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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and have managed to find some moments of small joy. With the slog of going to work and coming home in the dark, I definitely need to look a little harder than usual for those positive moments but they do exist. It's just a question of seeking them out.

The Robins is always my go-to place when I need to find a bit of joy as the sounds of children playing, learning and fun are never in short supply. My office window looks out into the Robins' conservatory so I get to see and hear the children as they buzz about, learning, sharing and playing. It's always such a joy to hear. The new Starlings classroom is a real treat too with the hum of studious learning as Miss Rance, Miss Hunt and Mrs Street orchestrate the lessons for all three year groups with precision and panache. The children are definitely learning loads and have been making such amazing progress this year.

This week the Owls have also tasted some joy as they have started their course on becoming a Playground Leader. This is being led by Mrs Daniels, a teacher from St Matthew's Primary, who has led the Playground Leaders course many times before; we are very lucky to have her experience with us at Coaley. Playtime Leaders organise and lead playtime games for other children to join in with. It's a chance for the Y5s and Y6s to learn about leadership, and how to work as a team, both of which are important skills in modern day life! I know they will all take their responsibilities very seriously and have a great time leading playtime activities with the younger children. They also get a whistle to blow a lot!

Our Value this term is Forgiveness. This is linked to our behaviour expectation of being a good friend. We are so lucky as the children at Coaley are very polite and well-mannered, and they behave themselves well in and around school. This means that learning happens all the time as there are no disruptions in any classes. I do get to go and see lots of other schools around the West Country (in my role as an inspector!) and I get to see a wide range of schools. I do know that the children at Coaley are very well behaved and they always follow our Coaley values in everything they do.

Yours

Richard Lucas
Executive Headteacher

FOCS Coffee Morning

FOCS are having a coffee morning. See the flyer in the window at school and attached to the end of the newsletter. It will be on February 2nd after school drop off.

Forest School are encouraging the birds back.

This week the children are trying to encourage birds back into the forest school area after the Christmas holidays. Emma says 'We feed the birds every Tuesday and Thursday but after a break of two weeks we wanted to encourage as many birds back as possible because we will be participating in RSPB Big School's Birdwatch towards the end of this month. All the children made their bird feeders using breakfast cereal and cotton string, so they don't pollute our forest school area, and hung on the branches of trees and shrubs all around our fabulous forest school.

Robin Class will be counting the number of birds we see in the playground during a forest school session in the last week of January and we are hoping to see more birds then we did last year. Fingers crossed!'



Message from Adult Education

We are running a great online course for parents who want to boost their numeracy skills this year.

Upgrade your Maths is a 5 week online course to support parents to build confidence in maths and feel confident helping children with their homework.

You can get more information and enrol by copying and pasting this link- Upgrade Your Maths<<https://courses.gloglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055026&NAME=Upgrade+Your+Maths&ID1=2500&ID2=55026&ID3=1>>.

Parents may wish to stay with us and complete their Functional Skills Maths Qualification later in the year.

The courses are free if the learner is over 19 years old, has lived in the UK for 3 or more years, or has a valid Residence Permit, and is one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,374 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Has mental health challenges, Has a learning difficulty or disability.

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Adult Education Family Learning Coordinator EE & I, Gloucestershire County Council



Play leaders

A couple of pictures from the play leader's session. This will lead to a play maker qualification and it teaches the children to organise and run play sessions/games with the younger children in school during break and lunch times. The next session is Monday 17th January.



Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Alfie and Laurence

**Starlings: Theo, Esme,
Clementine, Leo, Kalla.**

Owls: Jasmine T

Values Certificates:

Robins: Alice

Starlings: Ffion

Owls: Rosa

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Cooper for making great strides in all areas of his learning this week.

Starlings: Juno for having a can do attitude in Maths – Well done

Owls: Bella – For always working hard in all subjects. You always give everything 100%

January Dates

Wednesday 19th January - Netball for year 5 and 6. This may not happen but is provisionally in the diary.

Friday 28th January - Swimming Gala – Again, this may not happen but is provisionally in the diary.

We'll send out some more information if these events are confirmed.

Wednesday 2nd February – FOCS Coffee Morning

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.

WE ARE COALEY - We Believe We Respect We Belong



Coffee Morning

Come and have a chat and eat cake!

February 2nd 8:45 - 11am

@ Ella's House, Little Orchard, Coaley

(Gate directly opposite school staff car park. 07800642255)

Pre-schoolers very welcome



FOCS Friends of Coaley School

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