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Dear Parents/Carers

School closes today for the Easter break and reopens on Monday, 8th April.

Important Dates for first 2 weeks of Summer Term:

- Monday, 8th April - First day of Summer Term
- Year 3 Swimming lessons at King Henry VIII
One lesson a day for 2 weeks
- Thursday 11th April - Reception Vision Screening
- Tuesday 16th April - Year 1 phonics screening workshop for parents
- Thursday 18th April - Class Assembly for 4P – parents are invited to attend

Leave in Term Time

We ask families to avoid taking leave during term time with a kindly reminder that, if this is unavoidable and you are requesting to take your child out of school during term time, then a leave in school term request form should be completed at least two weeks before the first day of requested absence.

Staff News:

- We said goodbye to our Spanish teaching student Mr Mendo yesterday following his placement at Stivichall. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
- Best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Gould who is finishing to begin her maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing baby news.
- We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Franckeiss after her maternity leave, she will now return to her SENDCO role working Tuesday-Thursday.
- A huge thank you to Miss Sexton for her fantastic work as acting SENDCO; she is looking forward to her new role as she takes over as class teacher in R2.
- We look forward to welcoming Mrs Lakin back after the Easter holidays, after a brief time away from the school, she will be returning to take on the role of Speech & Language Lead.

EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk and KS2 House Cross Country

Well done to all the children in KS2 for participating in the House Cross Country at the War Memorial Park on Wednesday afternoon. We were lucky to avoid the rain and were delighted that it could go ahead! It was lovely to see so many children challenging themselves and enjoying the competition. Thank you to everyone who cheered them on; it was wonderful to see so many of you. Reception and KS1 took part in their Spring Walk; thank you to the parents who supported and helped to cheer on all the KS2 runners as they made their way through the park, it really spurred them on.

A special well done to Lewis for winning the race and Annabelle for being the first girl home. The full results and medals will be shared and presented in our whole school assembly after Easter.

Sports News:

It's been a fantastic half term for sporting achievements at Stivichall. We recently shared that our year 3 gymnasts made it through to the County finals. They completed their routine and vault with exceptional control, balance and skill. We didn't come away with a medal position but did bring home the trophy for demonstrating all the school games values. Amazing, well done!

Our netball team have gone from strength to strength and have come away with winning results in friendly matches. We look forward to competing in the new league next half term.

I was over the moon that our Athletics team reached the County finals this year. Yesterday, they competed against the top 6 schools from Solihull, Warwickshire and Coventry East. When we arrived, we pledged to bring 'determination' to the competition in our strive to never give up and do our best and we certainly did! Everyone in the team pushed themselves and supported each other with words of encouragement, praise and condolences when not everything went to plan! As the results were revealed in reverse order, we couldn't believe it every time we hadn't been called. We came away with silver medals for second place! We were elated and so incredibly proud of you all, well done everyone! Please bring your medals to school the first Monday back to celebrate in assembly. This brings athletics to a close for this year. I hope you have all enjoyed it. Mrs Matthews

Clubs:

There are still places in Athletics, Dance and the Cricket clubs, please ask at the school office for a letter if your child is interested.

Flame of Friendship

You may have heard your children talking about the Flame of Friendship this week. In the run up to the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic games, 62 Coventry primary, secondary and special educational needs schools will be participating in a torch relay, the Flame of Friendship, leaving Coventry Cathedral on Thursday 22nd February and finishing on the University of Warwick campus on Monday 8th July.

The torch is bespoke to this event, designed especially for it as part of a competition in which more than 2000 Coventry pupils took part. The winning design was submitted by a pupil from Finham Park School and has subsequently been redeveloped at WMG, on the University of Warwick campus.

The event celebrates friendship, team work, and sports and has multiple opportunities for people from schools, the community and the university to get involved.

We received the torch on Monday morning from Earlsdon Primary school and we welcomed them onto the playground with some wonderful flags, bunting, ribbons, windmills and decorations. All classes had the opportunity to see the torch close up and have a photo with it - keep a look out for these on Seesaw or Twitter.

On Tuesday, after a brilliant send off from the whole school, a team of PE leaders, runners and Coventry Young Ambassadors ran the torch to Finham Park. It will now continue its journey around Coventry finishing at the University of Warwick on the 8th July when we will also take part in a closing ceremony. Thank you to all the children who took part. I hope you are looking forward to the Paris Olympics!

Mrs Matthews

Gladiator Visit!

Last week we had a very special visit from a Gladiator! Steel from the new series of Gladiators on the BBC came in to see the children and give a very uplifting talk on being healthy and building confidence. The children (and equally the staff!) were blown away by his inspiring presence and really took on board the values of a Gladiator. Roman from 2P said that Steel must have used Stivichall values including resilience and commitment to become a gladiator.



Reception Classes Vision Screening

All children in reception classes are invited for a vision screening check which will take place in school on Thursday, 11th April. Last week, your child brought home information containing all the details you require. You only need to return the form should you **NOT** wish your child to receive a vision screening test. If you have any queries, please call the Orthoptic Department direct on the number contained within the letter.

Whole School Questionnaire for parents and carers – Summer 2023

Our Annual Whole School Questionnaire for parents and carers is available to complete, you will have had an email via your ParentMail account on Wednesday. Your feedback is always valued so please take the time to complete it by midday on **Wednesday, 17th April**. This is the link to the survey if you need it <https://forms.office.com/e/caYWhTJgxJ>

Eco Tip

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.

This week's top eco tip: Don't fill the whole kettle to make just one hot drink, only fill what you need so you are only heating what you need (Freya 3P)



Family Learning

Coventry City Council are running some free courses called Positive Family Foundations for parents across Coventry. This is a nurture-based parenting programme based on understanding how children and their carers interact, and what children need to help them thrive. The following links explain the four courses they are doing across the city next term that any Coventry parent can attend. Primary School age children - [Tuesday](#), [Wednesday](#) and [Thursday](#). Secondary School age children - [Tuesday](#). The information for online based courses including a Maths and English in Primary Schools course has been attached to this newsletter.

50 Things to Do

As we look forward to the Easter break, we would like to remind you about an app that we believe will add joy and enrichment to your family time. The '[50 Things to Do](#)' app is a fantastic resource offering a variety of free, engaging activities designed for children. These activities aim to not only entertain but also promote positive learning experiences and contribute to your child's overall well-being.

Social Action Projects

As part of our Year 4 social action project Daya, Aoife, Bethan, Annabelle and some other children have created a poster supporting local elderly groups. Well done Year 4!

ST Martins gospel choir on Green Lane

Chair Exercise at Finham library Tuesday classes 1:45-2:30 £3 per person.

4. Local men's group gather fortnightly for tea & chat all ages new members welcome - ST John the divine Robin Hood Road willenhall Coventry CV5 3AY 02476303266

5. Monday knitting group from beginners to advanced, Aldermore life centre 78 roundhouse road stoke Alder Moor Coventry cv3 1da 02476454010

Summer Term dates

There are lots of exciting events happening during the summer term, below are a few for your diaries. Further information will be shared via letters and/or the newsletter nearer to each event.

Friday 26th April

PTA School Disco

Thursday, 23rd May

Year 4 Overnight Camp at Rough Close.

Thursday 13th June

Our annual sports day will take place on this day where parents will also be able to attend

Friday, 14th June

Year 3 Overnight Camp on school field.

PTA Summer Fayre – Save the date

Our ever popular PTA summer fayre will take place on 29th June.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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