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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

Curriculum Topic Planners



Last term's topic continues until the end of this term for Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Classes 1 and 2 start a new topic of 'Let's get moving!' - parents will find topic planners attached.

Parents in Classes 1,2, 5 and 6 will also shortly receive new homework choices for the children for this term. Thank you to all parents for your support in completing this to date; we shall be sharing the children's fabulous work with their friends and teachers again this term and celebrating it on our homework walls. The staff would also be delighted to hear from any parents who have artefacts or expertise relating to their child's topic which would further support the children's learning.

R.E.A.D. 'Read Everyday And Discover'

Thank you to everyone who is busy reading at home with the children; your support is very much appreciated. Their bookmarks are filling up fast and the children are really excited about receiving their first smiley badges!

Remembrance Day Poppies



Poppies are now on sale in school – teachers will be selling them in their classrooms at a set time every day until Friday 12th November. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please send donations in with them (with paper poppies being 20p, reflectors and zip pulls 50p, wristbands £1.00 and snap bands £1.50). We will be holding a minute's silence in school at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 11th November.

'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



Thank you to all those parents who have supported this appeal and made an individual box with their child/children. If you still wish to make up a box, the last date we are able to accept these in school will be Monday morning, 8th November. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is made online or enclosed within the shoebox.

Friendship/'Pick me up' weeks



We will be holding our annual 'Friendship fortnight' in school starting next week, when we will be talking about friendship, kindness, our behaviour towards others, reinforcing our Coalway Bees rules and our 'Pick me up' positive behaviour message.

National anti-bullying week also takes place the week beginning Monday 15th November, the theme being 'one kind word' this year, recognising the importance that one kind word or gesture can have on someone else's day. On Monday 15th we will be taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' and celebrating what makes us all unique, so would appreciate it if the children could wear odd socks to school on this day please.

We look forward to sharing our work with parents through our next Coalway Kids' Newsletter and the school's website later this month.



Children in Need ... 'Together we can'

We shall be raising money for Children in Need by holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 19th November**. We would like the children to come in to school in **fancy dress** or **wear spots or stripes** on this day.

We are planning a day of Pudsey themed activities and are going to take part in a 'Big Fancy Dress Singalong!' during the day.

We would also appreciate any donations of 1p or 2p coins to help us 'fill in the shape of Pudsey' with coins.

The theme this year is 'Together we can' - we would love it if parents could donate £1.00 per child to sponsor us in our fun-filled fundraiser!

We also have some spare stock of Pudsey wristbands from previous year's events which parents are welcome to purchase for £1 if they wish, available on a first come, first served basis – please send money into class in a sealed envelope. Thank you.

Christmas Dates

Details of Christmas events will be sent home later this month in our December newsletter.



Admission to the Junior School September 2022

Year 2 Parents should have received a letter today detailing the admissions process for transfer to the Junior School for next September. All Year 2 parents should complete the on-line application form by midnight Saturday **15th January 2022** – full details within the Admissions letter.

School Intake September 2022

The same admission process applies to parents of pupils due to start school in September 2022. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2022, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.



Adverse Weather Conditions

As winter approaches please can we remind you about our general procedures regarding possible school closure in the event of severe weather:

1. Closure of the school will be posted on the school website www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk
2. If there is heavy snowfall overnight you will be contacted by ParentMail by 8.15 a.m. the next day informing you of closure of the school.
3. If you have not received a ParentMail message you may check by telephoning the school after 8.30 a.m. to check if the school is open.
4. Listen to Radio Gloucestershire - FM 104.7 and/or Heart Gloucestershire (formerly Severn Sound) - FM 102.4; AM 774. They will give news about school closures.
5. Access the Gloucestershire website to view the list of schools that are closed www.glosclosedschools.com
6. It may be necessary for the school to close during the course of the day. In that case, it is very important that we have an emergency contact number as a ParentMail message will be sent in the first instance.

School Photos

Individual school photographs were taken on Thursday 14th October and proofs sent home this week. Parents should now be able to view the proofs online using their child's unique code and be able to order directly with Academy Portraits. Please note that for free delivery to school, the deadline for orders is Sunday 21st November.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

8 th -19 th	Friendship fortnight
Monday 15 th	Odd Socks Day
Friday 19 th	Children in Need non-uniform day

December

Friday 17 th	End of Term
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COVID-19 Information

Remote learning during isolation periods

Although we hope that the majority of children will have an uninterrupted schooling experience this year, there is the possibility that an individual child will need to self-isolate for a period of time. We have therefore put in place a plan for remote learning so that all children can continue with their education while at home if need be. In these instances, work will be put onto Purple Mash for the children to complete at home - Please see our Remote Learning Plan on the school website for further details.

COVID Procedures

We would ask that parents and carers continue to remain vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms and keep their child at home and get a PCR test if any arise. If the PCR is negative, children can return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so. If positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

If someone in the household tests positive, individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advised to take a PCR test.

Current public health advice for our region states that settings can advise household siblings (secondary school age) of confirmed cases to take daily LFD while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend school (unless their test is positive). This is also advised for primary school aged children but is at the discretion of the parent/guardian.

No-one should come on to the school site if they feel unwell; have COVID-19 symptoms; are self-isolating when positive; have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace; or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of passing on COVID-19 (e.g. they are required to quarantine).

Thank you