

## Coates Way School

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

### Upcoming dates

**18.10.22**— Harvest Festival for Years 1-3.

**20.10.22**— Fundraisers AGM in school at 7.30pm. Please come along to support your school and parent body.

**21.10.22**— Fundraisers cake sale in the dining room

**08.11.22**— Year 6 trip to the Titanic Museum in Southampton

**14.11.22**— Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm

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

**17.11.22**— Parent/Carer consultations 3.30-5.30

**12.12.22**— Nursery Nativity at 10.30 am

**13.12.22**— Year 1-6 to Radlett Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk

**14.12.22**— Reception Nativity at 10.30 am

**16.12.22**— Fundraisers Gift Sale 9.30

**16.12.22**— A special visitor in Nursery and Reception

**20.12.22**— Whole School Christmas Dinner

**20.12.22**— School finishes at 1.30pm

### Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start the month of October, there is certainly a chill in the air so with this in mind all children need a coat in school.

As you will see from the works at the front of the school we are progressing with the building project. Unfortunately the work inside the school is not progressing as quickly as we had first hoped and our completion date has been pushed back to the middle of January. However the children are enjoying their time in the hall.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Celebration at the All Saints with Year 1-3. We will be taking food donations for Watford Food Bank. If there are any families in Nursery, Reception, Year 4, 5 or 6 who would also like to contribute please bring into school on the day and we will transport your donations to the church.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Fiona Hayes Head Teacher



On Monday 10th October we will be taking part in World Mental Health Day. To take part we are asking your children to wear yellow or just a splash of yellow and bring in a donation of your choice. Ms Armitage will also be running a raffle and with the small donation your child brings in they will be able to buy a ticket to win a basket of yellow things. All donations will go to YoungMinds the mental health charity.

## *Harvest Festival*

For harvest festival we are collecting for the Watford Food Bank. If you would like to make a food donation, please send in the following items on 17.10.22 or 18.10.22.

The items that are needed the most at the moment are:

- Long-life milk
- Long-life fruit juice
- Tinned meat + fish
- Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread
- Tinned fruit
- Instant mashed potato
- Tinned tomatoes
- Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Packets of jelly or sponge puddings
- Tinned vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Little chocolate bars and sweet treats



**Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date.**

*Thank you!*

## *Parking*

Please be considerate if you are dropping your child off at school by car. Last Friday it became quite heated on Coates Way and I was called to speak to some parents and residents. If you do come by car to school, please park safely and not on the yellow lines or across residents' drive ways. Whilst this sort of behaviour is very inconsiderate towards the residents living close by to the school, it is also **very dangerous** for families trying to cross the road with their children.

## *A change of date for Reception and Nursery Parents*

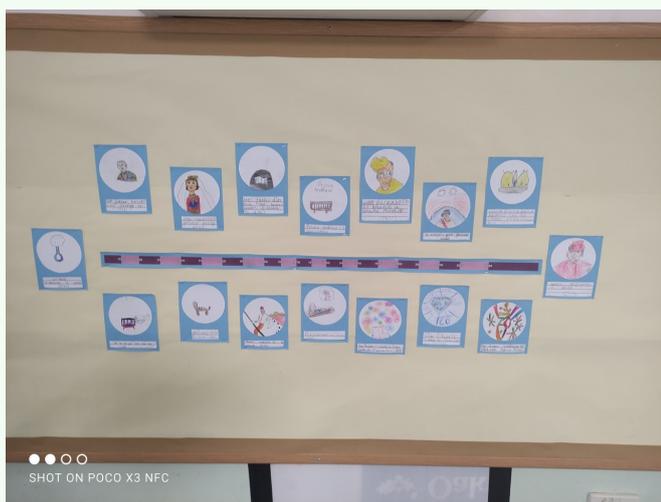
Please be advised the special visitor will be coming to Nursery and Reception on 16th December. The Nursery Christmas Nativity will be on Monday 12th December at 10.30am and Reception will be on Wednesday 14th at 10.30am



## Learning across the school



On Tuesday Year 4 took part in a Rivers Workshop. The children enjoyed examining water samples from the River Colne. They discovered that creatures can be identified by counting the number of legs they have and found tiny snails, shrimp, water worms and even a small fish. By playing Top Trumps, they learned about the importance and danger levels of some of the creatures such as dragon flies and Killer Shrimp. At the end of the session, the children drew their favourite creature and wrote some facts about it.



All the classes in school have created some beautiful displays on aspects of the life of Queen Elizabeth II.