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# NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

## Parents' Evenings

We will shortly 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 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are able to book their appointment via ParentMail.

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.



## Harvest Festival

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30 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 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and take it into class on their arrival.

This year we will be donating items to the Forest Food Bank, which is part of the UK-wide network of food banks supported by The Trussell Trust.

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

Following the Harvest festival, please buy some cakes from our 'Fundraising for class trips'. We understand how important these opportunities are for the children but we also appreciate the cost. This year we will be holding different fundraising events. If you have any ideas or would like to support us, please contact the school office.



## Halloween School Disco

We are holding a Halloween Disco on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October which will run from 3.20 - 4.20 pm for Reception and Year 1 children and 4.30-5.30 pm for Year 2 children. Drop off for Year 2 children through the main school entrance. Collection for all children through the main school entrance. Reception and Year 1 children may bring a Halloween or disco costume into school to change into at the end of the day. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £4.00 which includes a drink and cake.

## School Intake September 2024

The process for school admissions for September 2024 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 Coalway Infants in September 2024, please ask them to contact the school to have a look around or to register their child. Thank you.

## 'Operation Christmas Child' Boxes



We have sent home a leaflet with your child from the Teams 4 U organisation, about the Shoe Box appeal, which we are supporting this year. If you wish to make up a box we are able to accept these in school until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that the appropriate label is attached and that payment is enclosed within the shoe box. (Spare leaflets will be available in the school entrance foyer).

## Lunch Menu

The 'Caterlink' menu for terms 2,3 and 4 is available on the school website and runs through until March 2024.

## 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, including medical, are required to complete an Absence from Learning Request Form which can be collected from the School Office.

## In-Service Day

A reminder that an In-Service Day is being held for staff on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Festival 2.30 pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Disco End of Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day - staff only

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Half term**

### NOVEMBER

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 2