Dear Parent/Carer

Important Dates for your Diaries

- **PTA Welcome Back Party**
  
  Friday 20th September, 5.30 – 8.30 pm

Date amendment: PTA Discos will take place on Friday 18th October and not 4th October as reported in last week’s newsletter. More information to follow.

Congratulations!
We would like to share and congratulate both Miss Hallas and Mrs Baynes wonderful news this week.
- Miss Hallas gave birth to George on Monday 9th September, weighing 8 lbs 7 ozs
- Mrs Baynes welcomed Charlie yesterday, Thursday 12th September, weighing 8 lbs 2 ozs.

Forms for completion
The following forms have been sent home with every child over the past two weeks for completion:
- Yellow coloured Journey disclaimer form 2019-20 for local visits within a 20 mile radius of Coventry
- Salmon coloured Dismissal at end of day and pick up consent form – Years 1 to 6

Please complete both sides of the forms, where necessary, remembering to sign it and return it to school by Monday 16th September.

Year 6 peace and reconciliation project - Hiroshima Videoconference
Today, year 6 were incredibly honoured to be invited to a videoconference with a survivor of the Hiroshima bomb in Japan in 1945. This was another stage in the children's peace and reconciliation project which they worked on throughout year 5. The children had been exploring these events in their RE lessons and generating questions to ask. This was a powerful experience where the children gained an invaluable insight into a crucial world event.
The children were extremely respectful and well behaved.

Karesansui Garden Project
Two representatives from year 6 attended an initial planning and design meeting for this new peace and reconciliation project. The aim of the project is to design a Karesansui garden which will initially be displayed at the RHS show at Hampton Court and will then be moved to its permanent home in the Memorial park, where it will be open to be enjoyed by the people of Coventry. We look forward to keeping you updated with our progress on this project.

Coventry Young Ambassadors:
Heritage Trail
Ten of our young ambassadors were selected to represent Stivichall at this really enjoyable event. They were invited by Coventry Tourist board to design and paint heritage stones which they then hid along the heritage trail in the city centre. This was a lovely event which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We would love to hear if anyone comes across any of our stones!

Parent Governor Vacancy
The Governing Board currently have one parent governor vacancy and your child should bring home a letter today containing further details. A reminder that the closing date for nominations is Friday 4th October at 12 noon.

Aldi Kit for Schools
The school is actively taking part in the Aldi Kit for Schools initiative so please help us in collecting the Team GB stickers issued in store. If we can collect 300 stickers we will receive an exclusive sports kit and a chance to win £20,000. Please send any you collect in to school and place them in the box located by the school office. Thank you

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Humanities Corner: Every fortnight there will be a Humanities question for you to share and solve with your children.

This week’s question:
At which height does a hill become a mountain in the UK?

‘Roald Dahl’ Themed Lunch – Thursday 3rd October
Your child will bring home a letter today regarding the ‘Roald Dahl’ themed lunch taking place on Thursday 3rd October. Please read the information carefully and return the slip, if necessary, by Wednesday 25th September.

Safeguarding Request - 'Nut-Free' School
A reminder that due to a child who has an extremely sensitive allergy to nuts, we would like to ask ALL parents for their support in making Stivichall a ‘nut-free’ school. This will mean that no nuts can be brought to school by any children, parents or staff, in packed lunches or snacks, including in nut ‘spreads’ such as Nutella and Peanut Butter/paste. We really do appreciate your full support on this - even close contact with another child who has consumed nuts that day can result in a severe reaction (potentially life threatening) for this child. Thank you.

The parents of the child concerned are very appreciative and thankful for other parents’ efforts and support.

