



5th September 2008

Dear Parents

Welcome back to what will be a historic year at Stivichall Primary School.

The building work is going well and we are still looking to move into the new school during the week commencing 3rd November. The builders will confirm a handover date during the next few weeks and I will let you have the details as soon as possible. At the moment we are provisionally closing for children on:

Thursday 23rd October
Friday 24th October
Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November
Wednesday 5th November

This will allow staff to complete the move to the new building ready to open to children on Thursday 6th November.

I must emphasise that these dates are still subject to change but will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

These are attached to this letter.

Junior Class Assemblies

These will be held in the new school hall at 2.30 pm, and this term the dates are:

21 st November	6T
28 th November	6H

Other classes will be performing during the Spring Term.

Sports Fixtures

Competition dates this term are:

Thursday 18 th September	Year 5 County Cricket Final
Saturday 4 th October	Boys 7-a-side Football
Saturday 11 th October	Boys 7-a-side Final (if we qualify)
Saturday 18 th October	Girls 7-a-side Football
Saturday 8 th November	Girls 7-a-side Final (if we qualify)
Saturday 22 nd November	Boys cross-country

Please leave these dates clear if your child is likely to be in a school team.

Guide Dog Puppy

One of our parents is training a guide dog puppy at the moment and I have given her permission to bring it on site as part of its socialisation programme. This is an exception to the normal rule regarding no dogs on site.

Staff News

Rose Jenkins, who has been a cleaner at Stivichall for twenty years, is retiring on Friday. We will be thanking her during an assembly on her last day, but parents who know her may wish to pass on their own messages during the next week.

Music Lessons

Lessons will start next week on the following days, with the exception of cello which we hope to begin on Monday 15th September, and guitar which will not begin until we have CRB clearance for the new teacher.

Monday	Recorder (Cello to begin on 15 th September)
Tuesday	Violin, Orchestra
Wednesday	Violin, Guitar (start date to be advised)
Thursday	Woodwind
Friday	Brass

Walking Bus

The walking bus operates every morning from the car park at the Burnt Post pub. Children should arrive from 8.30 am, with the bus setting out between 8.40 and 8.45 am. All children are provided with high visibility jackets and are closely supervised. Children in Years 1 to 6 are welcome, and Reception children can join in if accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Please make use of the Stivichall Walking Bus, as the more cars we divert away from the roads around the school the better for the children's safety.

Supervisory Assistant – Special Needs

We are looking for a supervisory assistant to join our lunchtime team. Duties include supervising a child with special needs in the dining room and on the playground.

Hours of work are 11.50 am to 1.20 pm Monday to Friday, term time only. However, if you are only able to commit to two or three days per week we would also like to hear from you.

The rate of pay is currently £7.51 per hour

Please call into the school office or ring 7641 9555 to arrange an informal meeting.

Dinner Money

A reminder that the cost of school dinners increased from £1.60 to £1.65 (£8.25 per week) on 1st September. If you sent in the wrong amount this week please adjust your payment next Monday.

Punjabi Lessons

Lessons will begin again after school on Thursday 18th September at the usual time for students continuing from last year. Students should wait in the reception area for Mrs Athwal to accompany them to the classroom. The beginners class will be on Wednesdays. Please phone Mrs Athwal on 024 7669 6660 or 07984 985541 after 4.30 pm for more details.

Fun Club Staff Vacancy

There is a vacancy for the morning sessions. Please see Karen in Fun Club for an application form.

Yours sincerely

C D ROSE
Head Teacher

STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2008

September

8	Reception class begins (RW)	
9	Reception class begins (RC)	
10	Reception class begins (RE)	
12	First swim at Coventry Baths for Year 5	
16	PTA Meeting	7.30 pm
22	Photos – Years 1-5 plus siblings	
	Governors Curriculum Meeting	5.00 pm
24	Governors Health and Safety Meeting	1.30 pm
26	Harvest Assembly	2.15 pm
29	Downs Charity Assembly	
	Year 5 Macbeth Workshop	1.15 pm

October

6	Parents Evening	3.45 – 6.30 pm
7	Year 2 Gurdwara visit	10.00 – 11.30 am
10	School Closed Teacher Day (Performance Management)	
13	Year 6 Barston Trip	
14	Governors Salaries Meeting	6.00 pm
20	Year 6 Barston Trip	
21	Photos – Reception / School Council / Orchestra / Choir	
23	Possible closure day	
24	Possible closure day	
27	Half Term week	

November

3,4 & 5	Possible closure days	
13	Year 6 Herbert Art Gallery Outreach	
	Governors Meeting	6.30 pm
18	Open Day	10.30 – 11.30 am 1.30 – 2.30 pm
	Year 4 Shree Krishna Temple visit	9.30 – 12.00
19	Year 5 Coombe River Study	
20	Open Day	10.30 – 11.30 am 1.30 – 2.30 pm
27	Christmas Art Day	

December

5	Year 1 Arts Centre trip	leave 1.00 pm
8	Reception classes Arts Centre trip	leave 1.00 pm
	Christmas Concert Week	
9	Year 2 Arts Centre trip	leave 1.00 pm
12	Final Year 5 swim	
15	Key Stage 2 Arts Centre trip	leave 9.15 am
19	Last day of term	

January 09

5	Children return to school	