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Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates next week:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - First Forest School Session for Class 1S
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 Japanese NOH Theatre visit to Howes Primary
- " " " " 9.00 am - Class 1/2M Assembly: Parents are welcome to attend
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3.20 – 5.15 pm - KS1 PTA Movie Night

### **Online Safety at Stivichall Parental controls**

Would you like to set some parental controls to allow your children to explore the online world in safety? Not sure how to do it?

Check out [internetmatters.com](http://internetmatters.com). Their website has a step-by-step guide to help parents set controls on anything from laptops to tablets, apps to websites.

Find the link for this guide on their website at: [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



There is also a link to the site on our school website, in the Online Safety section.

**Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day** and all pupils at school will be partaking in lessons aimed at educating them about both the benefits and risks of the internet. Please back up our strong Online Safety curriculum provision at school, by keeping your children safe at home.

### **Acceptable Use Agreement – URGENT**

A second copy of the above form has been sent out to all those children who have not yet returned their copy. Please take time to read them with your child(ren), and ensure that a parent also signs the form as requested. Please make sure all boxes are ticked.

At some point this term we will need to set a deadline for completion of the forms. Any pupils with outstanding Acceptable Use Agreements may then be unable to use laptops or iPads at school.



### **Stivichall Twitter Account is 2 years old**

Thank you to all of our 449 followers, an increase of 158 since last year. We hope you are enjoying keeping up-to-date with news events happening at Stivichall as well as seeing the children hard at work and having fun!  
To follow the school's official twitter page, please search for: @stivichallps...the more followers the better!

### **The School Day and Lateness**

May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the times of the school day:

- Start time: Years 1 to 6 – 8.55 am prompt  
Reception – 9.00 am prompt
- Finish time: Years 1 to 6 – 3.20 pm  
Reception – 3.15 pm

Children arriving after 9.00 am (Years 1 to 6), 9.05 am (Reception) should report to the School Office and parents will be asked to sign their child/ren into school as late. Any child arriving after 9.30 am will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

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I kindly ask you to be punctual at all times so that lessons can start promptly with minimum disruption from late arrivals.

\* 5 minutes lateness per day = up to 1 whole DAY missed every TERM \*

#### PE Kit and Water Bottle

Please can you ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- Water bottle
- PE Kit – **Please see additional notes below**
- Waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves – These items are all important during colder months for use at break times and for outdoor learning.

#### Important notes for PE lessons

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who do not have their full PE kit in school in readiness for their lesson during the week. Can we ask that you adhere to the requests below to ensure that your child is able to participate fully in their physical education at all times.

- girls to have spare socks in their PE bag if they are wearing tights as part of their uniform
- long hair is tied back at all times
- appropriate fitting pumps/trainers
- a 'full kit' in school at all times
- if they have attended an after-school club, please ensure their PE kit is back in school the following day.

Please make sure that all items are named, so that they can be returned to their rightful owner should they become separated. Thank you.

#### Parking

The parking situation in Coat of Arms Bridge road continues to be a problem and one that, despite every effort by school to encourage parents to park at alternative places, continues to be ignored.

Parents are parking on grass verges, ignoring the double yellow lines, mounting the kerbs and blocking pavements, as well as parking without any consideration to others. Parents and children are having to step into the road to walk around cars putting themselves in danger.

Please be respectful of the plaques, in memory of loved ones, that have been recently erected along the grass verge. A passer-by has drawn it to our attention that cars are parking right up to these areas showing no consideration to the memorials.

Please also take extra care when attending events such as assemblies and concerts, to always adhere to road traffic markings and double yellow lines. Please allow extra time to arrive at school and if you cannot find any safe parking in the immediate vicinity of the site, then please make use of the Memorial Park and Ride car park and enjoy the 10 minute walk through the park.

#### **PTA NEWS**

##### Movie Nights

- Friday 8th February, 3.30 – 5.00 pm – Years 1 & 2
- Friday 15th February, 3.30 – 5.00 pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

We have had a fantastic response to our hugely popular Movie Nights. We shall do a final sweep on Monday 4th February, so please hand in any forgotten slips with payment before then if your child is interested.

Please note that tickets will not be issued, we shall have a name list of the children who are attending.

##### Stivichall PTA Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6th February, starting at 7.00pm in the school staff room.

Everyone welcome. Come along to find out more about your PTA and how to get involved.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs K Ferguson**  
Head Teacher