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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are keeping well. Thank you for your continued cooperation during these unprecedented times. Our attendance this week remains at 97% as previously reported back at the beginning of October, which reflects how the whole school community are continuing to work together in keeping the transmission of the virus down.

A reminder that your child should not attend school if they feel unwell. The most reported and most common symptoms of COVID19 are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms and do not need to have all 3 to be tested. As is the norm at this time of the year, runny noses from colds are very common but any associated COVID symptom, however mild, should be taken seriously and we would encourage parents to be responsible in booking a test. Tests are more readily available with bookings being fulfilled within a couple of hours and results received within a 24 to 48 hour period.

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

Important Dates next week:

- Monday 23rd November - First Forest School session for Class 1/2M

School News

- As part of our ongoing involvement in the Coventry Japanese Peace garden project, Mrs Fuller took 11 year 6 children to the site in the Memorial Park to assist in creating the garden. This week, the children helped to spread gravel, plant flowers in the island flower beds, plant yew trees and dig an irrigation trench. The children were a credit to Stivichall and it was wonderful for them to see the progress that has been made with the garden and to see how it is coming to life.

Christmas Performances – Reception, Year 1 and 2

As reported in last week's newsletter, the school have been looking at alternative ways in which to share the Christmas performances with parents this year. Parents in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive a notification via their ParentMail account outlining the plan. Please log on to your account and select the drop-down menu on the left-hand side of the home page followed by the forms tab. All the information you require has been sent electronically with a form for you to complete and submit. To enable the staff to start rehearsals, we would appreciate your earliest response by no later than **Wednesday, 25th November**. Thank you.

Christmas Fundraising for Carriers of Hope

This Christmas our Pupil Leadership Team have decided to support a local charity called 'Carriers of Hope' in bringing some much needed cheer to families within our city who have very little by contributing to their Shoebox appeal. If your family would like to support this cause, then please wrap a shoebox and its lid separately and fill it with small gifts. Please label the box with the age and gender it is for, choosing from boy or girl aged 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 or 13+. Gifts could include: toiletries, craft, sweets and chocolate, toys, hats, scarves and socks, games etc. Carriers of Hope have informed us that they are particularly short of boxes for boys aged 9-12.

Please bring your filled shoeboxes to school by **Friday 4th December** at the latest so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas. These can be placed in the black bins along the pathway on the way into school.

If you would like further information about Carriers of Hope please visit www.carriersofhope.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 16th December and is now available to book on ParentPay. Please note that no alternative menu option will be available so if you have already booked and chosen your meal choices for this day, then you will need to log back on to your account and update your choices. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

School Dinners – Allergen Information

As reported last week, our catering company, Alliance in Partnership, are rolling out a new system for gathering information in relation to food allergies for pupils. Any pupils in school that have severe allergies and therefore require a more tailored menu specific for their needs, were given a form to bring home last Friday for completion. It is important that this is completed and returned to school by **Monday, 23rd November**.

If you have not received a copy of this form and you feel that your child requires one, then please contact the school office.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Children in Need fundraising day. The total amount raised was £505.48!

Parents Evening Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed our online questionnaire. We received 94 completed forms. The responses were extremely positive with areas such as children's happiness and safety, curriculum provision and remote education receiving positive judgements from almost all respondents. A slide show with outcomes for each question is available on the school website.

In terms of areas to work on, it is concerning that a number of parents do not feel that they are well informed about curriculum coverage. Just a little reminder that the school website is a fantastic source of information about the Stivichall Curriculum, please have a look at your child's year group overviews that are designed to inform you about what your child will learn each year. In addition, we remind parents to continue to log into SeeSaw regularly as class teachers use this as a valuable resource to provide information. Bullying also remains a concern for some parents and it is understood that this is a difficult topic to solve. As in all schools and organisations, some of this is about perception and children understanding what bullying is; sometimes things are reported as bullying but when they are investigated further, the story is not always the one that has been reported at home. This can be challenging and difficult to understand. Please be rest assured that we have a zero tolerance to bullying and that we will always investigate and act on any bullying incidents reported to school. As you will know from this week's Anti-bullying week and the work that we undertake throughout the school year, we are committed to promoting self-regulation and respect for others within our curriculum. Becoming a non-bullying community requires everybody to support the process and to commit to making positive changes.

If you have any concerns that you feel have not been addressed by the school, please do contact me. The governors, staff and I want to ensure that Stivichall Primary school is warm, welcoming and responsive.

Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health and Wellbeing

It was great to see so many children wearing odd socks on Monday to kick-start our Anti-Bullying week in school. Children have been learning about what bullying is, the things we can all do to stop bullying in school, about celebrating difference and of course, the importance of showing the kindness to others that we would like to receive ourselves. More information about Mental Health and Wellbeing, including our school policy can be accessed through our website: <https://www.stivichallprimary.org/page/?title=Mental+Health+and+Wellbeing&pid=115&action=saved>

Nasal Flu Immunisations Catch up Clinic

If you have a child in Reception, years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and they did not receive a nasal Flu vaccine in school, then the Immunisation Team are holding a catch up clinic. The details are as follows:

Venue: St Peters Centre
Charles Street
Coventry
CV1 5NP

Clinic Dates: Wednesday, 25th November
Thursday, 3rd December
Wednesday, 16th December

Time: You will be given an appointment time when you call.

Please contact the Vaccination Team to book or if you have any queries on 02476 961 422.

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.

Well done class 1S for supporting Annabelle in completing the final 1K of her 6K birthday run around the golden mile today in recognition of her 6th birthday. Annabelle has been raising funds for Kaiden's Fight charity – a *thoughtful and inspiring thing to do!*

https://www.gofundme.com/f/632da-kaidens-fight?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=ef0406116b584fd0b819085b0f299293

Children in Need

Lucas W. in year 6 was inspired by Children in Need to do an 'Act your Age' challenge last weekend. He decided to run 10k, a kilometre for each of his 10 years. It's the first time he has ever attempted the distance, and he completed it in 1 hour and 2 minutes, raising over £200 for Children in Need. *Fantastic achievement Lucas – well done.*

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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