



6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer and filled the time making wonderful memories.

As you can see from the attached Autumn diary dates, we have another busy year ahead of us. Any additional dates or amendments to any dates given will be notified via the school newsletter and school website. Please take note of any Teacher Training Days that have been set, the first of which is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. The holiday dates for the academic year 2019-20 are also attached.

This week's newsletter has been sent as a hard copy to all parents. Next week we plan to re-commence sending the letter via ParentMail to all those that have signed up to use this method. All parents that have provided the school with an email address should have received an alert to register if you have not already done so. A letter is produced every Friday during term time so please check your inbox each week. A copy is always available to view on the school website.

Important Dates next week:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Reception children start full time
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Brass Lessons start for Class 3S, 3P & 3/4M
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 Residential Visit Information Meeting for parents, 6.00-6.45pm

#### Staff News

- Ms Wheat became Mrs Taplin in the holiday following a beautiful wedding.
- Mrs Baker gave birth to a healthy baby girl at the start of the summer break, weighing 7 lb 2 ozs. We are all very excited to meet Isabella over the coming months.

#### Start and end of the Day Arrangements Years 1 to 6

Parents with children in Years 1 to 6 will have noticed that we are ringing the old fashioned bell at the start of the day. This signifies the time when children should all be lined up very smartly in their classes ready for the class teacher to walk them into school. We would ask please that when the bell is rung, parents say goodbye and withdraw to the back of the playground, giving the children clear access to walk in to school.

At the end of the school day, we ask that parents remain behind the flower beds until teachers have safely dismissed all children

#### Forms for completion

Today, children will bring home a yellow coloured School Journey disclaimer form for 2019-20 for local visits within a 20 mile radius of Coventry. Parents will always be notified of any trips or visits. Please complete both sides, remembering to sign it and return it to school **by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**.

The following form has also sent home with every child today for completion:

- Salmon coloured Dismissal at end of day and pick up consent form

Please return completed forms **by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you.

#### School Meals

**Important:** Although there is no charge to parents in KS1 for any school meals taken, it is important that if you wish your child to change to packed lunch you **must** notify the school office. The school is charged for **all** meals booked under this scheme. If your child is in KS2 (years 3-6), please also note that if the office is not notified on the day of any changes to your child's meal pattern by 9.30 am and a school meal is booked, **you will be charged**.

Please help us to eliminate any unnecessary charges to both the school and yourselves by informing us in advance of any meal pattern changes.

Please remember to check your ParentPay account regularly for any outstanding balances. Cheque **only** payments are accepted via the school office (cheques made payable to Stivichall Primary School).

### Payments into School

The school office is unable to accept cash payments for school dinners, school trips and school led activities. All these items will be available for you to pay via your ParentPay account or by cheque. Charity events held in school will continue to be a cash donation.

Any extra-curricular clubs, which are run by an outside agency and where payment is collected and paid direct to them, can be paid in any of their chosen methods stated within their letter.

### Payment Reminders

The following trip payments are now due. You can pay either via your ParentPay account or by sending a cheque into school with your payment card.

- Year 5 Residential Trip – Final balance due **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**
- Year 6 Residential Trip – 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Humanities Corner: We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the Humanities Corner throughout last year. This will continue again throughout this academic year, starting from next week.



### Good to be Green

We will be continuing with our 'Good to be Green' scheme as part of our behaviour policy this year.

The '**Good to be Green**' approach to behaviour management is an effective way of promoting positive behaviour. The visual/child-friendly resource allows our pupils to easily see how they are behaving in class. It recognizes those pupils who always behave and allows us to keep track of those pupils who find it harder to meet the school's expected behaviour code. The approach supports staff in tracking pupil behaviour and secures a consistent approach to behaviour management across the school. Staff record warnings and consequences daily, parents are kept informed of any concerns and the information is collated to provide a picture of pupil behaviour across the whole school.

Our aim is that all pupils become self governing and independent and we want to ensure that our pupils' behaviour impacts positively upon their learning.

'**Rights**', '**Responsibilities**', '**Choices**' and '**Consequences**' are the four key principles that underpin this approach.

Classroom rules are agreed so that expectations about behaviour are clearly understood by all and pupils are encouraged to respect the right of others to learn. There is an expectation in choosing our school for your child(ren) that you give your full support.

### Knights of the Times Table Update

Children are doing well at sticking with their times table learning here at Stivichall. The 'Knights of the Times Table' initiative continues to work well. Children say that the badges and medals are helping to motivate them to learn and practise these key number facts – learning them so thoroughly means that the confidence and quick recall will hopefully stay with them for life. The following is a reminder to show the tables that each year group will be learning this year and gives a suggestion for what previous tables to practise. The tables 'badge challenge' that your child will be taking next week depends on what they have already achieved. Good luck to all children and keep practising.

