



Coates Way School

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

Upcoming dates

06.02.23– Feeling Good Week. During this week a variety of activities will be organised within the school day for the children to support their mental health.

09.02.23– Phonics Information meeting for parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 at 2.30. An email will be sent this week with further information.

10.02.23– Fundraisers
Cake Sale after school

02.03.23– First Aid Training in school for Year 5

03.03.23– World Book Day – details to follow

06.03.23– Year 3 Parent/carer consultations for Mrs Collyer 3.30-7.00

09.03.23– KS1 Maths curriculum information meeting for parents and carers 2.20-3.15

09.03.23–KS2 Maths curriculum information meeting for parents and carers 6-7

09.03.23– School Photos– further information to follow

17.03.23– Mindfulness Sessions in school for Year 1, 2 and 3.

20.03.23– Parents evening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 4.00-7.00

23.02.23– Parents evening

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The problem with such a short term is that there is so much to fit in! All the staff and children have been busy settling back into school after the holidays and getting stuck into new learning. Classes are beginning to plan trips for the spring and summer so please look out for letters in your child's book bag.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the building works are coming to an end. This means we will be able to have the postponed school photos on **Thursday 9th March**.

You will have received a letter today about Ms. Armitage leaving Coates Way School at Easter. We are in no doubt the children will feel as sad about this news as the staff. We will have an opportunity to all thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Coates Way (since 2013) at the end of term.

The governors and I have started the recruitment process and will update you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Fiona Hayes

Retune



On Thursday 2nd February Year 5 had a workshop provided by the charity Retune. Retune inspires young people to improve their mental wellbeing through music. The children learned strategies to support themselves and others in stressful situations. After the workshop one child said, "We all have mental health and being yourself is ok."

Attendance

We will be sending out the half termly letters to parents in the next week. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance is a concern or falling below 90%. If your child's attendance falls below 90% the LEA categorize them as a persistent absentee.

I understand that all parents want the best for their children and for them to be successful in life. Having a good education is important to ensure they have the best opportunities in adult life. Your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If your child misses even 15 days of school a year, research indicates that they are significantly less likely to achieve good results in Maths and English than children who miss 8 days a year. The curriculum moves on quickly and although we aim to help children catch up, there are never days when learning stands still. Your child will also miss valuable socialisation time.

The experiences of the past few years have made us all concerned about coughs and colds, but children should still attend school if they have a regular cold. We will care for them, and if the symptoms become more uncomfortable, we will notify you.

We also request that appointments are not taken during school time, or where this is unavoidable, children return to school after the appointment, they do not need to be away all day.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Attendance Percentages from 05.01.23—03.02.23			
Reception	92%	Year 1	92%
Year 2	96%	Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%	Year 5	93%
Year 6	92%	Red- Very concerned Amber- concerned Green- Good	
Overall School Attendance	94%		



Nursery Places Available for September 2023

Do you have a child born between 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020? If so, would you like them to start our Nursery based within our school. Our children are supported in their learning by a qualified teacher and qualified Early Year Practitioners. If you are interested you will find our admissions form on our school website under the 'Statutory Information' tab. You are also very welcome to contact the school office for an appointment to look around.



Please don't let your children play on the play equipment in the school grounds after school. There is signage clearly stating that this is forbidden. This is due to our insurance policy.

Please may we respectfully remind you that in KS2 break-time snacks should be fruit. We are increasingly seeing children coming in with chocolate bars which is not in accordance with our healthy eating policy. In addition we have many children with allergies.



Mrs Mirkorvic

Mrs Mirkorvic will be leaving us at half term after being at Coates Way for many years (since 2011). Mrs Mirkorvic has seen many children and families through our Early Years. Her kind and cheerful approach has been appreciated by so many. We will miss her but wish her all the best for the future.