



Coaley Church of England Academy

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Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Despite the dusting of snow and aftermath of storm Bert over the weekend, we have enjoyed some crisp and fresh breaks outside this week. I am delighted to share that we raised £150.08 for this year's Poppy Appeal; a huge thank you to you all for your generous contributions which will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces.

It has been wonderful to talk to children this week about their thoughts on how we teach reading at Coaley. All of the children said they try their best to read five times a week and they really recognise the value of reading regularly. Most pupils enjoy their 'Fluency Friday' reading lesson and have noticed an improvement when they read aloud. All of the children are enjoying the new selection of books and the variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. We are hoping to organise some author visits throughout the academic year to keep the buzz of reading alive! The Scholastic book fair proved very popular last year and I am delighted to share that it will be returning in May again.

Over recent weeks, the children have been rehearsing for some of the exciting festivities coming up in the next few weeks including; singing preparations for 'A very Coaley Christmas' this Sunday, singing and performing in our nativity tableau for our Carol Service on 16th December and preparing for our Christingle Service (thank you Carole for ordering all of the fruits and resources for this!).

Best wishes,

Miss Thomas

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WE APPRECIATE
YOUR FEEDBACK
THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended my coffee morning, it was lovely to hear your feedback.

What you told us we're doing well...

- Excellent communication (Dojo/ ParentMail/ newsletters)
- Living out our vision, particularly the friendly 'family' element.
- Strengthening links in the community
- The developments of the school environment

What we could do to make Coaley better...

- Host parent workshops to support online safety in the home (*until we have confirmed a date, I will include information in my newsletters*)
- Host workshops to help parents understand how phonics/ reading is taught and how you can support in the home (*these will be scheduled in the spring term*)
- Wider offer of sporting activity (*we are exploring this*)



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Noticeboard

Dates for the Diary

Autumn 2

- 29.11.24, 2.30pm- Classroom 'drop in' for parents followed by Celebration Worship
- 1.12.24, 4.00pm- Coaley Christmas Light switch on
- 6.12.24- Robins trip to Museum in the Park
- 11.12.24-9.15am- Christingle Service in Church
- 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



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.**

Helping your children stay safe online

Did you know...



WhatsApp

A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

Age Rating
13+

Privacy

Show your child how to **adjust their privacy settings**, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only
Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging

Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

Contacts

Make your child understands that they should **only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals**.

Teach them not to accept messages from **unknown contacts**.

Go over with your child how to **add, block and report contacts**.

Group Chats

If a child is added into a **Group Chat**, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to **Settings -> Privacy -> Groups**. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they **know and trust**.

Location

WhatsApp allows users to share their **location** with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others **track** your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature **disabled**.

Check

Check in with your child regularly to **review their phone settings**.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and **how often** they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are **staying safe and happy** online.



Encourage your child to come to you if **ANYTHING** online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

Silly School Education





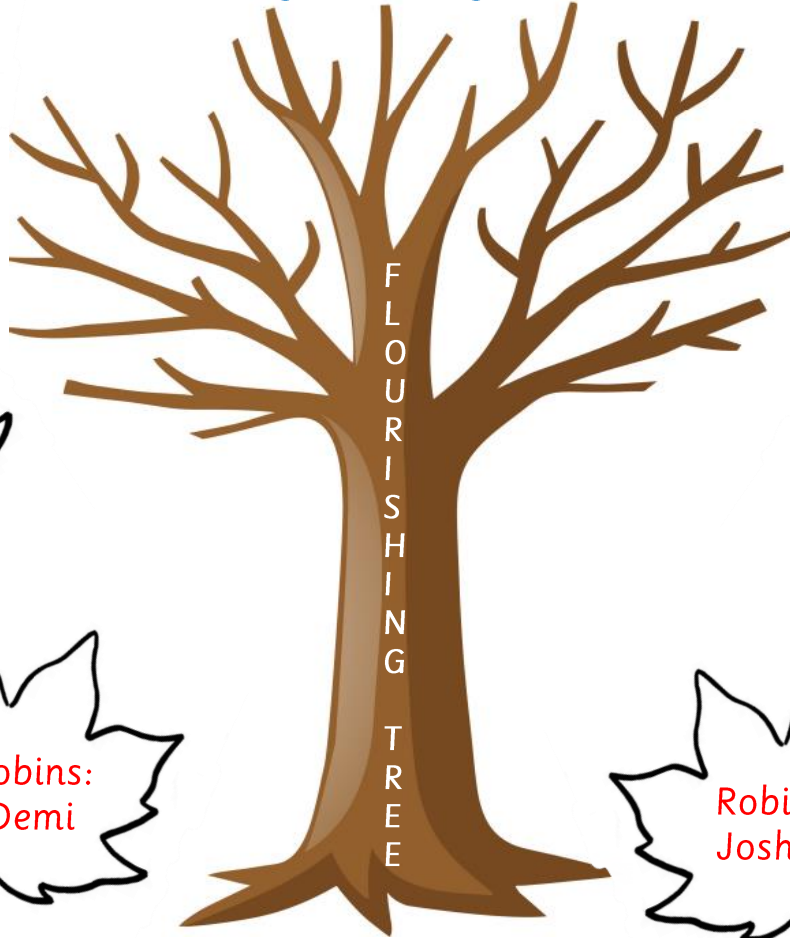
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Leaf Certificate

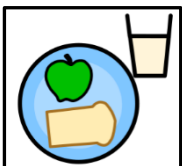


Values Certificate



Robins	Jacobi	Harry H
Starlings	Fenn	Lexi
Owls	Esme	Ellie

Lunchtime Certificate



Dougie D



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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

POPCORN & SWEETS FOR SALE

HOT DOGS
Pre-booking essential - £1/£1.50
Book online at [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

SEARCH FOR 'COALEY CREW DISCO'

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



FOCS
Friends of Coaley School



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St Bartholomews Church and Coaley Produce Show



A Very Coaley Christmas

**Coaley Village Hall
Sunday 1st Dec 16.00-18.30**

**Entertainment from Frampton Silver Band
and the children of Coaley School**

**Make your Christmas gifts with
Paint-a-Pot**

Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper

Homemade cakes and mulled wine

Craft Stalls

The Big Christmas Light Switch On!



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Please join us for a

Festive Winter Weekend

Sat 7 & Sun 8 December (11am - 4pm)



The Museum in the Park, Stroud

A weekend of festive winter activities to enjoy
with family and friends of all ages ...

Decoration & Gift Making (drop in) 11am - 4pm Sat & Sun FREE / £1

Family Explorer Trails (drop in) 11am - 4pm Sat & Sun FREE

Meet a Victorian Magician (drop in) 11am - 4pm Sat & Sun FREE

Carol Singing 3.30pm Sat FREE everyone welcome

Storytelling 3pm Sun FREE (booking required)

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

Museum closed from 16 December 2024 reopening 25 January 2025

www.museuminthepark.org.uk