



21st November 2008

Dear Parents

Our Open Days this week were very popular with large numbers of visitors enjoying the new school. The overwhelming view was that the school is very impressive and has a great sense of space and light.

As usual, the children rose to the occasion and made visitors to their classrooms feel very welcome.

Staffing News

This week we welcomed Mr Farrelly, our Site Services Officer, back to work. During his absence we have been lucky to have a relief site services officer, Mr Alan Lockett, who has done a great job in covering all the duties. Mr Lockett has now been appointed to a full-time post at Mount Nod Primary School and his last day will be Friday 28th November. I am sure you would wish to join me in thanking him for his exemplary work at Stivichall and in wishing him good luck in the future.

Rising Five Admissions for September 2009

Please remember that the last date for us to receive completed application forms is **Friday 28th November**. Any applications received after the closing date will not be included in the initial allocation of places.

Photo Reminder

If you have not already done so, please send in your photo orders and payments to the school office by Monday morning 24th November at the latest.

Netball Club (Year 6 Team)

Due to the stage going up in the hall for our Christmas concerts, the final training session will be on Tuesday 25th November. Training will resume on Tuesday 6th January. Matches already notified will go ahead as usual. Many thanks, Mrs Slater.

PTA Events

The junior disco is on Friday 28th November and the PTA are busy selling tickets. Admission will be by ticket only. Doors open at 6.30 pm, with the night ending at 8.00 pm. All children must be collected by an adult. Please note that while both the Green Lane and Coat of Arms Bridge Road gates will be open, the only entrance to the school building will be through the main entrance door next to the school office. The response for help at the disco has been overwhelming and the PTA are in the process of contacting everyone with regard to this. Thank you to all who have offered help.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 11.00am - 2.00pm

HELP HELP HELP required. We need help for a total of 23 Stalls (not to mention the kitchen team). We need help running all kinds of stalls from games, crafts, manning the door, to Toys, Books, Face Painting, Games, Arts and Crafts, setting up on Friday, clearing away on Saturday. In particular we need some Dads to run a few of the game stalls - kids can help you. We had an amazing response to our pleas for help for the Disco, so please please help out at the fayre if you can - it only needs to be for half an hour but of course if you can do more - please please do so. The kids will be involved in all sorts of things so if you are going to be at the fayre - why not do a half hour stint anyway? Email lyn@jeffery4.plus.net or complete the form overleaf and return to the school office asap - there is only 2 weeks left to sort it all out! Remember all monies raised will be spent on items for the new school and providing extra's for the school

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children. Last year the PTA donated over £7,000 to the school for equipment and providing fun activities. With a new school and playground to equip we need a bumper year this year. The PTA Committee cannot do this without your help and support.

DONATIONS - can you spare a bottle (alcoholic or non alcoholic) for the bottle tombola, SAMOSAS, toys and books, TOMBOLA prizes, cakes - all donations gratefully received. Tombola prizes and bottles can be sent into the school office. Cake donations - please email Katy.Carpenter@wbs.ac.uk. Samosas - please email edith.devoy@ocr.org.uk - Toys and Books - these can be brought into school from Friday 28th November.

FATHER CHRISTMAS LETTERS - If you would like a letter from Father Christmas - you need to get your forms back to the school office as Father Christmas and his elves are a bit busy and need to get organised if everything is to get done before the big day. Return form in an envelope with £1.50. Information was sent home in book bags last week (up to and including year4). Additional forms available from the school office.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING FUND RAISING - If you have old mobile phones sitting in the drawer please donate them to the school. Send these into school in a bag marked "phone recycling".

Punjabi Class

Minority Group Support Services are able to provide this free of charge on Thursdays after Christmas. The class will commence at 3.35 pm and is open to up to 15 children in Years 3 to 6 only. Please return the reply slip attached if you are interested. (Children already attending the Punjabi class at school will be given preference.)

Message from Mrs Athwal (current Wednesday/Thursday Punjabi lessons)

There are places still available in the beginners group (Wednesdays) and advanced group (Thursdays). Lessons will continue if there are enough children in each group, otherwise the class will either stop or be brought together in one group.

Unfortunately there will be no lessons in December due to personal reasons. Any adjustments will be made in the next block. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE REPLY SLIP

I can help at the Christmas Fayre

Name: Email

Phone: Child's Class

Preferred Help Time:

PUNJABI CLASS (Thursdays after Christmas)

I am interested in a place for my child in this class

Name of child Class

Signed (parent/guardian)