Year Group	Teaching and Learning	Focus for checking and practice
Reception	Counting in 10s, 2s and 5s	Counting in 1s
Year 1	Number Bonds to 10 (and to 20) 10 and 2 times tables	Number Bonds to 10 (and to 20) 10 and 2 times tables
Year 2	2, 5 and 3	Counting in 2, 5 and 10s 10 times tables
Year 3	4, 8 and 6	2, 5 and 3
Year 4	7, 9, 11 and 12	4, 8 and 6
Year 5	All times tables to 12 x 12 checked, practised thoroughly and applied	
Year 6		

Please note from the National Curriculum that for the end of Year 4 children are expected: 'to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12'.

National online Times Tables tests will begin for all Year 4 children in the Summer of 2020.

#### Health and Safety Notice – School Clamber Stack/Adventure Trail/Bikes/Scooters

For health and safety reasons, children are **not** permitted to use the Adventure Tyre Trails or Clamber Stack before school. Children can use the equipment at the end of the day if they are supervised by their parents – staff are not available for supervision at this time. The Golden Mile can be used at any time and we would encourage you do so with your children.

**Bikes and Scooters:** A reminder that both children and parents **must** dismount their bikes and scooters at the school gates and push them whilst on site. This ruling applies to any time of the day, due to health and safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Music Instrument Tuition

Instrument tuition lessons will start next week. The regular weekly pattern is:

Monday – Drums

Tuesday – Keyboard

Wednesday – Keyboard

Thursday – Woodwind

Friday – Guitar and Strings

**If your child had lessons last year, please remind them to bring their instrument to school on the appropriate day and to make sure all instruments are named.**

We have a new string teacher this year who is able to offer more time, so if your child has an interest in starting the violin, please contact the school office by Tuesday next week. Thank you.

#### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

This process is now open. Leaflets explaining how to apply for a secondary school place have been sent home with all Year 6 children this week. Please note the closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**.

#### Rising 5 Admissions for September 2020

Applications are now open for any children due to start school in September 2020 (date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016). Please visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and follow the instructions on how to apply. **Applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

We will be holding Open Day Sessions on the following days:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00 – 11.30 am
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 1.30 – 3.00 pm

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2020 are invited to attend.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

The new timetable for all lunchtime and after-school clubs will be implemented next week. We have sent home letters during this week for those activities which have been finalised and these include:

	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>After School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics – Flyte	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – PPA Sports Coach Year 2 App Club Year 5 & 6 Athletics
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics – Flyte	Punjabi lessons – Mrs Bains Year 5 & 6 Netball Gardening Club – by invitation only Year 4 Brass Club Punjabi lessons – Mrs Bains
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 1 & 2 Tennis – Lynda Flynn	Punjabi lessons – Mrs Bains
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 1 – 6 German Lessons – Ms Kayat Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics - Flyte	Year 2, 3 & 4 Sky Blues Football Training Year 2 – 6 Ricky's Dance
<b>Friday</b>		Year 3 – 6 ICT Club Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Club Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Club

Further information will be sent out via the newsletter and posted on the school website as well as announced in school assemblies.

### Car Park Resurfacing

We have been notified by Coventry City Council that the car park located on the left hand side of Coat of Arms Bridge Road past the school entrance gates, will be resurfaced week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September. The works are due to take approximately one week.

Please do bear this in mind if travelling to school by car leaving sufficient time to arrive at school on time.

### Collecting from After-School Clubs

A reminder that parents are asked to wait on the playground near to the Upper School external doors at pick-up time. The club leader will bring the children out to you to handover to ensure security and safeguarding is adhered to at all times.

### PE Kits and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school at **all** times, please refer to school website for information. Children also have access to water coolers in school and we would encourage all children to have a clearly named water bottle in school every day. Whilst we do have disposable plastic cups available, I am sure you will agree that this is not environmentally friendly or financially sound. Please encourage your child to bring their water bottle home at least weekly for a thorough wash.

### Healthy Snacks

Following our healthy lifestyles mission, we would ask you to provide healthier snacks in your child's lunch box. We would encourage children to bring in some fruit or vegetables as part of their daily snack, helping them to achieve their 5-a-day.

## **PTA News**

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

Come and join us for a glass of wine! Do you want to be have the 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 20th September - 5.30pm - 8.30pm**

Hopefully you will all have received flyers for the Welcome Back Family night. Spares can be obtained from the school office.

