



Coaley Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Miss Jen Thomas

As a family, we flourish.

Love each other as I have loved you (John 15:12)

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

I'm not quite sure where to begin this week as we have had so many exciting events happen at Coaley over the past fortnight. Despite a few broken branches and a fallen tree, we were fortunate that the stormy weather did not stop the action here.

It was wonderful to see all of the excited faces of the children in Robins class as they departed Coaley on the coach for their trip to The Museum in the Park last week. By all accounts, the children had the most fantastic day, learning interesting facts as they were immersed in the history of homes of the past. Despite several children falling asleep on the way home, they were eager to tell me all about it as they disembarked the coach. A huge thank you to Mrs McClung for organising this wonderful visit and also to the staff and parent helpers who volunteered to support on the day- your help and support is hugely appreciated.

The build up to Christmas is one of my favourite times of the school year and it was lovely to come together for our Christingle service earlier this week. It is always a magical moment when the Christingles are lit, the lights are dipped and you see the illuminated faces of our children singing. Thank you to everyone who came along to support. The festivities didn't stop there, yesterday the whole school came together in the school at lunchtime for Christmas dinner in our festive attire. The pulling of crackers, singing Christmas songs and general festive cheer brought joy to all.

Earlier in the week, we enjoyed a visit from Clare Hammond, an internationally recognised pianist who shared several recitals to the children. This was organised through Gloucestershire Music and really inspired the children to ask some very mature and thought-provoking questions. We have some very talented musicians already at Coaley and I look forward to welcoming them back in years to come to share their recitals just like Clare did with us.

Best wishes,

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THANK YOU!

Over the weekend, I received contact from several members of the community about the large tree that had fallen down and was blocking access to our staff carpark. I would like to share a heartfelt thank you to the Caldwell family who very kindly gave up their Sunday afternoon to remove all of the debris to enable staff access on Monday morning. This was a true example of flourishing within our school family.



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Noticeboard

Dates for the Diary

Autumn 2

- 13.12.24, 2.30pm- House Singing Competition followed by Celebration Worship
- 16.12.24 (1.30pm and 6.00pm)- Carol Service in Church
- 18.12.24- Whole school Theatre visit (Everyman Theatre Cheltenham)
- 19.12.24- FOCS Christmas Disco (details TBC)
- 20.12.24, 1.30- End of Term 2

Spring 1

- 6.1.24- INSET
- 7.1.24- Term 3 begins

Christmas DISCO

Thurs **19th Dec**
£2 entry (max £5 per family)

5 - 6pm: Playgroup/Robins **6 - 7.30pm: Starlings/Owls**

Limited space so please feel free to drop & go!*

FREE SQUASH & BISCUITS **HOT DOGS**
Pre-booking essential - £1/£1.50

POPCORN & SWEETS FOR SALE **Book online at ticketsource.co.uk**

* DRINKS/MINCE PIES FOR ADULTS ON SALE IN ROBINS CLASSROOM FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO STAY

SEARCH FOR 'COALEY CREW DISCO'

FOCS
Friends of Coaley School

Please order your child's hot dog using the link below by **Tuesday 17th December:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-coaley-school>



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Parking near school

Please could I politely remind you to park legally and respectfully near school. Over recent weeks, I have been notified of villagers having their driveways blocked on multiple occasions. There is plenty of space at the village hall carpark if ever you are unable to find roadside spaces.



St. Bartholomew's Church, Coaley
Saturday 14th December from 10 – 12.
All welcome.

Hear the Christmas Story, Chocolate Painting, Christmas Biscuits, Crafts, Table Decorations, and lots more.



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Leaf Certificate

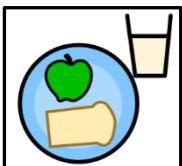


Values Certificate



Robins	Finley	Zara	Robins Class
Starlings	Daisy		Alfie
Owls	Dakota		Cooper

Lunchtime Certificate



Megan



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Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust

Coaley Recreation Ground **Nature Tots**

Monday 16th December

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Cost: £4.00 per child

Join us at Coaley Recreation Ground with your pre-school little ones to explore and enjoy some fun wildlife-themed activities

Join us at Coaley Recreation Ground with your pre-school little ones up to explore the area and enjoy wildlife themed activities.

The session will be approximately 1-1.5hrs and include a mix of stories, rhymes, trails, natural craft, and sensory play.

Remember to dress for the weather!



For more details and to book a place, please visit our website or scan the QR code

