



Headteacher's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of this school year! We have enjoyed a wonderful first 2 weeks back after the summer break and the children have settled really well into their new classes.

In assembly on Monday, we discussed the 'Power of Positivity'. The children were asked to think of examples of how we can use this power to spread positivity around us. During this week, I have seen lots of examples around school where children have been using the 'Power of Positivity' to help others and make them feel better.

Our new Head Boy and Head Girl, as well as our Prefect team, have now been established. Congratulations to Walter and Isla, who have taken on the role of Head Boy and Head Girl, and also well done to the six pupils who are our newly formed Prefect team.

Our sporting successes have already started this year, with both our football and netball teams doing incredibly well at tournaments this week. Well done to all involved!

Our new Reception class have settled into life at Coates Lane very well. Over the past couple of weeks, they have enjoyed getting to know their new classroom and making friends with each other. They also met their Year 6 buddies and loved having dinner with them last week.

If you haven't already checked out our new website, please take a few minutes to have a look at it. Class teachers will update the class pages a couple of times each half term so please keep checking back. Also, there is a range of information about our curriculum now on the website, plus lots more! The web address is www.coateslane.lancs.sch.uk

Finally, you may notice some new additions to the main entrance of school. Yesterday, we took delivery of our fabulous new photo boards and we also have a welcome board in the main entrance – photos will be added to this in the next few weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Staffing News

Today, we have said a temporary 'Goodbye' to Mrs Brown, who has now started her maternity leave. We wish her and Morgan all the very best with the up-coming arrival of their new baby and we can't wait to meet Baby Brown 😊



AWARD WINNERS



Achiever of the week 8th September 2023

Year 1 – Thandi H
Year 2 – James H
Year 3 – Felix P
Year 4 – Lucas B
Year 5 – Finley G
Year 6 – Harry M

Golden book 8th September 2023

Year 1 – Max B
Year 2 – Cody A
Year 3 – Hayley-Mae C
Year 4 – Tia L
Year 5 – Myra K
Year 6 – Amelia M

Achiever of the week 15th September 2023

Reception – Olivia D
Year 1 – Arthur W
Year 2 – Jenson K
Year 3 – Joseph G
Year 4 – Maisie P
Year 5 – Ruby B
Year 6 – Evie K

Golden book 15th September 2023

Year 1 – Ruby U
Year 2 – Marnie I
Year 3 – George T
Year 4 – Aizah K
Year 5 – William J
Year 6 – Oscar S

Well done to all our superstar award winners – you are all amazing! Also, well done to everyone who has received a Recognition Award!

Attendance Award Winners

8th September - Reception

House Point Winners

15th September - Saxons

Exercise Equipment on the Playground

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having the exercise equipment removed on health and safety grounds. We will be looking into options about what we can replace this with and details will be given in due course.

Halloween Movie Night and Dress-up Day

On Monday 30th October, the PTFA are organising a Movie Night for the children in school. There will be different films for different age groups and we also ask that children come in fancy dress, with a Halloween theme. There will be a 'best dressed' prize for each year group too! Further details will follow soon.

On Tuesday 31st October, we would like children to come to school in fancy dress, with a Halloween theme. **Please ensure that no faces are covered on this day** as lessons will still be taking place as normal. Also on this day, we ask that children bring a donation for Pendleside Hospice please.

Conduct In and Around School Grounds

As a school, we completely understand that there will be times during the school year where you wish to question something that your child comes home and says about life at school. As you know, I'm a parent to two children and I occasionally have to contact their school to ask about things they say when at home, so that I can seek clarification on what has happened.

We absolutely welcome these conversations and we want to be as open and transparent as we possibly can be, working with you closely to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child, whilst ensuring that mutual respect is clear and evident between home and school.

At all times, I expect that all school staff are treated with respect and dignity whilst at work, and the vast majority of parents and carers understand this.

However, over the past couple of weeks, I have heard, seen and directly experienced parents/carers approaching staff members and speaking to them in an aggressive, abrupt manner, causing staff members to feel intimidated and upset by the way they have been spoken to.

This conduct and behaviour will not be tolerated at Coates Lane.

If parents and carers speak to school staff in an aggressive manner, I will have no hesitation in contacting the local authority to issue a letter to either give a final warning or, in more serious cases, issue a banning order from the school premises.

As I have said, the vast majority of our parents and carers understand and abide by this and we have many, many productive, positive conversations where mutual respect is clear.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

