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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had great week, dodging the showers and avoiding the rain. I've been thinking more about seeing small joys all around us this week and I've found that once you start it's hard not see them all the time. Although the football tournament was postponed, those at football club on a Tuesday after school are so enthusiastic and supportive of each other. They demonstrate our Coaley values and they make football club such a joy to do each week. I love seeing the teamwork and perseverance on display as well as how well the children support each other, even if someone else scores a goal against their team! We also had coaches from Atlas Sports join us yesterday for the Cross Country event. Everyone ran really well and showed courage to get around the track. The weather held out for us and they had a great time.

As you know FOCS are putting on two events this term: The Fireworks display and the Christmas disco. However, FOCS numbers are currently very low and we do need a few more willing volunteers to get involved to make it work properly. It's not onerous and there is lots of help from parents and school. In fact, one of the best reasons to get involved in FOCS is that it's a chance to get to know other parents from across the school. I am still friends with families who I met through my own children's school PTA and my two boys are now in their early 20s! So please get involved, turn up to meetings and put yourself out so FOCS can raise funds for the lovely extras for your children and to widen your social life at the same time!

I have also arranged for a Parents' Forum on Thursday 4th November at 9:00am (just after half term) to talk a bit more about the FOCS and to talk thorough any issues you have with school: teas and cakes will be provided. Everybody is welcome!

Next week is the half term holiday and I know we're all looking forward to a well-deserved rest. The term has been particularly tiring because we've all been getting used to new routines and trying to get back to normal, as well as trying to teach the curriculum, remotely and in school. I want to thank all the staff for continuing to do an amazing job and to make Coaley such a special place to come to every day.

Before I go, I also want to give a special mention and thank you to Mrs Astley who has been such a super star since I started here. I literally couldn't have survived without her. I know she will still be around for a little while, helping us out with the Fireworks and until our new replacement arrives. I will let you know her replacement as soon as I am able, probably early next term.

In the meantime, have a safe and restful half term.

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

Updated Guidance from UKHSA

Following the resolution of the UKHSA investigation last week, the necessary retesting advice has been issued and the previously issued statement by the UKHSA can now be rescinded. Schools should return to relying on PCR testing in their decision making.

- As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well.
- Regular LFD testing of asymptomatic staff and secondary age students should continue. If someone tests positive on LFD, they should isolate and take a PCR test to confirm whether they are positive. If the result is negative, they can return to school.
- All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate.
- If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

Halloween

Trick or Treat Trail 31st October

Come and join us for some spooky fun, starting from The Old Fox from 4.30pm (last maps for sale at 6.30pm). Find the letters from our spooky houses and return to the pub to claim your prize.
Pumpkin carving competition. Hot dogs, mulled wine and mulled cider for sale. Toy stall.

Don't forget to bring a torch!

Open the Book

Open the Book has returned to Coaley! We were delighted to welcome back in to school the Open the Book team for the first time since restrictions were relaxed. Open the Book is a celebration of stories from the Bible delivered in schools to be accessible in an enjoyable way. The team of volunteers from St Bartholomew's church visit us once a month to deliver a celebration worship of storytelling through the use of drama, mime, props, costume and even the children and staff get involved to present the Bible stories in a lively and informative ways.

This week we celebrated "in the beginning" the story of Adam and Eve.
It is wonderful to have the team back in school.
We have missed you!



Cross Country



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Charlotte, Daniel, Alice,

Starlings: All of Starlings!!

Owls: Dexter, Oscar C,

Values Certificates:

Robins: Giles

Starlings: Elise

Owls: Jasmine T,

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Autumn-Rose for learning how to use a sound mat and independently using one to write words

Starlings: Sasha for taking part in French

Owls: Thomas for working really hard on your narrative writing about dragons

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.

FOCS 100 Draw Winners!

Congratulations to REBEKAH KIDNER !!! for being the first winner in the new FOCS Draw. Please go to the office to Claim your prize.

October Dates

31st October – Spooky Trick or treat trail from 4.30pm.

November Dates

Thursday 4th November – Parents Forum. **9am in school.**

Sunday 7th November – Coaley Fireworks. **Gates open 5.30pm.**

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

December Dates

10th December – School Disco.

13th 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.

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