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Welcome back...
We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break

Class Theme Planners



Parents will find theme planners attached, giving details of the learning that the children will be doing in their class over the next term. If required, spare copies are available in the entrance foyer or via the website. Topics are:

Classes 1 & 2 'Ticket to Ride'

Classes 3 & 4 'Into the Woods'

Classes 5 & 6 'Voyage around the World'

Admission to Infant & Junior School

Parents should have been notified on Monday 17th April regarding school placements for September 2023 – for both Reception and Junior School places. We shall be holding a meeting on Thursday 8th June for parents of children due to start school in September 2023, with the Junior School holding a new intake meeting for parents on Monday 19th June at 6.30 pm.

Attendance



The school continues to monitor the children's attendance carefully. To ensure that parents are aware of their child's attendance to date parents will receive a print out of their child's attendance, continuing from the January letter. We would ask that you read this carefully and take notice of improvements or downward trends to January's printout. We would hope that those children with noticeably lower attendance will be able to improve their percentage total during the remaining two terms of this academic year.

Your child's **percentage attendance** is identified on the printout and the percentage of **authorised** and **unauthorised absences** noted. Also listed is the **number of sessions** your child has attended – remember that there are two sessions per day; a morning and an afternoon session. If applicable, the number of **late** registration marks your child has had this year should also be easily identified.

It is important that all children arrive promptly every day and we would remind some parents that the teachers welcome the children into their classrooms from 8.50. Classroom doors/outside area entrance gates are locked at 9.00. Any parent who is later than the 9.00 start should use the main entrance door and register their lateness with a reason at the School Office. Your attendance printout identifies the number of late registration marks your child has had this year.

The school continuously monitors pupil attendance, with referrals made for persistent absenteeism or lateness. The Government figure for persistent absence being below 90%.

Coronation of King Charles III



We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in school on Friday 5th May from 2.30 pm details to follow.



Term Dates for next academic year

Term dates for this and next academic year are available on the school's website www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk. All term dates are in conjunction with the Junior School and Coalway Early Years.

Holiday Absence Regulations

As from 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holiday during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents will find full guidelines in our policy on the school's website, or alternatively may ask for a copy at the School Office.

School Lunches Menu



A new dinner menu started on the first day back – the Summer 2023 menu is on the school website, spare menus are available in the School Entrance Foyer.

Uniform Price Increase

Should parents wish to purchase any new uniform, please note that there has been a price increase on the following items from the 1st May:

Cardigans	£10.75
Sweatshirts	£9.75

Please can we remind you that a white T-shirt and blue or black shorts are to be worn for PE.

Head Lice

Information on Head Lice is published in the newsletter at the beginning of every other term in line with the advice issued by the Gloucestershire Health Protection Unit. **It is each parents' responsibility to check hair at least once a week and to treat if necessary.** Please find below Local Authority information which we advise parents to read carefully.

The advice, briefly, is as follows:-

- An attempt should be made to remove the head lice by repeated combing of wet hair using a plastic head louse detector comb. Combs are available from pharmacies. Plastic head louse detector combs must be used.
- If this fails to clean the headlice infestations, parents should contact the Health Centre (0300 4218850) for a recommended lotion or further advice can be obtained from the school nurse on the same number.

It is most important that

- you check your child(ren)'s hair on a regular basis and follow this advice
- long, loose hair should be tied back to reduce the risk.

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Thank you to the children, all parents and families who supported our charity events and activities last term.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day raised an incredible **£180** with Bend the Rules Day raising **£155** for the Syria Earthquake appeal. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations which enabled us to achieve such a fantastic total!

We were also particularly proud of our Year 1 children for producing such a fantastic Spring Production for their parents and families. Well done children!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

Monday 1st
Monday 8th
Thursday 18th
Friday 26th

May Day Bank Holiday
Coronation of King Charles III
Class & Leavers photos
End of term

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Holiday
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June

Monday 5th
Thursday 8th
Monday 19th

Return to school
New Intake Meeting – Infants
New Intake Meeting – Juniors

July

Tuesday 25th

End of term