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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a positive week as we head into half term. During next week, please take time out to rest, relax and unwind from the stresses of the term. It's been a tough time for everyone in the Coaley family and it's important to take a break, especially from school work, and enjoy something different. Please take time to do some nice things and have some treats as you all deserve them given how hard you have all worked.

Also, I'd like to say a MASSIVE thank you to you all for the gifts of goodies that arrived in school for the staff this week. All the staff have enjoyed the hamper of treats and the amazing donut/brownie box which arrived on Wednesday. It's such a kind thought that really boosted our day, especially in this last week of term.

I have spent some time this week reflecting on the remote learning offer we have had in place this term, looking at what has worked well and what we'd do differently next time. I am also hoping that we will get some announcements on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February from the Government on what our return will look like. We have various contingency plans in place depending on what we get told and I will share these with you as soon as I can. I'm hoping to know enough by the end of the first week back to let you know what we will be doing. Therefore, I thought it would be good to discuss this further at a Parents' Forum via Zoom at 1.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. I'd like to reflect on the previous term and to talk through our return to school plans. I will share with all of you what I know on the 26<sup>th</sup> by letter anyway but I thought it would be good to speak to as many of you as I can via Zoom as well. I hope lots of you can come along, and then switch to the Friday celebration Zoom at 2.30pm!

Have a lovely half term and I look forward to some normality coming back as soon as we can.

Take care and stay safe.

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Thank you!



10/02/2021



09/02/2021

## Raffles Forest School

Well another term is over and I wanted to share with you what we have been up to during our Forest School sessions.

As we were missing so many of our group, we decided to put aside our main tasks of building the bird hide and completing the design features of the mud kitchen; we want to finish these when everyone is back together again. So, this term we completed a number of tasks to work towards a Bronze Certificate for Outdoor Learning Challenges. These challenges covered the 5 core values of Forest School: Creativity, Resilience, Wellbeing, Self-management of Risk and Environmentally Friendly. All of the activities link to curriculum objectives for various subjects including: Science, Maths, Literacy, PSHEE, Art, Design & Technology, Geography, History, and Physical Education.

I have been so impressed with the children's ability to work together when building an obstacle course, encouraging others when working on creative projects, and taking such care when cleaning the bird boxes and relocating them ready for Spring.

Having completed 10 tasks, both Group 1 and Group 2 have all achieved their Bronze Award which is FANTASTIC! Well done everyone!

We have missed all the children who have been home schooling. I hope they have been able to get outside and spot the early signs of Spring emerging. They are out there if you look closely... honest!

Really looking forward to seeing everyone again at some point next term. Have a wonderful half-term break.

Emma



## New Staff Member

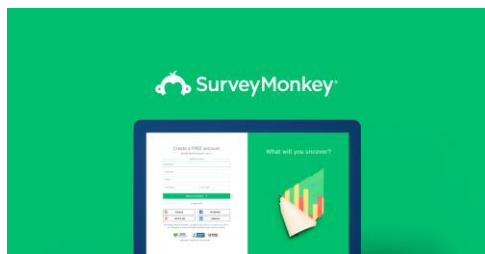
Welcome Miss Erin Robinson to Coaley!! Miss Robinson has joined us for the rest of the academic year as a Teaching Assistant primarily in the Group 2 bubble and KS2 moving forward. She has recently graduated from Reading University and will be embarking on a PGCE at Gloucestershire University in September. We know she will be fantastic addition to the Coaley team.



## Website Survey

We are planning to do some work to improve the school website and so governors would be interested in your feedback on the current site. Our aim is to make the school website a shop window for the school, somewhere parents can easily find out any information, and a way for you to see what we are doing at school. Please do take the time to complete the online survey here:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/85GJDR7>



## Coaley Church of England Primary Academy website survey

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Thanks very much for your help, we really do need your input to create a website that you will find useful.

### **Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Daisy

**Starlings:** Poppy

**Owls:** Sammy

### **Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellanore

**Starlings:** Thomas

**Owls:** Harry M

### **Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Jess for excellent reasoning in maths this week.

**Starlings:** Ben for great maths work this week.

**Owls:** Lucas B for all your hard work this week.  
William for all your hard work at home.

**WE ARE COALEY ~ We Believe**

**We Respect**

**We Belong**