

# Coates Way School



*Newsletter No. 1*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to begin the new academic year with a very warm welcome to all of our new parents. We hope that in the years to come the relationship between parent and school is a mutually positive one and that your children enjoy their time here at Coates Way. No doubt in the coming weeks and months there will be many things that you do not understand but remember that, even though we are still operating on Covid procedures, we have an open door policy and will be only happy to answer any queries you may have. If your child's class teacher is not on the gate in the morning, you can ring the school office and ask for a call back. Please do not contact class teachers through their school email addresses as all email communication with parents must come through the admin account [admin@coatesway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coatesway.herts.sch.uk)

## **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted on any Hertfordshire property. We have been advised that some parents are smoking at the school gates. Whilst technically this is outside the school premises, we would politely ask that parents do not smoke at the gate where other parents and pupils are present.

## **Meet the Teacher and Stay and Play Sessions**

During this half term we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for Reception class and all key stage 1 and key stage 2 classes. These meetings will provide parents with the opportunity to find out what the children will be learning over this term and to find out the routines of each class. Hopefully these sessions will enable parents to support their children at home with their learning. Class teachers will be sending out letters confirming details in due course and we will be asking parents who attend to wear a face mask.

## **Free School Meals**

All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals but this will cease when the children move into Year 3. All parents are encouraged to check as to whether they may be eligible for Free School Meals because they may be claiming some kind of benefit. Access to Free School Meals also provides assistance to other areas which may help your child. If you think you may qualify, please call into the school office where the office staff can tell you how to apply.

## **Healthy Eating**

May we remind all parents that children's snacks at break time must be of a healthy option i.e. fruit or vegetables. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be provided with

fruit as part of the Government's 5 a day initiative. Please do not send your child in to school with chocolate bars or sweets as these are not permitted.

This is also a good opportunity to remind parents that we have a number of children who suffer from nut allergies. It is totally unacceptable and not permitted under any circumstances to send children into school with nuts. This includes peanut butter spread and Nutella spread. Please respect this rule as we have children, and adults, who are at risk. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Midday Lunch Supervisor Vacancy**

We are looking add another midday supervisor to our lunch time team. This is a term time only appointment. The ideal candidate will be reliable, able to communicate easily with children, flexible and able to use their own initiative. All school staff must undertake a full DBS check and would be expected to attend some training courses throughout the year. The hours of work are 11.45am to 1.15pm Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### **Playground Safety**

Can we ask all parents who bring their children into school on bikes or scooters that they ensure their children are kept under tight control. Children must not race around on the playground or paths at the beginning and end of school as we have a number of very young children and elderly people on the premises at this time and we need to ensure that everyone is safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 residential trip

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Week

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm (subject to change)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Parent Consultations 4.00pm – 6.30pm (subject to change)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – End of half term. **School ends at 1.30pm**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Key stage 1 trip to pantomime

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner and DVD afternoon

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Key stage 1 and 2 trip to Pantomime

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of term. **School ends at 1.30pm**