

Reading

Our pamphlet, "Reading for Parents" (also available on the school web site) is a useful guide explaining how we teach reading; the introduction of phonics; the use of reading banded books; and what type of questions to ask your child. It is recommended that you read with your child until they reach their teenage years.

Speaking

We encourage children to talk, to think, to ask questions and to reason. We ask children to perform publicly and within small groups. The art of speaking in English and indeed other modern languages is an important skill to foster confidence and be heard.

Writing

The more children write the more they learn the intricate skills of handwriting and have the opportunity to practice spellings. Many spellings are taught as specific rules but there are often exceptions to the rules! Regular learning and revision of rules yields results. Children focus their writing on a different writing genre each term, for example recounts, narratives, poetry, reports and letter writing - each have their own distinct style.

Maths

Our pamphlet, "How to help your child with maths" (also available on the school web site) is a useful guide explaining how we teach maths. It is important that children not only learn times tables at an early age but have the opportunity to use maths in every day life. For example, using the time; money; weights and measures; and exploring shapes and symmetry. The pamphlet also shows our curriculum.

Topics

The document "Curriculum Policy", dictates how and what we teach throughout the school. Each science and humanity topics are taught in two/three year cycles. Trips and enrichment activities are also planned around these topics.

Physical

The children have an opportunity to do sport twice a week during the day in addition to sports club and the weekly mile. We also arrange fixtures against other schools. Many children also have the opportunity to partake in various sports outside school such as rugby, dance, horse riding and running which is paramount to their well being. The outdoor space and the games children play at school are highly valued

Creative

Children are born with huge creative talent which needs to be nurtured. Whether it be building dens or models, creating or taking pictures, composing and playing music, acting or cooking these activities should be fostered and take high priority in life at Coberley.

Organisation

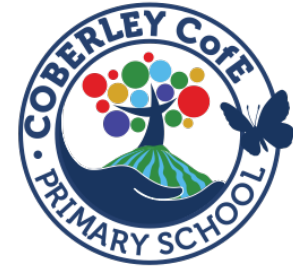
As children mature they need to learn to take responsibility for their own learning, their own possessions and remember to bring in the core equipment and be organised for activities. This is a learnt skill and we often need to persevere well into teenage years!

Homework

Children need the time to relax and play. Although homework plays a key role for children to take responsibility for their learning we try and keep homework to a minimum. Our minimum expectation is for children to read most nights and learn key spellings and times tables. Sometimes we ask them to complete work and to research topics and facts. Evidence shows that it is secondary school where homework begins to have a major impact.

Key Values

Our key school values are Kindness, Perseverance, Happiness, Creativity and Community



How we can all help our children

Coberley Church of England Primary School



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Introduction

Parenting is arguably the hardest job in the world.

A child's formative years shape their whole life in terms of sociability, intellect, resilience and mental health. Before a child starts school they learn the hardest life skill how to communicate and often by 5 they've learnt the next hardest step - to learn to read.

By the time they have left primary school they have learnt maths for life, can read and comprehend the written word confidently; can write fluently and have been exposed to a plethora of sports, topics, enrichment activities, school trips and residential; a range of practical and creative activities and have learnt to make and keep friends. It's quite a busy time!

As a school, we often worry we are always asking for help and in particular financial help each year. It is widely known that schools are hugely under resourced and many schools are in deficit. Staff costs approximately amount to 95% of direct revenue from the local authority. Our teaching model at Coberley is particularly expensive but I passionately believe that by keeping class sizes small and recruiting experienced staff it is a huge benefit to the children. We believe in our vision - "every child, every chance, every day."

This pamphlet outlines the many ways families (and indeed friends of the school and extended families) can help the children at Coberley get the best possible education. In my years of parenting the best lesson I have learnt is to be the very best role model I can, **"Be the person you want your child to be."**

Financial Help

We have a target of £12,000 to raise in school fund each year. School fund pays for the school resources such as new books and equipment. It pays for outdoor resources and enrichment activities. It also provides money for maintenance and improvements to the site. We raise money through a combination of FOCS events, sponsored events, parental donations and direct debits. Attending LINKS and Breakfast Club is also a great way of helping the school, keeping the service viable.

Direct Debits and Donations

Many parents have a monthly direct debit with the school. This is very easy to set up and is a fantastic help. The bank details for such an arrangement are as follows:

Coberley School Fund

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Other parents often give generous one-off payments to fund specific things (such as the signage or library books). Cheques are payable to **Coberley School Fund**.

FOCS Events

The school raises almost £6000 each year through organised events. These include Christmas cards, the Christmas Fayre, the Summer Fayre and the Welcome BBQ. Please support these events and invite friends and neighbours too. We have no formal PTA, just a lovely group of willing supporters.

Easy Fundraising

This sends a donation to the school from popular websites such as Amazon, Argos, Next, ebay, Now tv, Boots and many more. Please go to **<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coberleyps/>**

Amazon Wish List

We have an Amazon wish list (Coberley Cofe Primary) which is mainly used for books we would love to have in our classrooms and school library. The link is <http://amzn.eu/7gADtSj>

School Lunch

We currently lose money providing lunch because not enough children order a hot dinner. The food, which is delicious and very healthy, is very reasonable and is considerably cheaper than a packed lunch. Please support the school by ordering a hot dinner for your child.

Time

In addition to money many parents give their time generously. In the past year we have had help listening to readers, helping with children's art, gardening, cleaning the BBQ, configuring the school network, designing the logo in addition to the huge help at our DIY days. There is always so much to do whatever skills you possess. Please ask.