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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a calm start to the term and have been enjoying the lovely sunny week. I get the feeling that it might not last long! It's typical that the sun arrives just as term starts and not during the holidays but it has meant that we've had a sun-filled start to the year and have been out loads, enjoying all that Coaley has to offer.

The children have all settled into school so well and the new Reception class are a delight. They're enjoying the new bits in their outside learning space and are so kind and caring towards each other already. We are also delighted to welcome some new additions to the Coaley family too. We have also gained Dexter Y6, Poppy in Year 5, Jasmine in Y4, Dotty Y3, Lucas in Y2 and Lawrence in Y1. They have settled in so well; it's as if they've always been with us!

I hope you are all getting used to the new drop-off and pick-up routines. They will get easier and I appreciate your patience as we embed this new approach. The day starts in school starts in a calm way which we all appreciate. In the morning, we are not going to open the car park gate as some staff come into school after 8.30am and cars and children don't mix! This means that the car park entrance isn't safe in the mornings so this gate will remain shut. We will open it for pick-up times as no staff leave at this time.

There will be class letters coming soon with some information about class routines and how things work in each class. Alongside this are the topic 100% sheets. These show you the key knowledge that the children will be learning this year in each class. This knowledge is built upon year on year so it's vital that we focus on this in particular, as well as all the rest of the stuff they will learn across each term. We will be refocusing on this key 'sticky knowledge' to help the children remember it in their long term memory.

We will be sending out a letter next week about our clubs offer. As a small school, there is only so many clubs the staff can offer and they do this in their own time to better enrich the children's lives at school. We are lucky to also have Connie, who teaches PE, and Emma, who teaches Forest School, to enhance our wider clubs offer. However, if anyone out there has a talent that they wish to share with our children, then please don't hesitate to offer to come in.

We will also be sending out some information about music lessons this term very soon. Learning an instrument is such a gift and enriches your child's life so much. Please think about this additional activity which takes place in school time.

Finally, we are having an earlier parents' evening this term. It will be in w/c 11th October and will be either in person or via a phone call. This gives you options to keep to your safety rules with COVID when attending. The Robins and Owls will be on Monday and Wednesday, and the Starlings will be on Monday and Tuesday. A letter will go out to confirm times and for you to book appointments in the next week or so.

Yours

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Anaphylaxis and Allergies

We currently have a pupil with a peanut allergy in school. Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to an allergy. The safety of children with an allergy in a school setting depends on the cooperation of the entire school community and we are asking parents/carers to not bring food and snacks into school which contain peanuts in an attempt to limit the chances of this child being exposed to peanuts. Please instruct your child to not share food with other classmates.

Fundraising for FOCS

As the new academic year begins we would like to start fundraising for some fun extra resources for the children.

First of all, we will be doing a clothing collection.

Please start keeping your re-usable clothes and accessories and keep them for the 4th October.

Details of what are acceptable can be found at www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



Bags and details will follow soon.

Please help! - We are still looking for a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Volunteers to help run events to raise money for resources for school. It would be lovely to have a Christmas fayre this year. 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.

Coats and Wellies

As the weather gets colder and wetter can we remind pupils to bring their coats and wellies to school. Wellies are especially needed on the school field.

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Zeliha

Starlings: Jasmine P

Owls: Jasmine, Iyla and Poppy C

Values Certificates:

Robins: Lawrence

Starlings: Oscar M

Owls: Harry M

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Cooper for explaining what happens to numbers when he counts on.

Starlings: Leo for adapting and settling in to Starlings class.

Owls: Arthur for having such a can do attitude in your work this week. Well Done!

September Dates

Tuesday 14th September – Year 6 – day trip to South Cerney

October Dates

4th October – Rags 2 Riches clothes collection

Week Commencing 11th October – Parent evenings. Letter 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.

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