



Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Bishop of Tewkesbury Visit

It was a real pleasure to be able to welcome Bishop Robert, the Bishop Tewkesbury to Coaley last Friday. He enjoyed a tour of the school courtesy of Bea & Adam and then led worship. Bishop Robert shared a story of the importance of the Guiding Star in leading the Wise Men to Baby Jesus. To help the children remember that God sent Jesus to us as Light of the World, each pupil was given a star Christmas tree decoration to take home.

Christmas Service

Thank you to all of you who joined us at St Bartholomew's yesterday for our Christmas Service. We were very pleased to have our Playgroup friends join us. Led by Reverend Sue, the children shared the Christmas story, created a tableau of the Nativity scene and beautifully sang some Christmas carols. It was particularly wonderful to see the children helping Rev Sue illustrate the many names by which Jesus was known. Reverend Sue has asked me to remind you that the Crib Service will take place at 3pm on Christmas Eve. You are all welcome and there will be costumes for the children to change into if they wish to be an angel, shepherd or wise men.

Food Bank Donations

Following your very generous donations we received this lovely note:

Dear Coaley Primary Academy,

Thank you so much for your kind donation of 26.75 kg of food to the Stroud District Foodbank. Your donation will go directly to support local people across the Stroud District.

Over Christmas we pack and distribute over 400 Christmas Hampers full of seasonal goodies. These reach over 1000 people who might otherwise struggle. Your donation will allow this to happen, thank you so much.

With gratitude

The Stroud District Foodbank Team

Christmas Decorations

A huge thank you from Mrs Walker and Mrs Smith for the cards, wrapping paper and decorations that you sent in. The Robins class have had a brilliant time in their 'Christmas lounge' writing cards, wrapping presents and making decorations. **Next Request:** Could we please ask for **clean** tin foil items, such as mince pie tins, take away trays etc.

Coaley Rocks

The children in Robins class have been busy decorating rocks. They will be sent home and we would encourage you to 'hide' them for other people to find. #dursleyrocks

Christmas Dinner & Panto

Thank you to FOCS for organising the Panto and Christmas treats of crackers and mince pies for the children. The school hall was filled with laughter and the children thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.



RN-UK NEST Naval Engineering Competition

Earlier this term the children designed vessels with the brief of rescuing 1000 people from the sea. The judging panel received over 200 entries from schools and youth organisations across the UK and said that the standard of entries was extremely high. I am pleased to announce that one of our teams won first prize in this competition for their design of the 'RS Rescue Ship.' Congratulations to Amelia and Phoebe for your winning design. Thank you to Mrs Johnson who bought this competition to our attention and came in to support the children with their designs. The children have won an ipad for Owls class and we hope that this will be presented to them in the near future.

PE days

Please note, PE days next term will be:

- ★ Monday – Robins
- ★ Tuesday – Owls
- ★ Thursday – Owls
- ★ Friday – Robins

Forest School

Despite the wind and the rain, our Y3 and Y4 adventurers had another fantastic Forest School session, in the hall. Emma brought in a number of tools, work benches, drills and other resources to enable the children to create Christmas decorations from natural (and not so natural) materials. All were engrossed and showed excellent focus and team work to complete the challenge. It has been a fantastic addition to our curriculum and we thank Emma for all she is doing for Coaley.



Term Dates 2019-2020

Please see the attached grid for term dates for the **NEXT** academic year. These will be uploaded to our website alongside the calendar for this year. I would be grateful if you could check term dates before making any holiday bookings.

On behalf of all staff at Coaley C of E Primary Academy, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2019. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Aisling Stranack
Interim Headteacher

Proud Cloud Certificates:

Robins: Jasmine, Jessica
Owls: Sam

Attendance:

Robins – 97.7 %
Owls – 95.9 %

Truth: “As you get older, your Christmas list gets shorter because the things you want can’t be bought.”

Values Certificates:

Robins: Joseph
Owls: Alex

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Robins: Jessica for having an amazing ‘have a go’ attitude in all tasks this week.

Owls: Amelia for continually putting 100% effort into all her work.

Clubs: Starting Tuesday 8th January 2019

Tuesday: Puzzles and Games Club (Lunchtime); Forest School 3:15pm -4:30pm

Wednesday: Book Club 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Thursday: Cross Country (Lunchtime); Quick Cricket (Owls) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Friday: Quick Cricket (Robins) 3:15pm – 4:00pm

January Dates

8th Jan – Back to School

FOCS Future Events:

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

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