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As a family, we flourish

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

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week as the very autumnal weather has well and truly set in. I love the clear skies and fresh mornings, although the shorter days are not quite so much fun.

As a Church school, I have included a quote from the Bible on our value this term, courage:

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong: Corinthians 16:13

We had a wonderful time at the football tournament on Wednesday where we took two teams to a small schools football tournament. What was particularly lovely for me was seeing all the children joining in and playing as a team, supporting one another and praising each other after each game. We were the first to give three cheers to the other teams, despite some schools simply running off the pitch, and our sporting behaviours were top-notch! All the children were ambassadors for Coaley and showed our school values at all times. There were lots of goals scored by all teams and I was a very proud Headteacher on Wednesday. The children came away with smiles on their faces and mud on their clothes having played lots of football. Playing any team sport is such a great thing for everyone to do and we try to do as much as we can at our small school.

On a slightly different note: I want to remind everyone to be polite and kind when communicating with us in school, either through email or face-to-face. Unpleasant messages to members of staff, including to myself, are upsetting. Our vision is about being a family and we know that being in a family will have its ups and downs. However, we also want love to be our defining message and, although we might not see eye-to-eye all the time, I'd like us to be able to disagree agreeably. We just want the best for your child as I know you do too.

Yours

Richard Lucas

Executive Headteacher

Coaley Lights switch on

On Sunday 3rd December the children of Coaley have been invited to sing at the Christmas light switch on at Coaley Village Hall. Children do not need to wear school uniform but Christmas/festive clothing is encouraged. We will be singing at 4:15 so please could children arrive by 4:10. The event is open from 4pm. If you have any questions, then please see Mrs Lowe.



Coaley Pantomime

Coaley Amateur Dramatics Society have been putting on Snow White as this years pantomime in the village hall (until Saturday evening).

Lots of the school children have been involved along with several previous students of Coaley in lead roles. We've been told it's a really lovely community event and very well supported by the village.

We received this little note:

I just wanted to write a little note to say how amazing the kids are from Coaley school who are taking part in the village pantomime this week. They have all worked really hard to produce a fantastic and fun show for the community to really get involved in. They are a credit to the school, impeccably well behaved and infinitely talented.

It would be lovely if they could be wished the best of luck for the last 3 performances.

Jess, Anna-Mae, Ffion, Tess, Sasha, Ellie & Abi.

Kind Regards

Fairy Goodheart





Christmas Decorations

Many thanks go to Reggie, Harper and Honey's nan for donating a Christmas tree for us to use this year.

We don't have many Christmas decorations, if anyone has any spare they can donate to school we would be really grateful.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th December. We will be sending home a letter today asking for choices of Christmas meal by the end of next week. Menu is attached.

Wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 20th December too



Children in Need

We raised £80.38 Thank you to everyone for donating.

School Calendar Dates

December

Sunday 3rd December – Coaley Christmas lights switch on including Carols from the school.

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

Thursday 14th December – Small schools Netball festival for KS2 – Details to follow

Tuesday 19th December – Christingle Service in Church

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December – Last Day of Term

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Ivy

Starlings: Laurence

Owls: Ben

Value Certificates:

Robins: Iris

Starlings: Jack

Owls: Niamh

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Leo for thinking carefully about how to form letters

Starlings: Beatrix for carefully thinking about her vocabulary choices whilst writing science fiction

Owls: Anna-Mae for having the courage to fully take part in our Christmas play

****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.

AS A FAMILY, WE FLOURISH.

Message from Museum in the park

Before we close we'd love to invite you and your school pupils and their families to our final **Festive Winter Weekend (2nd and 3rd December)**. Poster below – all activities FREE (donations welcome). Come dressed up as a Victorian if you so wish!

The Museum in the Park will then be closed for cleaning, essential maintenance and installation of a new air source heating system from 4th December. We will reopen on Saturday 27th January.

Please join us for a

Festive Winter Weekend

Sat 2 & Sun 3 December (11am – 4pm)



at **The Museum in the Park, Stroud**

FREE, fun, Victorian-inspired activities to enjoy with family & friends of all ages!

Decoration & Gift Making (11am – 4pm Sat & Sun)

Parlour Games (11am – 1pm Sat & Sun)

Quiz Trails (11am – 4pm Sat & Sun)

Tea Duelling (2.30pm Sat & Sun) **Carol Singing** (4pm Sat)

Storytelling (2pm & 3pm Sun)

Dramatic Reading: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens (4pm Sun)

Hot drinks & cakes for sale and 10% off in the Museum Shop

Come dressed as a Victorian and you'll receive a complimentary hot drink or gift!

Museum closed from 4 December 2023, reopening 27 January 2024

www.museuminthepark.org.uk

Christmas Lunch Menu 2023

Main

**Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes,
Stuffing and Sausage**

Vegetarian Option

**Cheddar, Spinach and Cranberry Puff
Pastry Roll**

Sides

**Peas, Carrots, Chef's Gravy and
Cranberry Sauce**

Desserts

Chocolate Frosted Christmas Sponge

