of my time) had some visiting inspectors this week. As we know, having these 'visitors' is never an easy experience, but like at Coaley last year, the staff were amazing and the children so well behaved.

The children have been immersing themselves in our new vision this week and have been thinking about what it is to be a family and how to flourish in school and in life in general. The older children have also been looking at our wider vision and helping understand our Bible quote of 'Love everyone ...' and how this fits into the wider context. This has been brought together into a lovely display for the Coaley Flower Festival this weekend from 11.00am to 5.00pm in the Church. Please go along and see the children's work.

I hope to see lots of you at the FOCS meet the committee afternoon, after school from 3.15pm. This will be a chance to find out all about the amazing work that they do, have fun and get involved further raising funds to add to the icing on the cake to your child's educational experience, so all our Coaley children to flourish.

Yours

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Rags to Riches



We are hosting a clothing collection with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools on Monday 2nd October

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and

accessories (please pair and tie shoes together).

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school and there's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes.

You can use any bags although a bag will be sent out today for all families.

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.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.

PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM



FOCS meet and Greet

FOCS (Friends of Coaley School) meet and greet after school today with free tea/ coffee, cakes and treats! Please come along for your chance to meet the FOCS committee and find out about fundraising events planned for the year.

Flu Vaccination letter

A gentle reminder to complete the consent form for school if you haven't already

Thursday 5th October – Census menu

The menu for census day is on Thursday 5th October, it's really helpful to the school if as many children as possible have a hot school dinner on this day. Menu at the end of the newsletter.

Harvest Festival

Harvest festival will be in the church on Tuesday 3rd October – Parents and carers welcome – starts at 9.00am.

Flower festival

Message from the church – Don't forget the flower festival at our church this weekend on Saturday and Sunday 11 until 5pm on both days.

Come along and find the scarecrows whilst looking at your childrens work.

Refreshments and raffle available – see poster

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Freddie

Starlings: Eloise

Owls: Toby

Value Certificates:

Robins: Demi

Starlings: Finley

Owls: Ellie

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Otis for excellent reasoning in maths

Starlings: Zizi for continuing to try and do a backwards flip on the bar

Owls: Ben for keeping going with your maths and always working hard

School Calendar Dates

October

Monday 2nd October – Rags to Riches – Clothes collection

Tuesday 3rd October – Harvest Festival in Church

Thursday 5th October – Census menu – Please help us to help the school by encouraging all the children to eat school hot lunches on this day

Tuesday 31st October – Transfer to secondary forms should have been completed by year 6 parents

November

Tuesday 7th November – Bonfire night special menu – Details to follow

Wednesday 8th November – Open morning for families wishing to join Coaley in the 24/25 school year – Details to follow

Thursday 9th November – Individual and family photos

Friday 24th November – Flu vaccine – Please complete and return the consent form

December

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Play - Afternoon performance at 1.30pm and evening performance at 6pm

****All parents are invited to join us for Worship each Friday at 2.45pm in the School Hall****

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

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Census Day Menu

Hot Dog
or
Vegetarian Hot Dog

With Chips, Coleslaw and
Salad

Syrup Sponge & Custard



St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

FLOWER FESTIVAL

"HARVEST"

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023

11.00AM - 5.00PM

Refreshments / Raffle / I Spy...
Dedications Available

**FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS TO
COALEY CHURCH**



Key Stage 2 girls...
Join us for Stroud High School Open Evening
Thursday 12 October 5-7.30pm
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