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Dear Parents/Carers

Today is the last day of Spring term. This term has continued to give us all challenges both at school and in our own family lives. Our parents and children never cease to amaze us on how resilient they are in adapting to all that the last few months and year has thrown us. I hope that the long Easter weekend provides a welcome rest for us all and time spent relaxing and making special memories.

As reported in our previous two newsletters, it is more important than ever, as restrictions begin to ease, to not become complacent and to follow the guidelines that are in place for everyone's safety. Please do take a few minutes to read the information below in how you can help our families and the wider community with this.

Can I please remind you that Lateral Flow Device Testing is only intended if you **do not** display any symptoms. If you have any one of the more common symptoms of COVID, then a PCR test should be booked and the whole household should isolate whilst awaiting the test results. Please follow this [link](#) for further information.

Attendance and Contact Tracing over the Easter Holiday

In order to keep your family and relatives safe over the Easter period, the school will continue to contact any close contacts resulting from positive cases reported where symptoms have developed within 48 hours of the last attendance in school. The answerphone service will be monitored between the hours of **9.00 am – 11.00 am** each day for the first 6 days after school finishes on Thursday, 1st April. If you need to report a positive test result for a pupil of Stivichall Primary, please call the school number: 024 76419555 select option 2 and provide the following information:

- Name of child
- Date pupil last attended school
- Date of onset of coronavirus symptoms
- Date of test
- Date the positive test result was received
- If they attended any Fun Club provision and on what days
- Contact number

All the above information will be used to carry out a rapid risk assessment and identify if any pupils and/or staff need to isolate. Should this be the case, you will be contacted by both email and text via ParentMail. We would be grateful if you could be mindful that you may receive a notification from school during this time and thank you for your cooperation.

If you or your child are asked to self-isolate by NHS track and trace or a child or household member tests positive after Wednesday, 7th April, we do not need to be notified of absence until the first day of the new term.

Important Dates for first week of Summer Term:

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| • Monday, 19th April | - | First day of Summer Term |
| • Wednesday, 21st April | - | First Forest School Session for Class R1 and 3P |
| • Thursday, 22nd April | - | Class 4S, 4P and 3/4M Rainforest Road Show |

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you for all of your fantastic entries for our Easter Egg Competition to raise money for NHS Charities Together. The amount raised will be shared with you after the Easter break. It was wonderful to see so many creative designs. A huge thank you to the One Stop, Kenpas Highway for donating Easter Eggs as prizes.

Animated Film

Due to technical issues with our network and internet over the last few days, we have decided to postpone the screening of the short film mentioned in last week's newsletter until the first week of the Summer term.

Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

As previously mentioned, parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place via SchoolCloud on the following days:

- Wednesday 21st April 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Wednesday 28th April 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups

Parents are now able to book appointments using the link below. Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes. An added feature this time is that two parents will be able to access the meetings from different locations so please bear this in mind when making your booking.

Please use the following link to book a slot: <https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

We are pleased to inform you that Stivichall Acorns is now ready to take bookings for the Summer term. The booking window is now open and will close on Thursday 8th April, 2021 at 12 noon. The booking window has been extended in light of the delay in the Fun Club to Stivichall Acorns transfer. We thank you for your patience with this. Parents are able to book up to and including Friday, 28th May initially.

We look forward to welcoming both existing and new users to this wraparound provision.

To book a place for your child, please visit: stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk

The Coventry Torch Relay: Flame of Friendship

On 26th March the Olympic Torch for the 2020 Games arrived in Japan to begin its journey to Tokyo. On the same day, Coventry's own Torch Relay began to make its journey from Coventry Cathedral ruins linking 54 Coventry schools.

The 'flame of friendship' will be passed from school to school together with a Paralympics torch and a 2012 Olympic baton given to Coventry Ambassador volunteers when they welcomed the world to Coventry during the London 2012 Games.

All children at Stivichall will be watching the live streaming of the launch of the relay on the 21st April. This will be attended by the Lord Mayor of Coventry, the First Secretary for Education & Sport from the Embassy of Japan and local Olympians past and present including Coventry Paralympian, Kare Adenegan.

Coventry's Young Ambassadors alongside fellow pupils will begin the relay carrying a very special torch – one of few remaining from London's 1948 Olympics. The relay will end at the CSW Primary School Games Finals on 3rd July at Warwick University.

The torch will arrive at Stivichall Primary School on the 28th April. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the torch throughout the day. The following day, children from Stivichall will be running with the torch to the next school on its journey and we are honoured to be joined on our leg by former pupil and Olympian, Dave Moorcroft. The whole school will take part in either welcoming the torch or cheering it on its way.

Based on our knowledge of cross country participation, we have been able to identify a small group of children to run with the torch, but we wondered whether any children had been running with their families during the pandemic and built up their stamina without our knowledge. If your child believes they have the stamina to run from Stivichall to Cannon Park Primary School and would like to be considered to join the running party, please feel free to email and let us know.

Knights of the Times Tables

Well done to all of the children who have achieved their next badge, medal or certificate. If your child hasn't got their latest badge yet, please encourage them to keep practising. In school, we use the badges as a chance to remind children of having a Growth Mindset by saying things like "I haven't got my next badge yet. If I keep practising and work hard, I can keep getting better scores." ALL Y1 - Y6 classes will have a badge challenge within the first week back. Fun ways to practise tables could include chanting, singing, playing a game with a ball, making a tables bookmark/poster, racing against mum/dad/sibling and there are lots of good links to free online tables practice sites in the maths area of the Home Learning page on our website:

(<https://www.stivichallprimary.org/page/?title=Maths&pid=92>) Just a few minutes practice every day can make a huge difference to confidence and achievement in maths in primary school and beyond. Thank you for your support.

Online Safety

In November, PlayStation released their newest console: the PlayStation 5. This blog looks at some of the features that are available including parental controls and certain restrictions you can incorporate to keep young children safe when gaming. The blog can be accessed through the UK SAFER INTERNET webpage.

Here is the link to blog: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/playstation-5-%E2%80%93-parental-controls-and-security-settings>

This link is also available on our twitter page or online safety section of our website.

School Dinners

A new lunchtime menu will be available from the start of the Summer term and is available to view on the school website as well as being able to be booked via your ParentPay account.

Please remember that all meals to be taken during w/c 19th April, must be booked no later than Thursday, 15th April. Failure to book by this time will result in parents having to provide a packed lunch from home.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As part of step 2 (no earlier than 12th April) of the roadmap, we are looking forward to restarting some of our extra-curricular clubs after the Easter break. The following have been confirmed:

Lunchtime

- Flyte Gymnastics* – Years 1 – 4 (Monday, Thursday, Friday)
- Tennis* – Year 2

Afterschool

- Year 6 Girls Football – Friday, 3.20 – 4.20 pm run by DF Sports Coaching
- Year 6 Boys Football – Thursday, 3.20 – 4.20 pm run by Mr Donnelly
- Years 5 and 6 Netball Club – Tuesday, 3.20 – 4.20 pm run by Mrs Matthews, Miss Petch, Mrs Keefe
- Taekwondo* - All ages (Tuesday)
- Leivers Dance* – All ages (Wednesday)

*External Provider

Information about these clubs have been communicated via ParentMail today via the 'Forms' section on your account. Please complete and submit the form if you wish your child to attend of the above school-led clubs. Flyte gymnastics, tennis, Taekwondo and Leivers Dance will contact parents directly.

We hope to be able to increase the amount of extra-curricular club provision during the Summer term as and when we are able to.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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