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Dear Parents / Carers

Important dates for next week:

- Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day*
- Friday 14th February - Class 6P Assembly: Parents from class 6P are invited to attend

*Tuesday 11th 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.

School News

- A small group from Stivichall Choir had a great afternoon performing alongside the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra and other schools at Coventry Cathedral last Saturday, in the Discover the Classics VI concert. The staff who accompanied the children to the event were immensely proud of their impeccable behaviour.
- On Thursday 6th February, a group of year 6 children attended a special all day event at Howes Primary school:- Getting to Noh Masks with Hideta Kitazawa, Kinue Oshima, Richard Emmert and Janette Cheong in association with the Japan Society. They were shown a number of beautiful carved masks that are worn during 'Noh Theatre' performances. The children then watched as Hideta Kitazawa demonstrated his skill of carving a mask out of a wooden block. This was followed by two performances by the Japanese actors wearing the masks. After lunch the children designed and created their chosen 'Noh Mask'. The masks will be on display at the Japan Arts Festival in Coventry later in the year. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, and made the most of this unique opportunity.

Sports News

- Stivichall entered the CPSFA 5 a-side tournament at the Sports Connexion on Tuesday 4th February. Although they didn't get the results they had hoped for, they battled hard and represented the school very well in what was a very tough tournament with high standards.
- Well done to our amazing Athletics team who competed at the Final on Wednesday. There were 40 schools who competed to reach the final, the top five then fought to be the best in Coventry West. We finished in 2nd place, a brilliant achievement and we certainly didn't make it an easy win for Whitmore Park. I was extremely proud of all the team who performed outstandingly. The Monday afterschool athletics club has now finished. Thank you to all the team for their continued commitment. Please make sure that the school kit is washed and return to school by next Monday, 10th February. *Mrs Matthews*

School Website - www.stivichallprimary.org

Please take the opportunity occasionally to have a look at the Stivichall Primary School Website - there are interesting articles with photos in the 'News and Events' and Latest News section that further celebrate some of the great things going on here at school.

Music Invoices

A reminder that payments are now due. We apologise that this payment cannot be made via your ParentPay account and that the only method of payment is by cheque. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

Humanities Corner: Every fortnight there will be a Humanities question for you to share and solve with your children. The answer to the question from the newsletter dated 24th January is given below. We hope you got it right!

Question and answer:

King Richard I was very brave and earned himself a nickname. What was it?

Richard the Lionheart



This week's question:

Tumulus of Bougon, built in 4800 BC, is thought to be the oldest surviving building in the world. In which country can you find it?

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Update from the Parents of the Parent Safer Parking Group

We have great news. This week we put forward a funding request to the PTA and we've received funding to purchase cones and signage for the school to use across all three entrances. The kiddy cones are already successfully used outside other school sites in Coventry and they will be a brilliant visible deterrent and reminder to park safely.



We have also written to all 6 Ward Councillors (3 in Earlsdon Ward and 3 for Wainbody Ward) inviting them to meet with us to try and find other more permanent solutions to help improve the safety for children walking to school. Over 100 cars were recorded illegally parking around the school in January, with a number of repeat offenders – so something we can all work together to improve!

Thank you to all the parents that filled in the Walking Bus survey – there is still time to complete it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2S72C6F>

If you have ideas or comments, please contact us at: parentssaferparking@gmail.com

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting

We have had a positive and exciting meeting this week. A funding bid for £1,000 has been approved for the Parent Safer Parking group. The funds will go towards Kiddy cones to help combat the current parking issues around our school. We hope that you will all agree that this is money well spent.

We have also pencilled in numerous dates for exciting events throughout 2020, details to be confirmed shortly.

Movie Nights – They're Back!!

Flyers have been sent home today with details for a Movie Night on Monday 17th February (Year 1 & 2) and Friday 21st February (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6).

These are hugely popular events that take place straight after school, so no need for you to collect your children and take them. They will be escorted or collected from the classrooms to the Cinema (the Hall...).

They will then have an opportunity to have a bathroom break before settling down for their chosen film with popcorn, crisps and a drink.

If your child would like to come, please complete the flyer and return with your payment by Wednesday 12th February. Please also note on the Flyer if your child has any allergies.

Obviously, we are looking for some volunteers to achieve our adult:child ratio. It is a lovely event, please get in touch if you can help.

Yours sincerely

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