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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2022

Parents' Evenings

Next week we will be holding our first parents' evenings of this academic year. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out how they have settled into their new class.

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. Parents will be able to book their appointment via ParentMail shortly.

Appointment times are limited to 10 minutes per child to ensure an opportunity for all parents to meet the teachers. If you would like to discuss anything that might take longer than the allotted 10 minutes, please make an alternative appointment date to avoid keeping other parents waiting. Thank you.

We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Photographs

Academy Portraits will be in school on Thursday 13th October to take individual photographs. All children will be photographed unless parents inform us otherwise. We will also arrange for sibling photographs to be taken - this will only be for siblings who are both/all at the Infant School.



Harvest Festival

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival on Thursday 13th October at 2.15 p.m. to which all parents are invited. Due to Health and Safety and space in the hall we will need to limit to a maximum of 2 people per family attending. The children may bring in contributions of non-perishable produce i.e. tins, packets, bottles, etc. on Thursday 13th October and take it into class on their arrival.

This year we will be donating items to the Forest Food Bank in Coleford, which is part of the UK-wide network of food banks supported by The Trussell Trust. Parents may take their children home after the service.

Thank you in anticipation of your support ... we look forward to seeing you.

After School Clubs



Parents of children in Classes 3,4,5 & 6 will shortly receive a letter giving details of after school clubs on offer to their children this academic year.

PTA

We are always keen to recruit new members to our PTA, the 'Friends of Coalway Infant School', to help with events throughout the year. Any help is appreciated and parents with pre-school children are welcome to bring them along to the meetings/events. If you are interested in helping in any way please call in to the School Office to let us know or leave your name on the PTA clipboard in the school entrance way.

School Intake September 2023

The process for school admissions for September 2023 is due to start soon - if you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who does not attend playgroup or nursery and intends to start at this school in September 2023, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.

'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



We will be sending home a leaflet with your child from the Samaritan's Purse organisation about the Shoe Box appeal, which we support annually. If you wish to make up a box we are able to accept these in school until Wednesday 2nd November. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is enclosed within the shoe box. (Spare leaflets are available in the school entrance foyer).

Absence from Learning Request Form

As you are aware, from 1 September 2013 legislation prohibits any school from authorising leave of absence for holidays except in exceptional circumstances. Children are no longer entitled to any leave of absence for a holiday during term time. The school's attendance policy (available either on the school website or from the School Office) outlines in detail the Governing Body's policy, including guidelines regarding 'exceptional circumstances' for term time holidays. All absence requests are required to complete an Absence from Learning Request Form which can be collected from the School Office.

School Crossing Patrol

To ensure the children's safety, a School Crossing Patrol person is on duty from 8.30 a.m. - 9.10 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 3.35 p.m. daily - either Mrs. Moore or Mrs Edmonds. Please could you ensure that the children cross the road with our 'lollipop ladies' - it is essential for everyone to use the same place to cross for safety.

Sadly, Mrs Moore will be retiring from her post as School Crossing Patrol at the end of term. She has been a fantastic 'Lollipop lady' and we will really miss her. We would like to thank her for her dedication, hard work, care and commitment during her time with us and are extremely grateful to her for the last 25 years!

So... we are now looking for a new 'Lollipop' lady or man, please see the advert below:

A COMMUNITY SPIRITED PERSON URGENTLY WANTED

For approx. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours per week at £10.90 ph. School term only

A School Crossing Patrol is urgently needed at Coalway Schools.

If you're reasonably fit and are available at the start and end of the school day, then the Head Teacher would be very pleased to hear from you.

Could you be responsible for the safety of children?

If you're interested, then please contact

Coalway Community Infant School or Tel: 01594 833457



In-Service Day

A reminder that In-Service Days are being held for staff on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Monday 31st October.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 3 rd	Flu Vaccination
Thursday 13 th	Photograph Day Harvest Festival 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th	End of Term
Thursday 20 th	In-Service Day - staff only
Friday 21 st	In-Service Day - staff only
Monday 31 st	In-Service Day - staff only

Thursday 20th October - Monday 31st October Holiday

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1 st	Start of Term 2
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