



Hello Everyone,

Here is our 'Playgroup News' for the first week back of the new academic year....

## HELLO TO ALL OUR OLD FRIENDS AND HELLO TO OUR NEW FRIENDS!

Firstly, we would like to welcome back our existing families and say a huge hello to our new families!

The children have settled fantastically in their first week back, it's like they've never been away! Hopefully you have seen via our Facebook page that we have been super busy during the summer holidays revamping the areas in the room and sprucing up our changing area! Pictures are on our 'Coalway Early Years' page on Facebook, please 'like' and share! The children have loved the new areas! There has been lots of play and exploring in our brand new role-play kitchen and in our fantastic new, cosy book corner! Please see the pictures below to see some of the exciting things we've been up to this week:



### Important Notices

- This week you should have received a 'Parent Information Letter' via email with lots of information regarding the changes to how we assess your child's learning, parent partnership relationships, key person approach and more! If you have not received this letter, please let a member of staff know and we will get a copy sent to you.
- Over the coming week, we will be asking you to sign a Parent/Covid Agreement in the case of a Covid Outbreak at the setting.
- Existing Parents will be asked to complete a new Registration Form and an 'It's All About Me' Form to ensure we have you current up to date details.
  - Please see a leaflet attached with the newsletter from Public Health England which outlines the importance of children attending Early Years Settings.



### Polite Reminders

- Please can you ensure **all** your child's clothes and belongings are labelled with their name- this includes water bottles, lunchboxes, spare clothes, hats etc.
- Please can you ensure your child has a bag a spare clothes (with at least 2 full sets of clothing, including pants and socks- more clothing if potty training please!!!)



-which is able to stay at the playgroup (please label all clothes with child's name)

- Our drop off times are 9am and 12pm and pick up times are 12pm and 3pm- please arrive promptly as children can get distressed whilst waiting. If you have children at the school, please pick children up from playgroup first, thank you.

### Coalway Cubs- Baby and Toddler Group



Our Coalway Cubs' Baby and Toddler group is back!! The session runs weekly at 'Coalway Early Years' every Tuesday morning 9:30am-11:00am at a cost of £3.50 per family. Please share with your friends and family!!

We are limited to 15 families so book now to avoid disappointment. Booking is via Eventbrite, search Coalway Early Years or click the link below!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/coalway-early-years-34081142631>

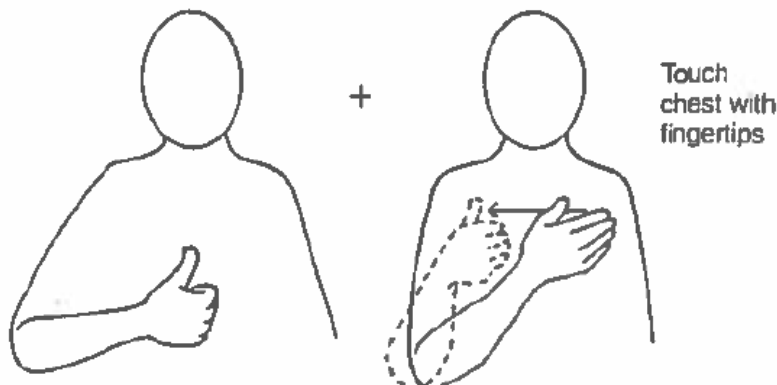
### MAKATON



Each week we will be learning a MAKATON sign. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign. The signs we are learning for the coming week are:

### GOOD MORNING



### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S CHARITY PLAYGROUP



We have signed up to the Forest Lottery and we hope that you will get on board and support us with raising funds for our setting! Being a charity setting, we rely on the kindness and generosity of our parents, staff and wider community in helping us to maintain an outstanding level of provision for your children and to ensure we continue to provide your children with exciting, stimulating and educational opportunities and experiences.

Forest Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Forest of Dean. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit the Forest of Dean and its residents.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week (£1 per ticket) Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot!

So for your chance to win £25,000 and to support your child's charity setting please search 'Forest Lottery,' create an account and select us 'Coalway Early Years' as the cause which you would like to support! Thank you and Good Luck!!

<https://www.forestlottery.co.uk/support/coalway-early-years>



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£25,000

To help us with our fundraising journey, we have also signed up to Amazon Smile. If you shop through Amazon, please can you shop through the Amazon Smile site? Amazon smile is exactly the same as Amazon but you purchase through a different domain (below) and then Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to us! If you use the Amazon App, please can you click the link below and sign in using the web browser to link your account to us and then open the Amazon app, click on the 3 lines which will then show you a list-scroll down and find 'Gifting and Charity' and then 'Amazon Smile' and next to the phone name please turn the button to 'On.' This will ensure that you are purchasing through Amazon Smile each time you use the app. If you need any further support please speak to Carly or Jo Young. Once again, we are so grateful for your support.



### **Committee Members needed!!!!**

Coalway Early Years is a committee run, non-profit making charity. The committee are a group of volunteers, including parents, who hold regular, informal meetings to discuss the running of the group, help to make decisions based on our improvement plan, and oversee the playgroup budget. We legally have to have a committee in order for the playgroup to operate so we really need your help!!  
Please see a member of the office staff if you would like to join!!

