



6th November 2009

Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a pleasant and relaxing half-term break. We are now in the seven week period leading to Christmas and there will be many events for you and the children to enjoy.

#### Open Day

Our second Open Day is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 to 11.30 am and 1.30 to 2.30 pm. You are all very welcome to visit us and go into classrooms to see the curriculum being taught. There will be a conducted tour starting in Reception, but you are also welcome to go to any classroom or classrooms of our choice.

#### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are selling poppies in school next week. All contributions are welcome, but we usually ask for at least 10p.

#### Parental Questionnaire

Thank you for your replies. The results are being collated and I will share them with you as soon as possible.

#### Sports Kit Day and Cake Sale

Thank you for your support with this. We raised £576.93 and this will be shared between the PTA and Coventry City Football in the Community.

#### Children In Need / Meningitis Research Foundation Appeal

The children enjoyed the recent cake sale so much that they asked School Council for another one!

As you are probably aware, School Council is made up of children from Years 1 to 6 who have been elected by their classes. Council considered the request for the cake sale and voted unanimously for it to go ahead. They did, however, very sensibly say that this would be the last cake sale for quite a while.

In view of this there will be a sale on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and any money raised will be shared between Children In Need and the Meningitis Research Foundation.

Please contribute some cakes if you are able and we will ask the children for a minimum donation of 50p when they buy their cake.

#### PE Kit

In order to ensure that your child is able to participate in their PE lessons each week, please can you ensure that they have an appropriate kit in school every day. For indoor lessons, like dance and gymnastics, the children require a t-shirt, a pair of shorts and some pumps, all of which should be comfortable and allow flexible movement. In Key Stage 2 the children would also benefit from a warm sweatshirt or tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games. Labelling all items of kit is also important to minimise the time spent searching for and returning lost items. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Miss Hibbert** (PE Co-ordinator)

#### Helping your child with Maths

The school has subscribed to a website to help parents support their children with maths. The site has a mixture of worksheets, games and lessons. These games and lessons will be particularly good for helping at home. The website address is: [www.schools.mathsgogogo.co.uk](http://www.schools.mathsgogogo.co.uk). Our school username is: stivichall and the password is: b5a12e. All letters in the username and password are lower case.

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In time a link to the site will be added to our 'moodle' website. If you use the MathsGoGoGo materials, Mr Baldwin would welcome your feedback and comments to help decide whether to take out a subscription in the future.

#### Rising Five Admissions for September 2010

If you have received your Primary Admissions pack, please don't forget to return the application form enclosed with the pack to school as soon as possible (the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010). The form must be completed even if you live in our catchment area. You can also apply on-line at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions).

#### Car Parking

We have again had complaints from residents in Gregory Avenue about illegal and irresponsible car parking. Drivers are parking, and even double-parking, on the double yellow lines and are also obstructing driveways. Our advice to residents is always to contact the police about such incidents, but we would ask parents to have consideration for our neighbours, and for parents and children who are trying to use the pavements and roads safely.

#### PTA NEWS

*Children in the Reception classes and Years 1 to 4 will bring home today a 'Letter to Father Christmas' which they can complete and send back to school before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in a sealed envelope enclosing £1.50 to cover the cost of the reply (see notes to parents on the reverse). If any children in Years 5 or 6 would like a letter they can collect one from the school office.*

#### West Orchard Pre-School

*The pre-school is holding a Christmas Shopping Evening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 6 – 9 pm at the church hall in Baginton Road. Independent traders with jewellery, bags, toys, books, kitchenware, cards and more ... Admission £2 per adult, children free. For more information contact [hallmailbox-preschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hallmailbox-preschool@yahoo.co.uk).*

Yours sincerely

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