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Dear Parents/Carers

School closes for half term today and will reopen for children on Tuesday 3rd November as Monday 2nd November is a teacher training day.

Thank you to all children, staff and parents for adjusting and managing the new changes so well this first half term. We have all had to learn to live and adapt to the new ways in which we do things, including in school, at work, the community and in our private lives.

As we move to the next stage of the pandemic and as Coventry moves into Tier 2, the school continues to work with the local authority and engage with the Department of Education in delivering a wide and enriched curriculum. A useful guide, together with a Q & A sheet regarding what moving into Tier 2 means, has been sent alongside this newsletter. Please familiarise yourself with the new changes.

As reported yesterday, the school has received a positive case this week. We send our best wishes to the pupil and their family for a speedy recovery as we do all our families who find themselves isolating and awaiting test results. As it has raised a few queries from parents regarding how the school defines who needs to isolate, below is some information that I hope helps.

COVID-19 – When the school is made aware of a positive case

When school is made aware of a positive case (pupil or staff), as explained in previous communications, we contact Public Health England and work with them, using information from our class seating plans and information we know about the activities of the individual to identify 'contacts'. It is only the identified contacts who are then informed of the need to self-isolate - this is via an urgent email to the parents of the identified contact children only and is **not** necessarily the whole class or year group bubble. Our robust risk assessment and procedures to reduce the risk of transmission allow us to identify contacts in this way - this may be different in other school settings where a whole bubble may need to be asked to self-isolate. A generic letter is sent to the wider school community to inform them of any positive case, but we are unable to share details of the identity or even location (e.g. class and year group) of the positive case - this is following national guidance.

Our 'Parent and Carer Information Booklet and Summary of School Risk Assessment', available on our school website (link below), gives detailed information, but a summary of some key points is below.

<https://www.stivichallprimary.org/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1137>

Please click here [What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19](#)

IMPORTANT: Any positive cases still need to be reported during the evenings, weekends and the half-term break. To do so, please call 024 76419 555 and select option 2 to leave a message. Thank you for your co-operation.

School News

- Japanese Peace Garden
Amber and Elijah from Year 6 went to the Peace Garden construction site this week for a pupil committee meeting. They checked on the progress of the project and met Tim, the graphic designer, who needs help from the children in designing the information boards for the site. Children in Year 5 and 6 have been set an optional graphic design challenge on their Seesaw class pages. More information about the whole project and its link with the Coventry Young Ambassadors and the City of Culture can be found at: <https://www.betweenthestones.com/japanese-peace-garden/introduction> Going to visit the developing project, next to the cafe and aviary, would be a great half term outing! We hope all children enjoy learning about this important project that really celebrates Coventry's international status as a city of peace.

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Inter-Faith Week

The 9th of November will be the start of Inter-Faith week in school. During this week we would like to encourage children to talk to their class about their faith and demonstrate what is special about their religion. If they would like an opportunity to do this, please ask your child to talk to their class teacher.

Parental Questionnaire Survey

We hope all those that had booked a parents' consultation meeting via SchoolCloud over the last two weeks found them useful and informative. Thank you for your patience with any technical difficulties that you may have experienced. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher via the school email if you have not managed to arrange a meeting yet.

Thank you to all parents that have completed the Parental Questionnaire Survey via 'forms' within your ParentMail account. We have had 356 responses, the results of which will be shared with you next term. 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 which has been collected by Coventry Foodbank. The food will help many families in need in Coventry over the autumn and winter period.

Christmas Card Project

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the children have been busy designing Christmas cards over the last couple of weeks and all their artwork has now been returned from the printers. The children will bring home a flyer today with their own design and unique code where by parents can place their order for Christmas cards, gift tags or mugs online, should you wish. Please check your child's name and class information carefully when viewing your child's design online. You can also view all other children's artwork by visiting the following website: <http://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/christmas-cards-for-schools/?ID=GMJJAKTNL>. All orders must be placed by **Monday 9th November**. Please place your order early, to avoid disappointment.

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.

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.

School Dinners and New Menu

A reminder that school meals must be booked by midnight on the Thursday prior to the week of taking any school dinners. Meals booked for the first week back after half term will need to be booked no later than Thursday, 29th October. A reminder that the cost of a school meal for children in Years 3 to 6, is £2.20 per day. The new menu is available to view on your ParentPay account as well as the website. Meals can be booked for several weeks in advance and can also be edited following the same principle, by midnight on the Thursday prior to the week of taking any meals.

Year 6 SATs Practice Guides

Parents of children in year 6 are able to purchase useful SATs practice workbooks and guides via their ParentPay account. Please log on and order by **Thursday, 5th November** to receive the books at a discounted price.

Payment Reminders

The following trip is now due for payment and is available to pay via your ParentPay account.

- Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Residential Visit

Whole School Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisation

A reminder that this will take place in school on Thursday, 19th November. Parents will be sent an e-consent, via their ParentMail account, once this has been shared by the NHS Immunisation team with school after the half-term break.

Birthday Sweets and Treats

As a healthy school we have made the decision to no longer allow sweets/treats to be sent into school to share with their child's class on their birthday. We will continue to make birthdays special by continuing to sing Happy Birthday in class. We thank you for your understanding.

Promotional Video

We are eagerly awaiting news of our promotional video which will be uploaded to the school website. If you follow us on twitter, @stivichallps, we will tweet when it is available to view.

Take One Picture Home Learning Task – Years 1 to 6 inclusive

Children in years 1 to 6 are being invited to complete a piece of work for the National Art Gallery's Take One Picture annual project. Further information on how children can take part accompanies this letter.

Community and Information News

Message from Beth Tweddle Gymnastics

In these difficult times, we all need some good news, which is why I've been working closely with my team at Beth Tweddle Gymnastics to create a really fun online Halloween event that we'd love to invite Stivichall Primary pupils to. Suitable for ages 4-11, this 2 hour family event will be full of interactive games, quizzes, Q&A's and lots of 'trick or treat' fun.

Pupils have been offered a 10% discount on current prices for both families and individuals.

Please email: beth.tweddle@btgymnastics.co.uk if you're interested.

Beth Tweddle

Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

On Saturday night, we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The latest available government statistics (2015)* show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness.

Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15 year olds are actually at more at risk from accidents that kill or result in serious injury.

There are resources on our website that will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing half-term break.

Yours sincerely

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