



Coaley Church of England Primary Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

Friday 2nd February 2024

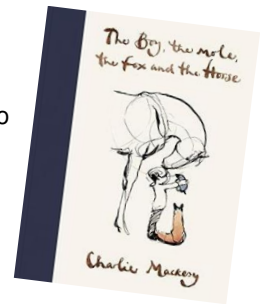
Dear Parent/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic week at Coaley celebrating 'National Storytelling Week'. Throughout the week, different members of staff have shared some of their favourite stories with the children. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' with the whole school on Monday and reflecting on the beautiful images and words used in the text. Some children thoughtfully articulated how the characters in this story demonstrate our Christian value of respect in the words and actions they use towards one another.

You may have noticed that a huge mound of wood chippings appeared in the corner of the school carpark this week. Emma, our fantastic Forest School Lead, made some enquiries with K.A.D Total Tree Care when she noticed them working in the village. They very generously donated these wood chippings to the school and the children are very excited about transporting them to the Forest School Area to enhance it even further next week! A huge thank you to K.A.D. Total Tree Care for their kindness, generosity and support for our school.

I look forward to welcoming you all into school to meet with your child's class teacher during the parent/carers consultation meetings next week. Governors have kindly offered to make tea and coffee so please do come a little earlier to have some refreshments and look at your child's books.

Best wishes,
Miss Thomas



As a family, we flourish

Christian Distinctiveness

This week I have been reflecting on what makes us a 'Church of England' school. Some of you may have an idea based on your own schooling, for others it may be something you have not considered before. Here are some of the aspects, which define us as a C of E school:

- We have a Christian vision (As a family, we flourish), rooted in theology (Love each other as I have loved you, John 15:12). We are part of the Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust and our vision resonates with the wider Trust vision, 'To enable all to flourish'.
- Our vision is lived out through our Christian values (Compassion, Humility, Respect, Truth, Courage and Forgiveness)
- The Local Governing Body ensure I am committed, with the help of staff, to maintain the Christian character of the school.
- We have daily Collective Worship (what you may remember as 'assembly') and provide further opportunities for prayer and reflection during the school day. Collective Worship is inspiring, inclusive and invitational.
- We observe and celebrate Christian festivals in school and St Bartholomew's Church.
- We maintain and develop an active and affirming relationship with the Parish of Coaley
- We welcome children of all faiths, and none, and ensure those children of other faiths are able to celebrate their major festivals with integrity.
- Spirituality is a large part of school life and children use language such as 'ows, wows & nows' to define spiritual moments.
- We are inspected by an organisation called 'SIAMS' every few years, who check that our vision, values and curriculum (including Religious Education) enable all of our children to grow and flourish.
- We are supported by the Diocesan Board of Education who offer support, advice, training and CPD.



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Dates for the diary

- **Monday 5th February**- Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30 (signup sheet in front office)
- **Monday 5th February**- Y5/6 Kilve instalment due
- **Wednesday 7th February**- Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30 (signup sheet in front office)
- **Thursday 8th February**- District swimming gala (our team has been selected!)
- **Friday 9th February**- Last day of term
- **Monday 19th February**- INSET
- **Tuesday 20th February**- Term 4 begins
- **Wednesday 21st February** National Dental Survey

Every Friday at 2.45pm- Celebration Worship in the hall, all are welcome!

Book Sale

Jasmine, Juno and Ellie have been very busy organising a book sale to raise funds for GL11. Their courageous advocacy and determination is admirable!

Please support them by donating books and visiting their book sale on Monday 5th February at 3.20pm.



Proud Cloud Certificates

Robins: Cleo

Starlings: Cooper

Owls: Ben and Anna-Mae

Value Certificates

Robins: William

Starlings: Charlotte

Owls: Kalla

Growth Mindset Certificates

Robins: Jaxson for comparing and discussing length using the correct language.

Starlings: Aiden for always having a go independently before asking for help.

Owls: Ffion for always working really hard in all lessons.



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ClassDojo

During the parent coffee afternoon, several of you requested information about the Class Dojo system. Although Dojos are used in all classes, they are used more frequently in Starlings and Owls. Children receive Dojos to recognise and celebrate academic achievements (such as reading five times in a week, completing homework, times tables success etc.). The children collectively earn points for a desired treat; this is chosen together at the start of each term. The target number of Dojos changes each term depending on the term length. In addition to Dojos, children will receive house points to recognise that they have demonstrated one of our six core Christian values. House points are revealed by house captains during our weekly Celebration Worship and contribute towards a reward at the end of each term for the winning house.

Year 5/6 Parents

This a polite reminder that the next instalment of £60 for Kilve Court residential is due on Monday 5th February.

Coaley TableTop Sale

Coaley School have been offered a stall at the upcoming TableTop Sale at Coaley Village Hall on Sunday 17th March to sell second hand Coaley School uniform and raise funds for the school. In order to run the stall, we need a couple of parent volunteers to organise donations of uniform, help the children set up their stall and oversee them on the day. If you can help, please let Susy Keating or Verity Kologlu know or contact Miss Thomas at school. Thank you for your continued support!

Head Lice

We continue to have reports of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair as soon as possible and monitor additional itching or movement in their hair. Here are some top tips to help reduce outbreaks:

- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb- with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find live lice, treatments can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.

Further support with head lice and nits:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



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**COMMUNITY
TABLETOP SALE**

Sunday 17th March 11-15.00

Coaley Village Hall

Crafts, Cakes, Refreshments, Pre-loved
Clothes, Toys, Coaley School Uniform,
jumble and more...

LIMITED SPACES please
contact Susy Keating at
phoebuscar@gmail.com or
via Facebook Messenger
to secure your spot

£10 a table

**£1 entry
kids go free**



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