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9th September 2019

Headteacher Introduction & Key Information

Dear Parents & Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Coety Primary School and to welcome you to what I am sure will be an exciting year ahead.

My name is Mr. Lewis and I was certain from my first impressions, during my interview, that Coety Primary School was the perfect choice for me as Headteacher. This is not my first time working in a school or in a headship position, but it is my first time working with you, as the school community of Coety Primary. Prior to taking up this post I served as Headteacher in the Cynon Valley and Deputy Headteacher in Cardiff.

Since starting at the school last week, I have been extremely impressed by the warm welcome that I have received from the team of staff, pupils and the parents/carers, so thank you. I spent last week in classes, around the corridors, out on the playground and in the lunch hall getting to know the children. Each child has taken the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their wonderful smile with me. They are a real credit to you as parents/carers.

For me the needs of the children are paramount. I strongly believe in equality, fairness, high expectations and high standards of behaviour and learning, all of which underpin my decision making within the school. I am enthusiastic about developing the academic, creative, sporting abilities of all children through highly-purposeful and engaging learning experiences, which enthuse and engage all children to have a passion for school-life.

I also believe that it is crucial to involve the children, their parents/carers and families as partners in their child's education. In doing so, I will also build a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and positive relationships, which will continue to make us all proud of our school. We can achieve the potential of Coety Primary School by working collaboratively as a team.

I am very approachable, as I'm sure you'll find, so don't think twice about chatting to me when you see me out and about on the playground or on the gate in the morning. I prefer speaking with parents/carers face-to-face, but I acknowledge that in a busy world that is not always possible, so you can also contact me through the school email address – admin.coetyprimary@bridgend.gov.uk.

Over the next few pages I have set out key information and dates that will be useful for you and your family. Please take time to read through following pages and make note of the important dates. All future newsletters will be distributed via email only. A hard copy will always be available on request from the school office.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming days and week.

Best wishes,

Mr. J. Lewis

(Headteacher)

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Staff Changes

At the end of term, Mrs. McKee, acting Headteacher left the Coety Team. My thanks to Mrs. McKee for leading the school during the majority of last academic year. The Team and I wish you the very best of luck as you return to your role as Assistant Headteacher at Cadoxton Primary School, Barry. Also, our thanks to Mrs. Delve, school clerk, who has moved on to pastures new.

We welcome two new members of staff to the Coety Team this year. Mr. Weekley will be teaching in Year 2 and Miss Sadler will be joining Mrs. Morris in Year 2 as the class Teaching Assistant. I am sure that you will all want to extend them a warm welcome.

Over the summer two of our team members, Mr. & Mrs Lewis (née Parry), celebrated a very special day during August. I am sure you will want to extend your own personal congratulations to the newlyweds.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs' list was circulated on Friday of last week. I would just like to thank my team of staff for giving their time freely to ensure that the children of Coety have an excellent range of activities. This is a first for me where all members of the team are leading an exceptional range of clubs, so a big thank you from the whole school community. If you have any specific queries regarding the clubs please speak to the adult leading the club or Mr. K. Lewis, Year 4.

Meet & Greet

During last academic year the school held its first Meet & Greet session for all parents/carers. The feedback from this session was positive, so we have arranged a similar event this year. On **Thursday 26th September** from 15:30-16:30 all parents/carers are invited to an informal event where you will have the opportunity to visit your son/daughter's classroom, meet the teacher and learn more about what your son/daughter will experience this year.

Class newsletters will be handed out during the meet & greet session.

Parents/Carers' Evenings

In addition to the Meet & Greet session there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to formally sit down with their child's class teacher for approximately 10 minutes to discuss their learning. These will take place on:

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th November

Thursday 7th November

Spring Term

Tuesday 12th February

Wednesday 13th February

Further information on how to book an appointment will come out to you all in due course.

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Coety Primary School Year Planner – Dates for Your Diaries

I acknowledge that parents/carers are extremely busy. If you're anything like me you would appreciate as much notice as possible for key events. Therefore, the Coety Team have worked to put together a year schedule – see below and on the next page, so parents/carers can save the key events/dates in their diaries. In rare circumstances some dates may need to change, but we will try our utmost to prevent this from happening.

You may note that certain celebration days, for example, World Book Day, do not fall on the official date. This is because many events fall around the same time. To prevent headaches for parents/carers we have tried to spread these out across the school year.