There will be a disco for the children, games and a variety of food. Enjoy some tasty hot food from the BBQ or veggie stand, ice-cream, cakes and a drink from our 'bar' whilst the children are with friends or dancing the night away! It is a popular event and a great opportunity to meet other parents and to catch up with old friends. It's a win/win evening!

Please complete and return the slip to book your place with payment by Tuesday 17th September. Please note that hard copy tickets will not be issued, so do not worry if you receive nothing back.

Follow us on our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news @ptastivichall

## **Community and Information News**

### **SENA Street Sale – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

The SENA street sale takes place tomorrow between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm which includes roads from Stoneleigh Avenue and Earlsdon Avenue South and all roads in between right up to Earlsdon high street.

On Stanley Rd (By the entry that runs to Palmerston) – as part of the SENA street Sale, Evie is holding a Teddy Raffle Fundraiser for Paddy's Plea and to raise awareness of childhood cancer. £1 a ticket - every ticket wins a teddy with a handmade birth certificate. Hope to see you there!

### Kenilworth Books Event

On 17th September Kenilworth Books will be hosting an event with Coventry Cathedral, to bring author and illustrator, Cressida Cowell to our City. Last week Cressida was also announced as the 2019-2021 UK Children's Laureate at a ceremony at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Cressida Cowell will be talking about her new series, The Wizards of Once. The latest in the series, Knock Three Times will be published on 19th September, so fans of Cressida Cowell's work can buy copies of the new book a few days early in Coventry!

At the event, Cressida Cowell will talk about how she created her magical world of wizards, dragons, warriors and sprites! The event will use a screen projection of Cressida's illustrations and will include elements of film clips too.

Tickets:

£15 (which includes a signed first edition book)

£5 entry only

There will be other books by Cressida Cowell also available to buy at the event.

Yours sincerely

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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**STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2019**

**September 2019**

<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>Teacher Day</b>	
Tue 3	First day for children (Reception classes half-days)	
Fri 6	Curriculum overviews uploaded to Website	
Mon 9	Reception classes start full time	9.00 am
Tues 10	Year 3 Brass lessons commence	
Wed 11	PTA AGM Meeting – everyone welcome	7.00 pm
Thurs 12	Year 5 Residential Meeting for Parents	6.00 – 6.45 pm
Fri 20	PTA Welcome Back Event	5.30 – 8.00 pm
Mon 23	Early Bird Session	8.30 – 8.55 am
Wed 25	Photographs: Year 1 to 5 and siblings – small hall	All day
Mon 30	Year 6 Lancaster Model Health Screening (37 children)	

**October**

Fri 4	PTA Discos: EYFS, Years 1 and 2 KS2	5.00 – 6.00 pm 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Mon 7	Whole School Flu Immunisations	All day
Tue 8	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop	9.00 – 9.30 am
	Year 2 – 6 SPAG Workshop	3.30 – 4.15 pm
Wed 9 - Fri 11	Year 5 Trip to Caythorpe PGL	
Thu 10	Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents	6.00 – 6.45 pm
Tue 15	Parents' Consultation Meetings	4.30 – 7.30 pm
Wed 16	Photos – Reception (individuals & class)/Orchestra/Choir/PLT	
Thu 17	Parents' Consultation Meetings	3.30 – 6.00 pm
Thu 17	Open Day for new Reception Parents 2020 only	10.00 – 11.30 am
Fri 18	Open Day for new Reception Parents 2020 only	1.30 – 3.00 pm
<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>Half Term week</b>	

**November**

Tue 5-Sat 9	Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Visit	
Mon 11	Reception and Year 6 Heights & Weights	
Tue 12	Reception and Year 1 Maths Workshop	9.00 – 9.30 am
Tue 19	Year 6 Lancaster Model Health Screening (37 children)	
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)</b>	

**December**

Tue 3	Reception & Year 1 classes to Warwick Arts Centre (Father Christmas)	am
Thu 5	Years 2 to 6 to Belgrade Theatre (Puss in Boots)	9.30 am
Fri 6	Christmas Art Day	
Sat 7	PTA Christmas Fayre	11.30 – 2.30 pm
Tue 10	Year 2 Christmas Performance	9.15 am
Tue 17	EYFS Christmas Performance	9.00 am
Wed 18	Christmas Lunch Day	
Fri 20	Christmas Parties and Jumper Day	All day
<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday begins (School Closed)</b>	

**January 2019**

<b>Mon 6</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>	
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