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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2019

Welcome back!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday!

New Staff

I am delighted to inform you that two new members of staff have joined our team this term. Miss Bevan and Miss Barnett have been appointed as Teaching Assistants to cover Mrs Jordan and Mrs Couchman during their maternity leaves.



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 'Aliens Love Underpants'; parents should find topic planners attached. Spare copies of all planners are kept in the school entrance foyer.

Parents in Classes 1,2, 5 and 6 will also find attached homework choices for the children for this term; we shall be sharing the children's fabulous work with their friends and teachers again this term and celebrating it on our homework walls. (We hope you enjoyed seeing a snippet of Classes 3 & 4's homework in our Coalway Kids' News last term).

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 shiny badges!

Remembrance Day Poppies



Thank you for supporting our poppy collection in school (still available from the Office until Monday 11th November). We shall let you know our final total once it is collected and counted.

'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 wish to make up a box, we are able to accept these in school until **Wednesday 13th November**. Spare leaflets are available from the school entrance foyer. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is enclosed within the shoe box.



Children in Need ... 'Let's do good and feel good together'

We shall be raising money for Children in Need by holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 15th November**. The theme this year is 'Let's do good and feel good together'. As well as doing Pudsey themed activities in class, the School Council are planning a day of sporty activities for us so would like everyone to come to school dressed in sporty clothes please. We are also going to be joining in the Children in Need 'Big Morning Move' with Joe Wicks, getting everyone in school active alongside other schools across the country. We would love it if parents could donate £1.00 per child to sponsor us in our fun-filled fundraiser!

We shall also be selling the official Children in Need wristbands. They will be available from the School Office this week, price £1.00 each, should you wish to purchase one for your child to wear on Children in Need day.

Friendship/'Pick me up' week



As last year, we will be holding a Friendship week next week (in conjunction with national anti-bullying week), when we will be talking about rules, friendship, our behaviour towards others and reinforcing the Coalway Bees and our 'Pick me up' positive behaviour message. We will share our work with parents through our next Coalway Kids' Newsletter and the school's website.

In-Service Day

A reminder that an In-Service Day is to be held for staff on Monday 25th November.

Year 2 Clubs



started this week. Please ask at the School Office for any further information or Year 2 parents may check classroom windows for details of this term's clubs.

'Wake and Shake' Club



continues every Wednesday morning. All children across the school are welcome to attend this club, where the children exercise to music to 'wake and shake' themselves up for the day! The club takes place at 8.30 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. Parents may bring their children to the entrance foyer for 8.30 a.m. prompt where a member of staff will collect them. At 8.50 a.m. the children will be taken to their classes.

Admission to the Junior School September 2020

Year 2 Parents should have received a letter this week 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 **Wednesday 15th January 2020** – full details within the Admissions letter.

School Intake September 2020

The same admission process applies to parents of pupils due to start school in September 2020. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2020, 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 text to your mobile phone by 8.15 a.m. the next day informing you of closure of the school.
3. If you have not received a text 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 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 text message will be sent in the first instance.

Christmas Events



Please see 'Dates for the Diary' below for advance notice of forthcoming Christmas events.

Scholastic Book Club



Please find this month's leaflet attached - any orders should be returned to the school office by **Friday 15th November**. Thank you.

Thank you!

for raising an incredible **£196** for the Forest Food Bank through our **Harvest** sale. We also donated several boxes of food. The Forest Foodbank in Coleford were extremely grateful for our contributions; please see a letter of thanks and certificate attached.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

Friday 15th Children in Need non-uniform day

Monday 25th November In-Service Day – staff only

December

Tuesday 3 rd	Christmas Fayre	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Dress Rehearsal – Parents with Toddlers, school (details to follow)	1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Adults only (details to follow)	1.30 p.m.
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Concert - Performed by Year 1 children Adults only (details to follow)	9.30 a.m.
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Disco	6.00-7.15 p.m.
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Dinner	12.00
Tuesday 17 th	Children's Christmas Parties	1.00 p.m.
Friday 20 th	End of Term Christmas Service School finishes at 2.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.