

# **Coaley Church of England Academy**

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Forgiveness is our value for this week and the children have been reflecting on this across the week. It's so important to be able to say sorry and for someone to accept the apology if it's heart-felt. We all make mistakes and we hope that none of them are too life-changing. The children have also been learning about what makes a successful learner and how this impacts on their future. They have very cleverly thought of other children who are successful and what they do, such as work hard, put in the effort, listen to others and learn from their mistakes. This is something we will be referring to in the children's classes a lot more as the best learners are the ones who will be the most successful in everything they do in life, at Coaley and beyond.

We also had Steven Clifford (a real-life author!) in school this week and we spent Wednesday using our imagination and letting those ideas run wild. He was certainly an inspiration for us all to show you need to follow your dreams and really go for it in life!

On another note: the Friday celebration worship was too noisy last week and I struggled to hear what some of the children were telling me. The children are trying so hard to sit quietly and behave how they should and, last week in particular, they really struggled when visitors made a little too much noise. So, I am politely asking you to refrain from any unnecessary talking or using your phones in the hall during celebration worship, especially during our prayer, so we can fully celebrate the children's achievements which are what we are there for anyway. Thank you.

Richard Lucas Executive Headteacher

#### Parents Evenings

Parents' Evenings are taking place this term on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3:30pm – 5:30pm**, and **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 5:00pm – 7:30pm**, for both classes. This is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work, discuss their progress with the Class Teacher and find out their next steps in learning. Your children's work will be available for you to look at. Sign-up sheets are available at 3.15pm today in the entrance hall for you to book a 10 minute appointment. If you are unable to make any of the slots, please let Mrs Astley know and we can make a mutually convenient time.

#### Please note, PE Days:

Tuesday – Owls Forest School (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag) Tuesday – Owls PE (arrive in PE kit – wellies/joggers in a named bag) Thursday – Robins (arrive in PE kit) ★★★

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We were very lucky this week to have a visit from the author C. S. Clifford. He began the day by talking about how he became an author and where he got his inspiration from, key stage 2 were then set a writing challenge, which they shared with him at the end of the day. Robins class were told stories and then were asked to hold a sock and use \*\*\*\* their imagination to suggest what it could be. Staff and children had a really exciting day. Thank you Mr Clifford.



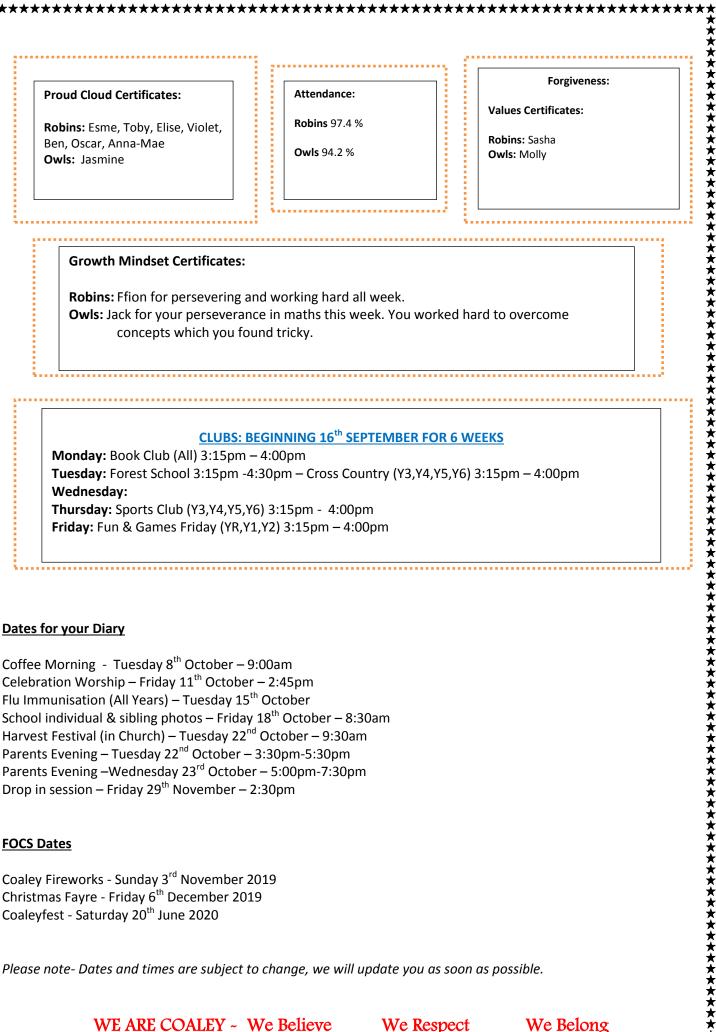
## Message from FOCS

As no new nominations have been received for election of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, the current holders (Katie Morgan, Mary Kent and Tim Kidner) have agreed to continue in their roles for this current school year, but they will then step down.

FOCS is an integral part of Coaley Academy – without it, great things just wouldn't happen, such as Coaleyfest, visits to the pantomime, school discos and 20 new iPads for example – all things which enrich our children's lives and aid their learning. We're currently working towards raising money to update and improve the playground and buy some new computers, but we have a long way to go and we need your help and input to make this happen.

Do you have any ideas of how we can fundraise or would you like to get involved in some way? We're a friendly bunch, always open to new people and ideas, and would love more of you to join in so we can all continue to give our children a great experience at school.

Please chat to Katie, Mary or Tim if you'd like to help, or speak to Mrs Astley in the office and she can put you in touch.



Harvest Festival (in Church) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 9:30am

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Drop in session – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 2:30pm

### **FOCS Dates**

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Coaley Fireworks - Sunday 3rd November 2019 Christmas Fayre - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Coaleyfest - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Please note- Dates and times are subject to change, we will update you as soon as possible.

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