Event	Date
Autumn Term 2019	
CPSFA AGM (Community Room) at 16:30	Thursday 12 th September
World Cup Celebration Day	Monday 23 rd September
Nursery & Reception Gazette Photos – First Week at Sch	Tuesday 24 th September
Parents/Carers Meet & Greet in classrooms 15:30 – 16:30	Thursday 26 th September
School Closed – Inset Day – All Pencoed Cluster	Friday 25th October
Half Term	
Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November	
School Closed – Inset Day	Monday 4th November
Parents' & Carers' Evening	Wednesday 6 th November
Parents' & Carers' Evening	Thursday 7 th November
Anti Bullying Week	Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th Nov
Children in Need Day	Friday 15 th November
CPSFA Christmas Trip to Bath	Saturday 30 th November
CPSFA Christmas Fayre 11:00 – 15:00	Saturday 7 th December
Y2 Christmas Concert	Monday 9 th December
Y1 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 th December
Reception Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 th December
Nursery Christmas Concert	Thursday 12 th December
Y3/4 Christmas Carols	Tuesday 17 th December
Y5/6 Christmas Carols at 18:30	Wednesday 18 th December
Last Day of Term (children in school today)	Friday 20 th December

Event	Date
Spring Term 2020	
School Closed – Inset Day	Monday 6th January
First Day for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th January
World Book Day	Monday 11 th February
Parents' & Carers' Evening	Tuesday 12 th February
Parents' & Carers' Evening	Wednesday 13 th February
Half Term	
Mon 17th February - Fri 21st February	

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Eisteddfod Home Task Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers	Thursday 27 th February
Eisteddfod	Friday 28 th February
Sports' Relief	Friday 13 th March
STEM Week	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th March
Mad Hatters' Parade (weather dependent)	Friday 3 rd April
Last Day of Term (children in school today)	Friday 3 rd April

Event	Date
Summer Term 2020	
First Day of Term (children in school today)	Monday 20 th April
National Test Period (Y2-Y6)	Mon 27 th Apr–Tues 5 th May
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May
Eco Week	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th May
Sports' Day KS2 Y3-6 (option 1 – weather dependent)	Thursday 21 st May
Sports' Day KS2 Y3-6 (option 2 – weather dependent)	Friday 22 nd May
Half Term Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May	
Sports' Day FPh N-Y2 (option 1 – weather dependent)	Monday 15 th June
Sports' Day FPh N-Y2 (option 2 – weather dependent)	Tuesday 16 th June
Arts' Week	Mon 29 th – Thurs 2 nd July
Arts' Week Showcase for Parents	Friday 3 rd July
Moving Up Assemblies	Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th July
Tokyo Olympics Extravaganza Week	Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th July
Last Day of Term (children in school today)	Friday 17 th July
School Closed – Inset Day	Monday 20th July

Inset Days

This academic year all schools across Wales have been given six inset days (school closure) to plan across the year. Going forward it will be our intention to set these dates in July, but for this year we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

Monday 2nd September	-	Day 1
Friday 25th October	-	Day 2
Monday 4th November	-	Day 3
Monday 6th January	-	Day 4
Monday 20th July	-	Day 5
TBC	-	Day 6

As soon as we set the final date we will write out and inform you.

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Starting School Dates / Application Information

We have taken the opportunity to paste below the important dates of which parents/carers will need to be made aware when applying for a place at Coety Primary School's Nursery & Reception classes for September 2020.

For those parents/carers who have a pupil attending Year 6 this year and will be applying for a place at a local secondary school we have also recorded the application timetable for Year 7. Our feeder secondary school is Pencoed Comprehensive School.

The below link can be pasted into a web browser and will take you directly to the BCBC school admissions section, where parents/carers can apply for places online or find out further information.

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-admission-to-school/>

Secondary School Admissions Timescales (for YEAR 7)	
The admissions timetable for pupils transferring from Primary School (Year 6) to Secondary School in September 2020:	
Applications open	Monday 21 st October 2019
Deadlines date for BCBC to receive completed application forms	Friday 24th January 2020
Notification to parents/carers of acceptance/refusal of places	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Closing date for parents/carers to submit appeals	Friday 20 th March 2020

Coety Primary School Admissions Timescales (for RECEPTION)	
The admissions timetable for pupils transferring from Nursery and into Reception starting September 2020 – <i>Please remember that all parents/carers who have children currently attending Nursery will need to re-apply for Reception. There is no automatic transfer.</i>	
Applications open	Tuesday 26 th November
Deadlines date for BCBC to receive completed application forms	Friday 13th February 2020
Notification to parents/carers of acceptance/refusal of places	Tuesday 16 th April 2020
Closing date for parents/carers to submit appeals	Friday 8 th May

Coety Primary School Admissions Timescales (for NURSERY)	
The timetable for admissions for full-time Nursery places starting in September 2020:	
Applications open	Monday 6 th January 2020
Deadlines date for BCBC to receive completed application forms	Friday 27th March 2020
Notification to parents/carers of acceptance/refusal of places	Friday 15 th May 2020

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