



13th November 2009

Dear Parents

The PTA Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5th December and they would like to invite the children to design a programme cover.

Entries should be A4 (the size of this letter) and in black and white (not pencil) with a 1cm border left clear around the edge. The designs are up to the children, but they should include space for:

Stivichall Primary School PTA
 Christmas Fair
 Saturday 5th December
 11.00 am to 2.30 pm

Prizes will be awarded to the best entries from Reception, Years 1 and 2 and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The deadline for designs to be handed in is **Monday 23rd November**.

National Anti-Bullying Week

This commences on Monday 16th November and the school will be placing an emphasis upon respect towards others during lessons and assemblies.

The theme for next week is cyber bullying, and we have some stick-on computer bugs for sale at 30p each on a first come, first served basis. If children would like to buy a bug they will be brought to classrooms each day next week.

At Stivichall we have a clear policy and procedures for dealing with allegations of bullying and these have been discussed with and agreed by governors.

Parents can help next week by discussing bullying issues with children at home. You can also ask them about any messages they receive at school.

Questionnaire for Parents and Carers

An analysis of responses to this questionnaire is attached to this letter. As you can see, there are some aspects of the school where satisfaction levels are very high. Where replies indicate an area of concern, such as question 7 concerning homework, staff and I will ensure that measures are put in place to improve matters.

The analysis is a useful tool for us to use and we will take note of it in combination with some of the comments received. These included concerns regarding:

		<u>Replies</u>
• Homework	insufficient	9
	too much	3
• Reception Induction		6
• Communication with parents		8
• School reports		3
• School meals		2
• Lunchtime arrangements		2
• Parents' evenings		3
• Sex Education		2
• Bullying		3
• Parents' views on the curriculum		2
• School security		2
• Special Needs provision		2

There were single concerns expressed regarding:

- Concerts and performances
- Payment for trips
- Sale of children's art
- School newsletter
- School website
- High temperatures in school
- Teachers who shout
- Class reorganisation

Positive views were expressed on:

- All round education 2
- Special Needs provision 2

There were single positive comments on:

- Good work ethic
- Supportive staff
- Sense of community

All opinions will be considered and we will make changes where appropriate or feasible.

Disability Focus Group

We are still seeking input into this group from parents with disabilities or parents whose children have disabilities. Disability can include asthma, dyslexia, autism, dyspraxia, arthritis, visual impairment, hearing impairment, chronic medical conditions and mental health issues such as depression.

The focus group is very friendly and would really value your views at their next informal meeting. This will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.30 pm. The meeting will last no more than an hour and there will be no obligation to attend future meetings unless you want to.

The agenda for the meeting will include ideas of good practice which the school might adopt and future actions for the group.

Views in writing are, of course, also welcome. Please return the reply slip if you are able to attend.

Reception Classes – 'Booktime 2009-2010

A note from Mrs Jeffs: Today your child will bring home two free books from the publishing company Pearson in association with the Booktime Programme. The books are 'The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems' and 'Mr Big' and they come in a special bag accompanied by a guidance booklet about shared reading. I will be speaking to the children about their books next week, introducing the characters and reading extracts to them. I hope you will enjoy sharing the pleasure of reading with your child.

Christian Aid Art Competition

Two of our Year 5 children (Edward Griffiths in 5S and Charlotte Clarke in 5P) have won runners-up prizes in this competition, and Jodie Wheeler in 5P has been highly commended. Their work will be on display at the Methodist Central Hall on 14th November, and Edward and Charlotte will receive their prizes from the Lord Mayor at 10.30 am. Congratulations to all three, and thanks to all the children who entered the competition.

PTA NEWS

Santa Letters

Parents please note that the **LAST DAY** for collection of post to Santa is **Monday 23rd November** – the office will not accept any letters after this date. Write those letters now and don't miss out, and remember to check your child's letter to make sure that all names and gifts are spelt correctly and that you include £1.50 in a sealed envelope marked 'Santa' to cover postage.

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KS1 FAMILY NIGHT – TONIGHT!! FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - 6.30PM - 8.30PM

Admittance by ticket only - so don't forget to bring your ticket. 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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 11.00am - 2.30pm

RAFFLE PRIZES / AUCTION / BOTTLE / TOMBOLA DONATIONS:

All donations gratefully received. Please take to the office or contact kerry.hooper@ps4b.co.uk with details of any assistance you can give with raffle prize's or auction donations.

SAMOSAS: If you can make a donation of free Samosas for the fayre please contact edith.devoy@ocr.org.uk

PTA XMAS PLANNING MEETING – THURS 19TH NOV @ 8.00PM – THE BURNT POST- All parents very welcome to attend the meeting especially if you have a new idea you are willing to carry out at the fayre. We are particularly desperate for helpers willing to run a stall/activity with a group of friends. If you are not sure but think you might be interested - come along to this informal meeting. If you can't make the meeting but can help please email kerry.hooper@ps4b.co.uk with your details.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name of child: Class:

Parent/carer's name:

I will be attending the Disability Focus Group meeting on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.30 pm.

Signed

An analysis of responses to questionnaire for Parents and Carers – November 2009

152 completed questionnaires returned to school

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school	61%	46%	0%	0%
2	The school keeps my child safe	55%	43%	1%	0%
3	My child is making progress at this school	45%	55%	2%	1%
4	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	41%	60%	1%	1%
5	The school informs me about my child's progress	23%	65%	7%	3%
6	The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best	46%	56%	2%	1%
7	The school sets appropriate homework for my child	24%	54%	13%	3%
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example changing year group and changing school).	28%	55%	3%	1%
9	There is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in	49%	46%	1%	0%
10	The school treats my child fairly and with respect	38%	58%	2%	1%
11	The school meets my child's particular needs	28%	60%	5%	1%
12	Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities The school informs me about the types of support available for my child's particular needs	6%	9%	1%	1%
13	Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities The school provides specialist support for my child's particular needs	5%	9%	2%	1%
14	Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities The school informs me how the specialist provision is helping my child to progress	5%	9%	1%	0%
15	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	17%	64%	6%	1%
16	The school has appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints	16%	53%	4%	1%
17	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	17%	57%	7%	3%
18	The school is led and managed effectively	34%	55%	1%	3%
19	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	38%	49%	2%	1%
20	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	42%	51%	0%	0%
21	The arrangements for my child to settle in when they started at the school were good	45%	46%	4%	1%