



27th February 2009

Dear Parents

Our new playgrounds were laid during half term much to the relief of the staff and children. This means that the Gregory Avenue gate will now be back in use before and after school.

A request from the teachers of children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is that parents stand well back in the morning before school. This will allow the classes to line up and enter school in an orderly fashion.

The children have also been asked to keep off the new flower beds as they will soon be planted.

Barnardo's Assembly

We will have a visitor from Barnardo's Charity on Monday and they will be setting the children a fundraising challenge. I hope that you will be able to support us with this.

Year 6 Cycling

This will recommence next Wednesday and the cycle rack will be available. Once this is full cycles can be chained to the fence at the bottom of the Green Lane drive or to the fence at the back of the Gregory Avenue PE store.

School News

The netball team played on Wednesday, and Abbie and Lucy G write:

Stivichall School played against Finham Primary School at the Xcel Sports Centre at 3.15 pm on 25th February, competing for a place in the finals. The overall scores were 5-4 to Stivichall so we got into the finals. Thank you to Mrs Slater for training us and parents for supporting us. WELL DONE STIVICHALL!

By Lucy and Abbie G (3/4 and 6S)

Red Nose Book Fair

A reminder that this takes place in the small hall next week (8.30 – 9.00 Monday to Friday, 3.30 – 4.15 Monday to Thursday). This is a 'Buy One Get One Free' event (cheapest book free), with no commission for the school. The World Book Day voucher issued to every child today can be used at the Fair.

Year 6 Boreatton Park/Dol-y-Moch meeting

A reminder that the meeting has been rearranged and will take place next Tuesday 3rd March at 6.30 pm in the small hall.

Helping With Homework

The Children and Family Education Service are offering a free 5 week course for parents to find out how to help their children at home. The course starts on Thursday 5th March, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at Elm Bank Corporate Training Centre, Mile Lane. If you would like to join, please telephone Sue Bagley on 7660 2590 to book a place.

School Nurse

If you have any concerns or need advice on a range of issues such as emotional wellbeing, medical conditions, infectious diseases, healthy lifestyles, bullying, safety, medicines, etc you can contact the school nurse on 024 7647 2672 or 024 7647 2983.

PTA NEWS

KS2 FRIDAY 13TH FANCY DRESS DISCO - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH - 6.30 - 8.00pm

Tickets are priced at £3.00 per ticket and this includes a 50p donation to the Red Nose Day Appeal – Prize for best boy fancy dress and best girl fancy dress.

HELPERS REQUIRED - If you have grumbled or personally complained about the lack of tickets available in the past - now is your chance to make a difference. An initial 140 tickets will be released for sale on Monday 2nd March with an additional 110 tickets being released on Friday 6th March if we have sufficient helpers signed up. We had a fantastic response for helpers for the last disco many of which we didn't use so please please please offer to help again!

The number of parents required takes into consideration the adult to child ratio necessary for safety in the event that we have to evacuate the building during the event.

*So if you have a child in KS2 wanting to go to the disco please sign up to attend the evening as a helper. Please either complete and return the slip which can be found on the separate letter enclosed in all KS2 bookbags or email kerry.hooper@ps4b.co.uk **IF WE DO NOT GET SUFFICIENT ADULTS SIGNED UP BY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 9.00AM - the extra tickets will not be released for sale.***

INVITATION BOOKS

*After the success of last year's book, the PTA has 50 copies of the 2009-10 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. Most are valid until 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. If you wish to buy a book you can send in an envelope marked '**PTA INVITATION BOOK**' with your child's name and class, enclosing a cheque for £19.99 made payable to:- **STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA.***

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY FOR THESE TO BE PURCHASED WILL BE TUESDAY 10TH MARCH.

NCT Baby Fair

The National Childbirth Trust are holding a baby fair on Saturday 28th February, 2.00 – 4.00 pm at The Warwickshire Suite, Esporta Racquets Club, Abbey Road, Whitley. Admission £3 per adult, children free. For more information phone 0844 243 6096 or visit the website: www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/Coventry/babyfair.

Yours sincerely

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