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Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we have reached the end of September; how did that month fly by so quickly? This week, like the previous three, has been full of wonderful and exciting learning opportunities. I am particularly loving the number of visitors I have had that are keen to share with me the challenges they have overcome.

Owls Science Day

On Wednesday Owls class held a Science Day. During the day they learnt about **forces, magnets and friction**. The children started by carrying out a science experiment testing the friction created by different surfaces. They used ramps covered in different materials and gradually increased the angle to test when the car would begin to move. The children had great fun finding magnetic objects around the school. Lucas was amazed to discover that parts of the school walls are magnetic! To finish the day, they tested the strength of magnet by conducting an investigation where they added squares of tape to a magnet and hung paper clips from it. The children worked really hard during the day and were able to give lots of scientific explanations for their findings.



Clubs

Our new Sports Clubs started this week and we were blessed with wonderful weather. There was a lot of excitement and energy on display, great fun being had by all. There are a few places left in both the Monday (Y4-Y6) and the Thursday (Y1-Y3) clubs.

Cross country club began on Thursday, an unexpectedly warm lunchtime. Well done to all those children who participated. The first District event is just over a week away on Saturday 6th October. If your child wishes to join, please see Mrs Smith for more information.

Raffles Forest School Club starts next Tuesday after school. Please make sure you have returned all the necessary paperwork and that you are dressed in the required clothing (long sleeved top, trousers and suitable footwear).

There are still a few places available in all our clubs, if you would like to sign up, please ask for a form in the school office.

Governing Body

In anticipation of the move from an Interim Governing Body (IGB) to a Local Governing Body (LGB) in February 2019, parents and staff have recently been invited to apply for a position as a Governor. I am delighted to announce that Richard Morgan has been appointed as a Parent Governor and Mrs Smith will be the Staff Governor. They will formally join the Governing Body in February but have been invited to shadow Governor meetings and monitoring visits with immediate effect. We are delighted that they have agreed to join us as we continue to move Coaley Academy to the next stage of this exciting journey. There is still a vacant Parent Governor post, anyone who is interested can contact Charlotte Rawlings, Chair of Governors, for further information (chair@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk).

Harvest Celebration

Please join us for our Harvest Worship in St Bartholomew's Church at 9am on Thursday 11th October. We also invite you to send in a donation to our Harvest Collection. Tinned goods, dried goods or produce that can be redistributed through the local food bank service would be very much appreciated. The children will bring the donations to Church on the morning of the service.

Dates for your Diary

A few dates that you may wish to add to your diary, even though some of them are a little way off!

Nativity: Wednesday 12th December 2018 (6pm) and Thursday 13th December 2018 (2pm)

Sports Day: Tuesday 11th June 2019 (Reserve Day 24th June 2019)

Y5/Y6 Residential Trip: Monday 17th June-Wednesday 19th June 2019

Have a great weekend!

Aisling Stranack

Interim Headteacher

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Ellie, Freddie, Oscar, Ben, Anna-Mae, Oliver, Poppy, Joseph, Jasmine

Owls: Mia, Declan, Harry

Compassion: "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." **Dalai Lama**

Values Certificates:

Robins: Violet

Owls: Rosa

Attendance:

Robins – 100%

Owls – 99.7%

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Lewis – for his 'have a go' attitude towards all of his work this week.

Owls: Olivia – for always putting 100% effort into all your work.

Clubs:

Monday: Atlas Sport Tag Rugby (Y4-Y6) 3:15- 4:00pm

Tuesday: Gardening Club 12:30-1:15pm; Raffles Forest School (Y2 – Y6) 3:15-4:15pm

Thursday: Cross Country Club 12:30-1:15pm; Atlas Sport Multi-skills (Y1-Y3) 3:15-4:00pm

Oct Dates

3rd Oct – Parent Forum 2:30pm @ school

5th Oct- Macmillan Coffee Event 2:00pm school hall

9th Oct – Open Morning for prospective parents (Please spread the word) 9.30am – 11am

11th Oct – Harvest worship 9:00am **Church**

19th Oct – Individual and sibling photographs (siblings invited from 8.30am)

22nd Oct – 26th Oct - Half Term

FOCS Future Events:

18th October- FOCS End of Term Fancy Dress Disco In the school hall (6pm – 8pm)

4th November- FOCS Fireworks on Coaley school field

7th December- FOCS Christmas Fayre at the village hall

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

VACANCIES:



require a
Mid-day Supervisor
to start 1st September 2018

5 Days a Week from
11.50-1.15pm

38 weeks per year

Term time only

If you are interested please call in to
the school office for more information,

telephone 890358

or

admin@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk

