



## Coates Way School

*Working together, learning together, achieving together-  
every child aiming for excellence.*

### Upcoming dates

**14.11.22**– Parent/Carer Consultations 4.00-7.00

**15.11.22**– Year 5 Summer Residential Trip meeting 3.30–4.30pm

**17.11.22**– Parent/ Carer Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

**05.12.22** Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration at All Saints Leavesden– 1.45pm

**09.12.22** Fundraisers Cake Sale after school.

**09.12.22** Christmas Jumper Day.

**12.12.22** Nursery Nativity– 10.30

**13.12.22** Reception Nativity– First Showing- 10.00am

**15.12.22** Reception Nativity– Second Showing-10.00am

**13.12.22**– Year 1-6 to Radlett Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk– please see the letter sent out last Friday

**13.12.22**– A special visitor comes to Nursery

**14.12.22**– A special visitor comes to Reception

**16.12.22**– Fundraisers Gift Sale 9.30am

**20.12.22**– Whole School Christmas Dinner

**20.12.22**– School finishes at 1.30pm

### Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I was lucky enough to spend the day with Year 6 and their class team at The Titanic exhibition at Seacity in Southampton this week. The children were a pleasure to be with, they were polite, courteous and asked some really interesting questions. Their knowledge was amazing too!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents/carers consultations next week. Seeking feedback from parents is really important for school development therefore we will have a short questionnaire available for you to fill in on the evening.

Thank you to all the parents who came and contributed to the Fundraisers Cake Sale after school on Friday 21st October over £300 was raised.

I have added some more Christmas Dates. We thought it would festive to celebrate the NSPCC's Christmas Jumper day this year but if your child does not have a Christmas jumper then party clothes would work well. Please note the change of date for the Reception Nativity. Mrs O'Connor has written to Reception parents explaining why this was necessary.

Term will end at 1.30pm. In line with other schools in the area the end of half terms (21.10.22, 10.02.23, 26.05.23) will always be a **full day** of school but the end of terms (20.12.22, 31.03.22, 21.07.23) will be a 1.30 finish.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Fiona Hayes Head Teacher

### Attendance

As I mentioned in my previous newsletter school attendance is extremely important. The national average is **97%**. The whole school attendance figure at Coates Way last Friday was **91.7%** which is much lower than this and a concern. Children learn best when they are in school as I have said before all the educational research indicates that attendance and punctuality at school has a big impact on your child's success in future life. To this end, **I will not be authorising any term time holidays** unless there is an exceptional reason for the travel. I appreciate it is very tempting to take your children out of school due to rising costs of air travel and holidays in general but we are being monitored very closely by Hertfordshire County Council's attendance team and I wouldn't be doing my duty as headteacher if I authorised all these absences.

The following chart indicates the attendance percentages for each class from 31.10.22 to 04.11.22

Reception	84%	Year 1	92%
Year 2	95.7%	Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	95.3%	Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	92%	<b>Red- Very concerned</b> <b>Amber- concerned</b> <b>Green- Good</b>	

### Good Attendance

Next Monday, I will be launching my Good Attendance award scheme. Every child who has 100% attendance from 14.11.22 to the end of term will be given a token to choose a prize from my 'Attendance Shop'. Please support your child to achieve this.

### Halloween Lunch

At Coates Way we are very lucky that our kitchen is run by Daniel Biggs who is exceptional and the children (and staff!) eat some very tasty school dinners. These are the best school dinners I have ever tried in the eight schools I have worked in over the last 25 years. On Monday 31st October we had a Halloween Themed lunch. Please see below.



If your child doesn't receive school dinners please think about giving them a go. Dan knows all the children and regularly listens to feedback about what they like or don't like to eat as well as being very flexible if they arrive at the counter and realise they have made the 'wrong choice'. Members of school staff, including myself, are on duty at lunchtime to support the children too.

Would you like to help in school as parent reader?

We are looking for parents who are happy to listen to children read in school. We find it works best if you listen to children read in a different class to the one your own child attends but if you are interested and can make a regular commitment, please register your interest with the office. Full training will be provided! Thank you to those who have given your names into the school office already. We will be in contact soon.



Thank you for your patience regarding the booking for parent consultation meetings. Our IT support has managed to sort out the time slot issue but have referred the difficulty with not being able to book via the app to Arbor themselves. I am hopeful that next time it will all run very smoothly! I am sure you will agree that Mrs Bergman and Mrs Brookes did a wonderful job in the office helping you all.



#### ***Opportunity to support SEND provision in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett***

*DSPL 9 ([dsplarea9.org.uk](http://dsplarea9.org.uk)) brings together parents/carers, staff from early years settings, schools and colleges, local authority officers, and representatives from other agencies, to make sure that there is a range of services available in their local community that meets the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.*

*An opportunity has come up for a new parent or carer to join DSPL9 in order to share the views of families in the area and be part of the decision-making process for the services that are put in place locally. HPCI ([Herts Parent Carer Involvement \(hertsparentcarers.org.uk\)](http://hertsparentcarers.org.uk)) will provide support through training and regular meetings for parents/carers to share their experiences. If you would be interested in taking up this role (which would likely mean attending at least one meeting every*



We are looking to recruit a **Cleaning Operative** locally at

## Coates Way Primary

15.30pm-17:30pm Monday to Friday @ £9.50

Good communication skills are required. Full Training will be provided. Successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS criminal record check in children workforce and must provide correct documents to support this process.

