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Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the final newsletter of what has been a very busy and successful year for the school.

### **Message from the School Governing Body**

Governors would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, staff, parents/carers and volunteers who have made 2018-19 such a successful year for Stivichall Primary School. We have delighted in hearing about concerts, school trips, residentials, sports activities and productions to name but a few of the exciting opportunities on offer.

Hearty congratulations are also extended to pupils and staff on the results that they have achieved this year which reflect their hard work, determination and resilience, over a long period of time, at Stivichall. Well done! You should be really proud (we certainly are!)

Just for information, we would like to draw your attention to the updated Safeguarding Policy which was approved by Governors at their meeting this week. This is available to view, together with a number of other policy documents, on the school website, should you feel the need for some light reading during the summer holidays.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, restful summer holiday. We wish the departing year 6 and other members of our school community who are leaving at the end of the year, every success as they move on to pastures new, and we look forward to working with those who remain on our return in September.

***Pauline Parkes on behalf of the Governors.***

Important Dates for week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - First Day of Autumn Term**

Teacher Training Dates for next Academic Year

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

School News

- The year 6 production this week of 'We're all going on a Summer Holiday' was absolutely brilliant. The children performed with confidence and energy to two receptive audiences. Parents should be very proud of the children's hard work, not only, over the last few weeks but for the whole year. We wish them every success at their new school as they leave us today. All of them are ready to go and try something new. May all your dreams come true Year 6.

Staff News

As reported previously, two of our teachers will be moving on to pastures new in the summer.

We would like to thank them for their dedication and support to all the children, parents and staff and wish them every success for the future.

- Mr D Carless has secured a position at a Coventry secondary school after 5 years at Stivichall.

- Miss M de Miranda will be exploring new challenges in education having worked at Stivichall for 4 years.
- Mr Whitehouse has been working with us on a temporary basis supporting children in lots of areas and also leaves us today.

The following members of staff will be commencing their maternity leave:

- Mrs Baker, who has already started her maternity leave, and both Mrs Baynes and Miss Hallas who will commence theirs at the end of today. We look forward to sharing news of the new arrivals in the Autumn term.

#### Summer Wedding!

- Ms Wheat will be getting married over the summer and we wish her every happiness on the big day and for the future. She will be known as Mrs Taplin on her return in September.

We will be welcoming three new members of staff in September, Mrs Dovey, Miss Watson and Miss Kidd who have already visited their new classes this term and met the children.

### **COVENTRY YOUNG AMBASSADORS**

#### **Move and Play exhibit - Coventry Transport Museum:**

On Monday, Mrs Fuller took 4 of our Coventry Young Ambassadors to trial and evaluate the wonderful new Move and Play exhibit at the Coventry Transport Museum. The children tried their hands at lots of amazing activities including sailing boats with their voices, simulated running races, virtual goalkeeping, tight rope walking, testing their speed and accuracy and manoeuvring a wheelchair. We would highly recommend visiting this attraction over the summer.

#### **Coventry Young Coventry Young Ambassadors – Japan visit 2019**

As you're probably aware, 10 young ambassadors from across the city have been selected to represent their schools and Coventry on a visit to Tokyo in November. We are incredibly lucky to have 2 children from Stivichall going on this trip. Our team of CYA are now busy fundraising to ensure this trip is as culturally and linguistically fulfilling as possible. Look out for ice lolly sales and sponsored events over the coming months!

If you'd like to support our children, the following crowdfunding page has been established. Many thanks for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coventryyoungambassadorsjapan2019>

#### **Coventry Young Ambassadors at Coventry Sports Fest 2019**

Sports Fest is back and is going to be bigger and better than ever to celebrate European City of Sport. Sports Fest 2019 will take place between: Tuesday 13 and Thursday 22 August from 10am until 4pm each day in Broadgate.

The event will feature a wide range of sport, physical activity and wellbeing activities for families and people of all abilities to take part in.

