



COALWAY COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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## Newsletter: December 2022



The children have had a great term once again and are working really hard. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with them over the coming weeks and bringing them lots of excitement and fun!



### Reception Christmas Concert

Classes 1 and 2 have been busy working hard preparing a Christmas concert for their parents. The children are looking forward to presenting 'The Big Little Nativity' to you! The performances will be on the following days:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m. for Parents and young children

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m. for Adults only

Tickets are available from the school office. Each family will be allocated up to 4 tickets for each performance. We hope that this should allow all family members to watch their child once. If you would like to request extra tickets for a particular performance, please let the office know and we will try our best to accommodate you. Tickets will be free of charge.

### Christmas Dinner



The children will be having their Christmas dinner on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - a traditional roast turkey dinner (with chipolata sausage, stuffing balls, peas, carrots, roast potatoes, gravy), followed by a chocolate cookie. Anyone requiring the vegetarian option of Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf should request this option at the School Office a week in advance of this, by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

N.B. Please note that the menu will change on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from a roast dinner to fish and chips (Friday's choice on the existing menu).

### Christmas Jumper Day



The children may wear their Christmas tops/jumpers/dresses/leggings on Christmas dinner day, **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. If you wish to donate, a donation of 50p would be gratefully received for the charity 'Save the Children'.

### Christmas Film Afternoon



We will be holding a film afternoon for the Year 1 and Year 2 children on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

School Fund will be covering the cost of food and books to be bought for each class party. If preferred, we thought the children might like to wear their

favourite clothes/party clothes to school on this day; otherwise they may wear normal school uniform if they would prefer.



### Christmas Assembly

We will have a whole school Christmas Assembly where the children will sing songs to tell the Christmas story. You are all invited to attend Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30 p.m. Children will then be able to go home straight after the service.



### Foodbank donations

Can you provide any donations for the local Foodbank to support them over the Christmas and winter period? Over the course of next week (**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**) we will be collecting donations of food items for the Forest Foodbank in the school entrance foyer; please drop off any items at the beginning or end of the day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Other Information...



### School Intake and Junior Transfer September 2023

Reminder... applications for admission to the Infants and Junior School for September 2023 should be completed on-line by midnight **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2023, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Coalway Parent Helper' please let the school office know. This could be to help at school discos, school trips, fetes etc.

### 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](http://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](http://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.

Thank you ...

### Children in Need



Thank you for supporting Children in Need day on 18<sup>th</sup> November; we were quite overwhelmed by your fantastic support once again. Thank you to all parents who supported this event and to those who sent in donations. An incredible **£145.00** was raised for Children in Need - Thank you!

### Remembrance Day Poppies



Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Poppy Day' collection - we will let you know how much we raised as soon as we are informed.

### 'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



9 boxes were donated to the 'Samaritan's Purse' charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause. We are sure our gifts will be greatly appreciated by the children who will receive them.

**School Finishes Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m.**

The children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023