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Dear Parents/Carers

Hope you all had a restful half-term break.

**Important Dates for next week:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Class 3S, 3P and 3/4M Highly Sprung Workshops
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip departs at 1.00 pm approx.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Class 3/4M first Forest School session
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00am - Class 5P assembly: Parents of children in class 5P are invited to Attend
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip returns at 1.00 pm approx

**Forthcoming Christmas Events**

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Reception and Year 1 classes visit to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'Father Christmas' Performance
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 to 6 classes visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see 'Puss in Boots' Pantomime

Letters with further information about the above events will be sent home next week.

**School News**

- The children enjoyed taking part in the Big Draw on Tuesday as part of our focus on wellbeing. Their work will be displayed around school over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the parents who joined their children and staff, after school, in the school hall to draw together. It was lovely to see as well as a great atmosphere. We would welcome your feedback about this collaborative drawing opportunity to enable us to plan for any further initiatives in the future.
- Jason Buckley, The Philosophy Man, spent the day in school on Wednesday delivering a parent workshop, assemblies and class workshops with both 6S and 1P. He thanked parents, pupils and staff for their participation and commented on how well children were engaging in quality discussions about the Sticky Questions.

**Sports News**

- **Afterschool Athletics Team Club:** There will be no club next **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November** due to a clash with other sporting events. The children have been informed.
- **Afterschool Girls' Football Team Club:** There will be no club next **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** due to the Dol-y-Moch Residential Visit.
- **Afterschool Boys' Football Team Club:** The club will run as normal next **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** for the Year 5 team members.

**Poppy Appeal**

A reminder that we are selling poppies in school and we ask for a minimum donation of 20p. This year as well as poppies, we have a supply of the following items:

- Friendship Bracelet - £1.00
- Wristbands - £0.50
- Reflectors - £0.50
- Zip pulls - £0.50

Thank you for your support.

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### War Memorial Park Remembrance Service for Schools

A Service of Remembrance led by The Bishop of Coventry for schools across Coventry will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 – 11.30 am. The Service will include poems and music by Coventry school children. Our years 5 and 6 children will be attending the event as well as four of the school's Coventry Young Ambassadors. Parents from the wider school community are also welcome to attend this service.

### Christmas Card Project

The children should have brought home their Christmas card design proof this week. Parents can order cards, gift tags or mugs online, should you wish. You can see all the children's artwork by using the following link: <http://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/christmas-cards-for-schools/?ID=GEJCPITBA> All orders must be placed by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** so please remember to order early, to avoid any disappointment.

### School Photographs

Reception classes, members of the pupil leadership team, the choir and orchestra will bring home their proof/order form on Monday. If you would like to place an order, please send it into school in the envelope provided (cheques must be made payable to SBS Ltd) by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Larger prints are available to view in the school foyer.

Humanities Corner: Every fortnight there will be a Humanities question for you to share and solve with your children. The answer to the question before half term is given below. We hope you got it right.

#### **Question:**

**Which is the largest city in Scotland? Glasgow**

#### **This week's question:**

**In which English county is the Channel Tunnel?**



### Parking

Can I kindly remind parents that if you are picking your child/children up at the end of the day and parking kerbside that you switch your engines off. If you choose to leave your engine running whilst parked up you are:

1. In contravention of the highway code.
2. Acting in an antisocial manner, by running your engine at its most inefficient thus most polluting format.
3. Creating a damaging atmosphere for other parents who are on foot, possibly with a toddler in a pushchair in addition to schoolchildren exiting the school, including your own.

### Children in Need

Although the school will not actively be supporting the event this year, we would be interested to hear about any events children have organised outside of school and share their achievements via the newsletter.

The Pupil Leadership Team are busy nominating their chosen charities for the academic year, the first of which will be the Young Carers Organisation.

### Pupil Leadership Fundraising

As part of the children's charity mission this year, the Pupil Leadership Team have decided to support the Young Carers Organisation. As part of this work, they are asking for donations of small selection boxes which will be handed out to Young Carers at their Christmas Party.

If you would like to support them in this venture, please could you send your donations into school **no later than 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Additionally, the PLT will be running various fundraising events to raise money for the charity. Thank you for your support.

### Outstanding Music Tuition Payments

A final reminder that all music payments are now overdue. Please send in your payment on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE - Woodwind Lessons – week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

All woodwind lessons will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November (not the usual Thursday) during the week after next. Could all Year 6 pupils attending Dol-y-Moch please remember to bring in your woodwind instruments on the first day back in school after arriving home! Thank you. Miss Rees

**Extra-Curricular Club Attendance**

If your child attends a club after school, please ensure that you notify the club leader or the school office if for any reason your child is unable to attend. Every club takes a register and any missing children are alerted to the school office. If your child is off ill then this can be accounted for, however, when a child has been in school all day and then does not turn up for the after-school activity with no explanation, this can cause alarm. Please help us in safeguarding your children.

**Scooters/Bicycles**

We welcome children riding to school on their bikes and scooters but can I kindly ask that scooters are stored in the designated racks mounted on the side of the outdoor PE store and **not** in the bike rack.

A reminder that all cycles and scooters must not be ridden on the school playground and paths.

Please ask your child to push or carry their cycle or scooter as soon as they approach the school gate.

**The Coventry SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)**

Want to Teach?

A recruitment event is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm for anyone who has a BA honours degree and is interested in becoming a teacher. This event offers a great opportunity to get all your questions about teaching and teacher training answered. To register for the event, go to:

<http://www.swanalliance.org/teacher-training/>

**Scam Warning**

One of our school governors has highlighted the following scam and has asked that it is shared with the Stivichall Community:

You may receive a phone call via an automated voice call purporting to be from Amazon Prime indicating that a direct debit is about to be taken from your account, and you need to press 1 to continue. If you press 1, it sends you through to people who then try to scam your bank account. They are very convincing and unfortunately, someone within the Stivichall Community recently had his bank account cleared of thousands of pounds. Other people have reported a similar call from Visa/Mastercard.

Please be vigilant at all times.

Yours sincerely

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