This year, the Coventry Young Ambassadors have been asked to help out on the following days:

- Wednesday 14th August 10am – 4pm
- Sunday 18th August 10am – 4pm
- Wednesday 21st August 10am – 4pm

We will be based at the Coventry Ambassadors' stall in Broadgate and we will be running fun activities such as quizzes, boccia, calligraphy and much more.

We hope to see you there!

### Achievements Outside School

It is always lovely to hear news of our pupils achievements outside of school as well as sharing successes within school, so please do let us know of any you wish to share. Here are two examples this week:

On Saturday Ross GP., Year 5, played in a tennis tournament for the under 9's at North Warwickshire Cricket and Tennis Club. This was his first tournament and he was playing against very hard opponents. Ross not only got through to the final but he won!! He is now the under 9 champion for 2018/2019. An outstanding achievement – well done!

Last weekend Larae H., year 3, took part in a gymnastics competition as part of the Coventry Empire Gymnastics Academy. She competed in the following events: beam, bar, floor and vault achieving 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. Another fantastic achievement!

We are super proud of these achievements and all the others that we report on throughout the year. We look forward to hearing more next year.

Humanities Corner: We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the Humanities Corner throughout the year and we look forward to posting more questions for you to solve next year. The answer to the question in the letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, is given below. We hope you got it right!

### **Which country in the European Union has the biggest population?**

Germany has the biggest population in the EU. 82 million people live in this country in central Europe.



### Mathletics Activities



There are lots of fun and exciting maths activities to complete over the summer holidays for your child, please do use this valuable learning platform to keep their maths active. We have also emailed a document full of summer activities alongside this letter for you to share with your children.

### Football Coach

The school is actively looking for a football coach to run a club for the school team and to support with any forthcoming fixtures. If you know anyone who may be interested, then please contact Mrs Matthews or call the school office with details.

### **PTA News**

As the year draws to an end, we would like to thank all of our Year 6 children and families for supporting your PTA over the years. We wish you lots of luck for the future. We would also like to thank all remaining children and parents for their continued support as without your input, we would not be able to do what we do.

Here are some exciting dates for your diary for the next academic year.

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm – PTA Annual General Meeting (all welcome)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Back Family Night (all welcome)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – School Disco (all school years)
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

We look forward to another exciting year of fun and exciting projects with you all. Have a fabulous Summer and let's hope that the weather continues!

### Summer Fayre Update

Summer fayre profits have been counted. We made an AMAZING £2,100! Thanks for helping us to raise lots of money that goes directly back to the school and benefits the children.

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## **Stivichall PTA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00pm Staff Room**

*Do you want to be have an opportunity to be involved in the PTA and help decide how the funds are spent and raised?*

*Would you like to have a better understanding of our parent relations with the school?*

*Maybe you would like to meet some new people and have your children help with events?*

*Or you just want to know more!*

At the AGM, we mostly review the previous academic year and vote in new board members and committee members. It is not as scary as it sounds! It largely means that you have an opportunity to vote and discuss your thoughts when we receive school funding requests. You can offer as much or as little time as you like, whenever you like. Come along to find out more.

### **Welcome Back Family Night - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30pm-8.30pm**

We are pleased to announce an exciting Family event to kick off the new academic year. This is open to everybody in the school and we hope to have a great time!

Details are still being finalised but think fun, fun, fun! We will have food, entertainment, music and not forgetting.... a bar.

Watch this space!

### **Community and Information News**

#### **Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge**

The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019; an out-of-this-world adventure for 4-11 year olds inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read at least six books of your choice to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way - all for FREE.

The Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019 started on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and ends in the first week of September.

#### **The Family Information Directory**

The Family Information Directory website has information on lots of activities and events for children and young people during the Summer holidays on the What's On page on the website

[https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/whats\\_on.page](https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/whats_on.page)

#### **The University of Warwick**

The University of Warwick is starting a new Junior Badminton Club taking place at their brand new sports and wellness hub on Sunday 28th July at 10am-11.30am. This will be a fun and inclusive environment where beginner can learn some badminton skills and techniques. The session will be coached by a fully qualified, DBS checked, badminton coach.

Wishing you a relaxing Summer Holiday!

Yours sincerely

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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Headteacher