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Dear Parents/Carers

School closes for half term next Friday and will reopen for children on Tuesday 3rd November. A reminder that Monday, 2nd November is a Teacher Training Day when school will be closed for children.

Important Dates next week:

- Monday, 19th October - Last Forest School session for Class 2P
- Wednesday, 21st October - Class 4S, 4P and 3/4M – Diwali Dance Workshop
- " " " - Parents' Consultation Meetings, 3.30 – 7 pm
- Friday, 23rd October - Break up for half term

As we approach the half-term break, I hope that you are looking forward to arranging some fun and exciting activities to do with family and friends. The ever-growing restrictions that are being implemented across England may not see your week mapped out as planned, but it is important to find time to relax, exercise in the fresh air and to stay safe. Some of you may be thinking of travelling abroad for a break. Please can I kindly remind you to observe the restrictions and quarantine rules when returning to the UK. These are regularly being updated but the latest guidance can be found [here](#).

School News

- On Wednesday 14th October, Mrs Moffatt accompanied three Year 6 pupils to the War Memorial Park to visit the construction site of the Japanese Peace Garden. They were able to see the latest work being carried out and check on the progress of the build. They will share what they learnt with their classes. Please click [here](#) to read the full report and to view the photographs from the visit.

Parents' Evening and Parental Questionnaire Survey

We hope all those that had booked a parents' consultation meeting via SchoolCloud this week found them useful and informative. We are pleased with the overall success of the new way in which we have needed to run this term's parents' meetings. If you have an appointment booked for next week, it is important that you log on and test your own system at home before the meeting, as described in the 'how to/parents' guide' which has been sent out again with this letter. Please check your microphone and camera are working. You can enter your meeting a few minutes before your time slot to ensure you are there and ready. Booking has now reopened for next Wednesday, 21st October for those parents who have not yet managed to book an appointment. This will close on Monday, 19th October at 8 pm. Any parent that experienced difficulties on Wednesday with their connection, please email the school office so that we can assist you with rebooking.

Thank you to all parents that have completed the Parental Questionnaire Survey which can be found in the forms section of your ParentMail account. If completing the survey has raised any issues for you, please consider contacting your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team to work together to resolve any concerns.

Harvest Collection

A huge thank you for all the donations to the Harvest Festival collection so far. You are still able to place your donations in the black bins along the pathway on the way into school, all next week. The food will be collected next Friday and will help many families in need in Coventry over the autumn and winter period.

Promotional Video Filming

Thank you for your cooperation at the school gates during filming on Tuesday for our promotional video in replacement of our normal Open Days for prospective parents September 2020. We look forward to viewing and sharing the final video with you very soon, showcasing our wonderful school and all its curriculum enriched and outdoor learning spaces.

Keeping children safe on their journey to and from school

We have received notification from Finham Park School that there have been two separate reports of pupils being approached by an adult in the area of Green Lane and the subway/Beanfield Avenue. Due to the proximity we wanted to make you aware. If your child walks to school unaccompanied, then please have a conversation at home to remind your children how to stay safe. This could include walking with a friend, walking near to other groups of pupils, and about what you want them to do and who to contact if they are approached. Thank you.

Christmas Card Project

The children have been busy designing Christmas cards over the last couple of weeks and all their artwork has now been sent to the printers. The children will all receive a flyer, before the half-term break, with their own design and a link to allow parents to place their order for Christmas cards, gift tags or mugs online, should you wish. All orders must be placed by **Monday 9th November**. Please place your order early, to avoid disappointment.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Unfortunately, the school will not be selling poppies in school this year. However, your support is needed more than ever by this wonderful charity. Please visit the British Legion Poppy Appeal website by clicking [here](#) to see how you can show your support and make a donation. This year, they want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy and they've developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window. There is also a downloadable sheet to colour in. All are available via their website for a donation as well as many other items to purchase.

Parking

Disappointingly, even after we had a big news article in last week's newsletter regarding parking, we have continued to receive complaints and photographs this week of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. A member of the public reported an incident earlier this week when a parent showed no respect at all as well as being very rude to her.

We shouldn't have to repeatedly remind parents to respect our neighbours and the wider community as regard to parking matters. This reflects badly on our school and puts everyone's health and safety at risk. Please abide by the law to keep our children safe!

It is noted that this is not representative of the majority of our parents and families. We are grateful to those of you who actively and visibly support the values and ethos of the school.

School Photographs

The school photographer visited school at the end of last month to photograph all children in years Reception to year 5. All children that were photographed should have brought home a sheet with their QR code for parents to view and order prints online. Stanley Baker Studios have sent in a proof for all those children whose parents have not yet registered using their unique code. These have been sent home with children today. Should you have any queries, then please contact Stanley Baker Studios direct via www.sbsdigital.co.uk or email: support@sbsdigital.co.uk or telephone: 01255 242200 (option 2).

RSE (Relationships and Sexual Education)

A separate letter accompanies this newsletter with information on the delivery of the RSE syllabus in school. Please do take the time to read the content and should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Final Reminder

Please note that the last day for applications to be submitted to the city council is **31st October**. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions or ring the Admissions & Benefits Team on 024 7697 5445.

Payment reminders

- Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Residential Visit – 2nd payment now due.
- Class 4S, 4P and 3/4M Diwali Workshop – payment now due.

Outstanding Music Tuition Payments

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.

Coventry Rocks

For the ultimate what's on guide for families in Coventry including events, local attractions, group events and days out, please visit: www.coventryrocks.co.uk

Achievements Outside School

It is always lovely to hear news of our pupils' achievements outside of school as well as sharing successes within school, so please do let us know of any you wish to share. Here is an example this week:

Gemma D. in year 2 has had a fantastic week – she received star player at her football coaching, a nature badge at Rainbows, stage 6 gymnastics badge as well as achieving her 2 times table badge at school. You should be very proud Gemma, well done!

Light up your Street!

Jen C., a Stivichall parent, has started an initiative to spread a bit of light in the community. As we all head into winter with more social restrictions looming, you are invited to create a simple light for your window. The idea is to spread a bit of brightness as the days shorten, and to show everyone a bit of street solidarity. Woodside Pre-school have been busy making lanterns for the children to take home and extras to give away. Children at school will be set this as homework over the coming days with details uploaded to Seesaw. We hope our families will join in with this event and light all the neighbourhood!

Yours sincerely

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