



18th April 2008

Dear Parents

A reminder that the school will be open as normal on Thursday 24th April. This is the date set for industrial action by some members of the National Union of Teachers, but we are unaffected on this occasion.

New Build Update

Children have started to make visits to the site to see progress at first hand. They have all been very interested and have asked the builders lots of difficult questions.

At present we are hoping to move into the new school just after the 2008 October half-term holiday. This will mean additional closure days and parents should be prepared for the possibility of the school being closed on October 23rd, 24th and November 3rd, 4th and 5th. The half term holiday will run from October 27th to October 31st.

These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, but parents should be assured that we will keep disruption to a minimum by using some of our existing teacher training days to cover the time we need to move.

Online Child Protection

A parent has reported that a number of junior girls are using MSN to exchange insults and threats. They also appear to be putting themselves at risk by sharing personal details online.

I would encourage all parents to monitor their children's use of the internet very closely. A good website to visit is www.thinkyouknow.co.uk as this provides advice and guidance for parents and children.

Asda 'Go Green for Schools' Vouchers

We haven't taken part in the Asda school voucher scheme before, but we have received some vouchers for it and understand that the closing date has been extended to 30th June. If you have any of these vouchers please send them in to the school office and we will see whether we have enough to make registration worthwhile.

PTA NEWS

Family Disco and next meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the family disco last Friday – the children looked fantastic in their partywear and a good time was had by all.

The next meeting, to discuss the summer fete, will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th April in the Key Stage 1 staff room (opposite the school office). All welcome as usual – please use the door in the Year 1/2 corridor.

Invitation Books

After the success of last year's book, the PTA has 50 copies of the 2008-09 Coventry and Warwickshire Invitation Book to sell at the special price of £19.99 (rrp £29.99). For each book sold through the PTA we receive £4 to spend on the children. The book is packed with vouchers for free and discounted days out, meals and retail items including CCFC, Warwick Arts Centre, Planet Ice, Pizza Express and The Gallery Restaurant. Most are valid until

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*February or May next year. A full list of discounts can be seen on the website – www.invitationbook.co.uk. The PTA is approached by many organisations about fundraising campaigns and projects but we have rarely received such positive feedback about a product – most people who bought the book last year report that they have saved over £100 (some well over £200) on everyday items as well as treats. We will be selling copies of the book, on a first come first served basis, outside the school office from 8.45 am on Monday morning, or you can send in an enveloped marked '**PTA INVITATION BOOK**' with your child's name and class, enclosing a cheque for £19.99 made payable to **STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**. Thanks.*

Yours sincerely

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