



Coates Way School

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

Upcoming dates



CAR BOOT SALE

JOIN US

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

9:00AM - 12:00PM

AT COATES WAY SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND



SELLERS

Book your slot today. Early bird discount £10.
Pay on the day £15.
Cars can arrive from 8.00am to set up.
Please bring your own table, rail etc.
Cars only please, no vans.



BUYERS

£1 entry fee for adults, under 16s go free.
Fundraisers will provide refreshments.

**16.09.23– Fundraisers Car Boot Sale–
9.00– 12.00.**

**18.09.23– 2.30- Meet the Teacher–
Year 1**

**19.09.23– 2.30—Meet the Teacher–
Year 3**

**20.09.23– 2.30– Meet the Teacher–
Year 2**

**21.09.23– 2.30– Meet the Teacher–
Year 4**

**25.09.23– 2.30– Meet the Teacher–
Year 6**

**26.09.23– 2.30– Meet the Teacher–
Year 5**

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We have all enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week. Despite the summer finally arriving in their first week back after the holidays everyone was happy to see their friends and settle into a routine. I do hope the sunshine stays for the weekend.

I would also like to welcome our new families in Nursery and Reception. We hope you enjoy being part of our school. Coates Way is very much a community school and I think being situated in the middle of a small estate it has a village school feel despite being located in North Watford.

In addition to our new families I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs. Thompson is our new Assistant Head for SEN, Behaviour and Safeguarding. Miss Ellis is our new Reception teacher and Miss Haynes is in Year 5. We hope they will be very happy with us and we are delighted to have them on the team.

Ms.Waddington has had a slight change to her role and will now be our assistant SENCo. She has a vast wealth of experience and I know the families who worked with her in the summer term really appreciate her supported and dedication. Ms. Waddington will be supporting Mrs. Thompson as SENCo.

We have lots of events planned for this term so please keep an eye on our newsletter for further updates.

As we enter into the new school year, the following articles in the newsletter are reminders of procedures and policies.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Fiona Hayes

Attendance— As we start the beginning of a school year, I would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance. Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. Attendance this week in all classes has been very good, let's see if we can keep these percentages high.

I would also like to remind you that like all other schools we don't authorise holidays in term time.

If your child is ill please remember to ring into the school office before 9am on their first day of illness and every subsequent day.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

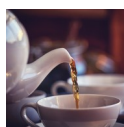
Attendance Percentages from 05.09.23-08.09.23			
Reception	Not in full-time hours yet	Year 1	96%
Year 2	98%	Year 3	99%
Year 4	96%	Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%	Red- Very concerned Amber- concerned Green- Good	

Meet the Teacher Afternoons

We will be holding meet the teacher afternoons for all parents in Year 1 –6 over the next few weeks. This will be an opportunity for the teachers to introduce themselves to you , talk about class routines and what the children will be learning over the course of the year. The presentations with all the information will be available on the website soon after the meeting.

Headteacher, Assistant Head Teachers Afternoon.

On Wednesday 27th September we will be holding an informal coffee afternoon at 2.30 which everyone is invited to. You are welcome to pop in to see us and hear about our exciting plans for this year. You will be given a very warm welcome so please come along.



Playground Rules and Equipment

Please don't let your child 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.

We have also noticed children riding their scooters on the playground in the morning. This is a busy time, with lots of people around, so please stop your child riding. We would hate for there to be an accident and someone get hurt.



Please may we respectfully remind you that in KS2 break-time snacks should be fruit or a healthy snack. We are increasingly seeing children coming in with chocolate bars which is not in accordance with our healthy eating policy or safe for those children who have allergies.

Parental Behaviour Policy.

A new year serves as a good time to remind parents and carers of our policy regarding behaviour for all members of the school community. As a school we work on an open door policy and are happy to meet with parents and carers about any concerns they have. However we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

Attached to this news letter is our Parental Behaviour Policy, please take time to read it.

Our primary concern as a school are the needs, welfare and learning of your children and by working together we will achieve the best outcomes for them.

After School Club

You may remember that I wrote to parents last term about our intention to increase our wrap around care provision. Those parents who expressed an interest were sent registration forms. If you are still interested please send those forms back to the office as soon as possible. The After School Club is open to children 5 years and above. It's held on Monday- Thursday from 3.15-5.30. It is competitively priced at £10 per session. If you would like further details please pop into the school office.

House Captains

Today in assembly, I spoke to the children about the renaming of the school houses. We would like the children to come up with new names for these four houses. If your child chooses to take part they will make a small presentation to their class and each class will vote for the name of the house they like best, it will then proceed to a whole school vote. I have told the children the name of the house must be the name of someone alive or dead who they feel have shown through their work or actions qualities that are important to us today.

Once the names for the school houses are decided, we will elect school house captains and vice captains. They will have several roles throughout the year.

The whole process links in with Democracy which is one of the British Values we have been studying with the children.