We can confirm that ALL of the following do not apply to the above request and are safe to send into school:
- Coconut
- Pine nuts
- Sesame seeds
- Pumpkin seeds
- Sunflower seeds
- Corn - pop corn
- Dried peas
- Chickpeas

Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Nasal Flu Immunisations
The Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Vaccination Team will be in school on Monday 7th October. Information packs and consent forms, for parents to complete, have been sent home with every child today. Please note that you are required to complete the form even if you choose to ‘opt out’ from your child receiving the immunisation. Your help in returning the forms promptly would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Year 6 Online Health Review Questionnaire
A letter has been sent home today with every child in year 6 with information about a health review provided by the School Nursing Team. These sessions will be take place during the mornings of:
- Monday 30th September
- Tuesday 19th November

Please read the letter carefully and if you do not wish your child to participate then please contact the School Health Team on the number given on the letter.

Music Tuition – 2019-2020
Music lessons started this week for those children, in years 2 – 6, whose parents completed a music tuition form in the Summer Term.
If you have not already done so, please return your child’s contract, which was sent out last week, by Monday 16th September.

Woodwind Lessons – Important Message
Occasionally, it is necessary to change the times of music lessons, so please note that all woodwind lessons will be on Monday next week instead of Thursday.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer – IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Children in Year 6 brought home a leaflet last week explaining the procedure to follow to apply for a secondary school place. Please read the leaflet carefully and follow the instructions given to complete your application online. Applications must be made by 31st October.
Extra-Curricular Clubs
There are still places available at the following clubs:

- Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Mondays afterschool. If no further requests are received this club may be cancelled whilst a new club is considered.
- Year 2 – 6 Punjabi lessons – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Years 2 – 6 SBiTC – Thursday afterschool is now full but we have been asked to create a waiting list so please contact the school office if your child is interested in joining

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 13th September
- Year 6 Residential Trip – Final balance is due Monday 7th October

School Library
Please note that the library is now open to ALL children on Tuesday afternoons from 3.20 – 4.00 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Library books are borrowed for 28 days and DVD/CDs for 1 week.

PTA News
Welcome Back Family Night - Friday 20th September - 5.30pm - 8.30pm

If you have not yet returned your slips and payment for this event, then remember to book your space before Tuesday 17th September. We have had a fantastic response so far, don’t miss out on the fun!

We are also looking for approximately 3 or 4 helpers to help on the BBQ, bar and to serve ice cream. If you are planning on coming then can you spare some time to help out? Please contact us on ptastivichall@gmail.com if you can.

There will be a disco for the children, small raffle, games and a variety of food. Enjoy some tasty hot food from the BBQ, Samosas, ice-cream, snacks. Enjoy a Gin, Prosecco or beer from our drinks tent. Alternatively, the ‘Tiki Hut’ will be making a return from the Summer Fayre where they will be serving mocktails and various other soft drinks. It is a popular event and a great opportunity to meet other parents and to catch up with old friends whilst the children are entertained! A win/win evening!

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AGM
It was fantastic to see so many new faces at our Annual General Meeting. It was great to have new views and opinions, some ideas were fantastic and really exciting. We hope that you found it useful and that it gave you a better understanding of what the PTA are about and what we can all achieve together with your support!

If you could not make it and would like to know more, then please do get in touch or follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with future meeting and gatherings.

Community News and Information
Coventry Heritage Open Days
Heritage Open Days is a National and European initiative which is co-ordinated nationally by the National Trust with funding from the People’s Postcode Lottery. It is England’s largest grassroots heritage festival. Locally organised by Coventry City Council a range of events from Friday 13th to Sunday 22nd September are free and celebrate Coventry’s architecture, culture and local and social history. This Saturday from 10:30am - 4pm the recently restored Animal Pound next to the Coat of Arms Bridge will be open. At 11am the Lord Mayor will carry out an official re-opening ceremony - all are welcome.

More information about this and other events around the city follow https://www.coventry.gov.uk/hod

Bablake Open Morning
Parents and children are invited to attend Bablake’s Open Morning on Saturday 21st September, 9.30 – 12.30 pm. For further information, please visit www.bablake.com

Yours sincerely

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