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# Newsletter: March 2022



## Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.



### Staff Changes

As notified earlier this week, Mrs Hamilton will be retiring at the end of this academic year, in July, after 19 years as Headteacher. The Governing Board have started the recruitment process and we will keep you updated on the outcome in due course.

After many happy years at Coalway, Mrs Gwynne has also decided to retire at the end of the academic year. Mrs Gwynne will be very sadly missed by us all - she is a fantastic member of staff! We are extremely grateful to her for the wonderful support she has given to so many of our pupils and families over an incredible 34 year period and wish her the very best in her retirement. She is hoping to have more time to enjoy her various interests outside of school and spend more time with family and friends, time which we think she has thoroughly deserved! We are sure that parents would like to join us in wishing her well in her retirement. Until then, she is really looking forward to enjoying her time with us and the children.

### COVID update

As advised during half term, new Government guidance is in place from this term - Please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Since returning to school after half term, we have had a considerable rise in the number of positive cases amongst children across the school, which has therefore required us to maintain our year group bubbles for a further period of time. We will continue to review this on a day-by-day basis and hope that things will improve as the term progresses.

Thank you to all parents and carers for being so vigilant in looking out for symptoms, taking action promptly and keeping us informed of positive cases. We will continue to keep other parents informed of cases in their child's class or year group bubble as needed, to enable everyone to remain vigilant for symptoms again this term.



### Class Topic Plans & Home Learning

Parents' class topic planners will be emailed home shortly (and also added to the Class page of the website), to give parents an outline of work which their child will be covering in class this term. We hope that you will find this informative and helpful, and would encourage parents to practice those ideas identified by staff that may help the children at home this term. If required, spare copies are also available in the entrance foyer.

Our class topics this term are as follows:

Classes 1 and 2	Super Storytellers!
Classes 3 and 4	The Queen's Hat
Classes 5 and 6	Kings, Queens and Castles

Parents will also receive home learning choices for the children for their new topics. The staff were delighted with the home learning that the children completed last term; thank you once again for your support with this. We look forward to 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.

## Parents' Evenings



We will be holding our mid-year parents' evenings on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3.15-5.30 p.m. and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.15-7.00 p.m. – parents will be able to book appointments via ParentMail from next week. Appointment times are limited to 10 minutes per child to ensure an opportunity for all parents to meet the Teachers.

Parents evenings will be held in school this term – we are really looking forward to seeing you in person.

This term's parents' evening is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to look at the work they have been doing this year. Parents are advised to arrive 5 minutes before their appointment time to allow time to look at their child's work beforehand.

## Comic Relief

Comic Relief Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be having a Superhero day in school! The children may come to school in non-uniform for the day for a donation of 50p to Comic Relief by choosing one of the following ideas:

- Dress as your favourite superhero
- Dress as the person who is your superhero, e.g. a family member, a famous person, a local hero in the community.

The choice is yours – whoever you think is a superhero!

The aim of the day is to have fun and make everyone smile whilst raising funds for Comic Relief. The children will also have the opportunity to make superhero masks and use their superhero powers to complete some superhero challenges and quizzes during the day.

We are also selling Comic Relief Red Noses in school at a cost of £1.50 each, available from the School Office. We have 120 red noses to sell, sold on a first come first served basis.

## Bend the Rules Day

As we were unable to hold 'Bend the Rules' Day due to the school closure day, we have re-scheduled this to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The children may come to school in clothes other than their school uniform, put gel in their hair, wear trainers and even wear nail varnish, 'bending the rules' for a day for 50p.

## Price Increase...

Should parents wish to purchase any new items of uniform, please note that there will be a price increase on the following items from the 1<sup>st</sup> April:

Cardigans £10.25 (currently £9.95)

Sweatshirts £9.25 (currently 8.95)

Reversible showerproof coat £20.55 (currently £19.50)



## Thank you...

Thank you so much for supporting our World Book Day events last Thursday. The children's plate characters were absolutely amazing! Please see the photo attached of all the different characters that came into school that day! They were all fantastic!

We hope you enjoy spending your special World Book Day voucher – this voucher can be used to receive £1.00 off a book worth £2.99 or more, or alternatively it may be exchanged for one of the specially produced £1.00 books. (These are listed on the reverse of your voucher).

**Easter Holiday**  
**School finishes at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Return to school Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

## Changes to Government COVID Guidance from the start of Term 4

### Isolation and testing/tracing close contacts

- From 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.
- In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing has ended.

### When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

- Adults and children who test positive on a PCR, or LFD test, will continue to be advised to stay **at** home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- For staff or children who have any of the main symptoms, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay **at home** and avoid contact with other people. They should order a PCR test and are advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.
- Pupils, staff and other adults should follow guidance on [People with COVID-19](#) and their contacts if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

### Asymptomatic testing

- Routine twice-weekly asymptomatic testing is no longer advised in mainstream settings. In the event of an outbreak, a school may also be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff for a period of time.