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SCHOOL  
MEMBER



22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well and enjoying the beautiful sunshine that we are fortunate to be experiencing at the moment.

As you are aware today has been an INSET day with no online learning being provided and this will be the same for next week during half term (although teachers may post some fun activities you could choose to do over the May break). School will remain closed for children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for a Coventry-wide reset and recovery day (to enable preparation for the next phase). From Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we anticipate a higher number of critical worker children to require spaces in school. If you haven't already done so please advise us if a school place is needed for your child. Parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 should still advise us if they are a critical worker as it is unlikely that wider opening to pupils in these year groups will happen on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, or indeed, be full time.

The school is continuing to prepare for the return of some of our pupils as part of the government's next phase. As I mentioned last week, pupil and staff safety will remain the primary concern in any planning; it may not be possible to welcome all pupils back in the way the prime minister described, and any phased return to school is likely to be slow and measured.

#### Staff Message

The Stivichall staff have been missing all the pupils and their colleagues so we decided to prepare a video message to share with you to let you know we are all thinking of you all. It is available to view on the school website: [www.stivichallprimary.org](http://www.stivichallprimary.org) We hope it made you smile as much as it did for us!

#### National Teacher Day

The staff that have been working with the key worker children at school were extremely touched by the lovely greeting that they were met with on Wednesday this week, National Teacher Day. A star balloon and a special message of thanks was left at the school gate by Zaya H. It was a very wonderful and thoughtful gesture – thank you Zaya.

#### Staff News

- Miss Davies finishes today to finally start her semi-retirement. We wanted to thank her for continuing to cover the afternoons at Stivichall during the period of the lockdown whilst also starting her new part time position with the Carriers of Hope. We all wish her well and send our good wishes.

Mrs Sarah Coakley, will be joining the office team as the new School Business Manager as of Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

- Mrs Baker will be returning from maternity leave after the half-term break and Miss Hallas will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Reports

Your child's report has either been delivered by a member of staff today or where this is not possible, has been sent in the post. This report has been written based on March assessments and includes comments on learning up until lockdown as well as online learning during school closure.

A reminder that also enclosed in the report is a blank page for parents' comments. We do hope that you will add to your child's report by including any out of school activities, interests and achievements that they are proud of alongside their progress during the year. Your comments are welcomed and will be retained at school with our copy of the report. Any completed comment sheets should be sent into school when your child returns.

We remain hopeful that we will be able to offer an opportunity for parents to speak to teachers about their child's report and educational progress before the end of this academic year. Further information will follow as soon as restrictions are lifted sufficiently and guidance indicates it is safe to do so. In the interim, if you have any concerns please email or call the school office and teachers will respond as appropriate.

### Music Tuition: Academic Year 2020/2021

Letters for instrumental lessons for the next academic year have been sent, along with their reports, to children in current Years 1 to 5. If you wish your child to start / continue / stop instrumental lessons, please ensure that you return the appropriate slip by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

- Children in Year 2 (current year 1) are invited to learn the recorder, guitar or violin.
- Year 3 to 6 (current year 2 to 5) are invited to learn all instruments.
- Year 3 (current year 2) will also be receiving curriculum class lessons for brass so may wish to consider this when thinking about cornet lessons.

### Music Lessons and Payments – Spring Term

The amount of lessons children have received during the Spring term will be calculated and parents whose children continue with lessons next academic year will receive a credit on their Autumn invoice. Any year 6 children or children that do not continue with lessons, will receive a refund by the end of July.

### Class Reorganisation

At this time of the year, pupils are reorganised to create new class groups as they transfer into Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5.

The formation of these classes is given careful consideration and takes into account the learning behaviours, pastoral needs, friendships and assessment information of all pupils. Staff will use their professional judgement to create these groupings and the criteria they will employ are:

1. A balance of gender
2. A mix of different age groups in the Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 mixed classes.
3. A balance of personality and sociability
4. The retention of positive friendship groupings. (Children will be consulted at school so please talk to them at home too).

If there is any key information you feel we should be made aware of to help inform our decisions, please email into school via [school@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:school@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk) or write into the school office by the end of the day on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

**IMPORTANT: If you have had conversations or discussions, during this academic year, with your child's class teacher regarding reorganisation of classes, please do not assume that this information will be actioned. Circumstances change and requests made earlier in the year may no longer apply. ONLY information received in writing, by the deadline given above, will be considered when class decisions are made.**

As always, take care, stay safe and be kind (to yourself and each other). Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and half term.

Best wishes,

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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