



**Coaley C of E (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School**  
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Head Teacher:- Mrs Suzette Kearns  
This half-term our Values are Respect, Service and Friendship

School vision: Nurturing children to become confident and successful learners for life.

*"Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones". Isaiah 49:13*

26.01.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy fortnight of learning. Below you will see some of the highlights ☺

### Drop-in

It was great to see so many of you at drop-in to share the learning that has been taking place. The children really enjoy sharing this with you, so thank you for supporting school with this.

### Learning

Bringing our themes alive for the children is really important. You will have seen that Key Stage 2 have been transformed with World War Two and Key Stage 1 into 'A Trip Down Memory Lane'. We have been really impressed with the standard of home-learning that the children have been engaged with. It is really important that the high standards and expectations we have at school are continued at home as well so thank you for supporting this and providing positive feedback about the new format



Not only are we focusing on the classroom environments but the children are having 'wow' events, which brings the topic to life. As you will have seen Class 1 had their Victorian Day and Class 2 and Class 3 had their evacuee day last Friday. I have attached some photographs that show the range of activities that the children engaged with on Friday. They also enjoyed making carrot biscuits and honey biscuits). Later in the term Class 1, Class 2 and 3 will be going on trips that will further enhance their understanding of the curriculum.

It was a real pleasure to hear the conversational French and songs that the Key Stage 2 children have been engaging in this week with Madame Coope bon apprentissage!

Class 2 have been 'buzzing this week', I was lucky enough to see the children acting out a circuit in their Science learning and passing a pulse of current (a hand squeeze) round the circuit.

I just wanted to share a parental comment with you regarding this learning:  
"Just wanted to say Holly has come home 'buzzing' about her science lesson today!  
She has explained everything in detail so the lesson must have been fun and engaging.  
Thanks to Mrs Forest and Mrs Smith!" (Holly's Mum)

**Sport**

Additional to the curriculum PE sessions that children are taking part in, this term Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity to take part in tag rugby. I would like to thank Mr Sherratt (Husband of Mrs Sherratt and rugby coach) who gave up his lunchtime on his day off to come and coach the Key Stage 2 children. I was very impressed with the sportsman/womanship that they showed, they developed their skills and tactics and above all had tremendous fun.



Mrs Sherratt is also running a hockey club at lunchtime this term which I know the children are very excited about, thank you Mrs Sherratt.

Class 1 have been enjoying their 'fundamental skills' with Mr Flounders (Sports Coach from Atlas Sports). There is always great excitement on Friday afternoons and the children are really keen to persevere and take on the coaching that they are being given.

**Phonics Booster Sessions**

Thank you to the parents/carers who have been able to attend the Phonics Boosters led by Mrs Walker on a Tuesday 3:00pm-3:10pm. I have attached some of the super phonics learning they have been engaged in this week. We also have some new phonic games which Class 1 have been enjoying below are a few highlights.



**Open the Book**

Yesterday we welcomed the Open The Book Team together with the children they told the story of the Israelites long journey to Egypt. Thank you once again to the Open the Book team who always put in tremendous effort with costumes and props to help bring Bible stories to life.



**Christingle**

We have lots of exciting events coming up next week with our Christingle making on Monday afternoon and service in St Bartholomew's at 6pm, we are looking forward to see all the children, parents, Aunts, Uncles and we warmly welcome the whole community to this event.



**Attendance**

Polite reminder please ensure your children are in school on time so that they have the best possible chance at accessing all of the learning opportunities open to them. Maximising learning time is a high priority as soon as the children are in school learning begins with feedback and marking from the previous day and then at 9:00am children begin engaging in new learning.

**Days off school add up to lost learning**

**175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR**  
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start	<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child. Court action!		

Please be aware that our attendance figures are monitored internally in school and externally so you will be helping your child and the school if your child/ren has good attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

We are rapidly heading towards Year 2 SATs and Year 6 SATs in May and Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) Phonic Screen Check in June, so again give your child the best possible chance at showing their best by ensuring that holidays are only taken in the allocated holiday time rather than term time as these will be unauthorised.

**From the Chair of Governors**

With the move to DGAT, my term as chair of governors has come to an end. It has been a privilege to be part of the school and to work alongside the Head Teacher and the other members of staff. The children are a joy and it has been lovely to feel welcomed by them whenever I go into the school. I would like to thank Carole O'Donnell, vice chair, for her support, stepping up this month whilst I was recovering from surgery.

I am planning on keeping links with the school via the church and in other ways too. I know there are good times ahead as the school becomes part of the DGAT family and moves forward.

Best wishes for the future to everyone, staff, parents, the new governing board and children

Gillian Holmes

**Week 3/4 Class Attendance:**



Class 1 – 96.2%  
Class 2 – 93.8%  
Class 3 – 92.3%

**Well done - Class 1**

**After School Clubs for Terms 3**  
(Booster Learning Clubs- Invite only)  
Monday - Curriculum Boosters  
Tuesday – Curriculum Boosters  
Wednesday – Curriculum Boosters  
Thursday- TBC  
Friday - TBC  
**New Clubs will start in Term 4**

**Week 3/4 Values Certificates:**

Class 1 - Harry Morgan  
Class 2 - Sammy Radford  
Class 3 - Liam Kent

**Golden Book Certificate  
Week 3/4 :**

**Class 1:** Effort – Bella Bywater  
**Class 2:** Effort – Amelia Freeman  
**Class 3:** Effort – Liam Young

**Progress** – Molly Mann  
**Progress** – Phoebe Hewlett-Hitchings  
**Progress** – Adam Tudor

**Behaviour** – Jasmine Turner  
**Behaviour** – Jack Cook  
**Behaviour** – Daniel Astley/ James Buffin

**Newsletters**

Class news will now appear on the website for each class – Classes > Class \*> Class\* Newsletter (\*Class no.) or please go to the following links:-

<http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-1/class-1-newsletter-1>

<http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-2/class-2-newsletter-1>

<http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/classes/class-3/class-2-newsletter>

**Dates for your diary for 2018**

- 29th January- Whole school Christingle making in the hall from 13:30, if you are able to help, please let the office know.
- 30th January- Whole School Christingle Service at St Bartholomew's with Reverend Sue starting at 18:00-18:30 all welcome.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January – Girls Football Competition at Rednock School
- 21<sup>st</sup> February – First swimming session for Year 5 & 6 at Dursley Pool
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Class 2 & 3 Trip to STEAM in Swindon (Evacuee Day Experience)
- End of Term- 9th February, enjoy your holiday ☺



Please note: 'Drop in' Sessions and Celebration Worship will be on a fortnightly rota therefore the following sessions will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Coaley C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available to view via the School Office.

Kind Regards,

Suzette Kearns

Headteacher



Parent/Carer comment slip:

If you have any comments please complete the slip below and send into school in a sealed envelope for the attention of Mrs Kearns.

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