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Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the final newsletter of this academic year and what another eventful year it has been. The Autumn term we all started to feel that normality was beginning to return, the spring term presented us all with another round of lockdown and the summer term allowed school life to run more smoothly albeit with restrictions in place. With that said, the last few weeks have been a bit of a challenge. The increase in transmission rates has resulted in more positive Lateral Flow Tests turning into positive PCR results. We have had to isolate classes and pupils in Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 this week and we will continue to do contact tracing up to and including Wednesday, 21st July. Please be mindful of this and do check your email and text messages during this time.

As you know, step 4 of the road map is set to begin on Monday 19th July with further changes to restrictions on 16th August. Our Parent/Carer handbook has been updated to reflect some slight amendments to current practice. It is highly likely that this will be amended again pending further guidance and advice, however, we will try to avoid unnecessary alterations until we are all back in September. It feels sensible to tweak what is already established practice and make any future changes from an informed position. Therefore, please see a summary of key tweaks below:

- From September, we will mostly operate in year groups rather than class bubbles;
- Extra-curricular and wraparound provision will mirror in school practise where possible, but will often be organised in phase groups especially if outside;
- Outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes will also be organised in phases;
- Staggered starts and finishes will be maintained in the short term but will be shortened to 5-minute windows as a modification to current practice and whilst we wait further guidance. One caveat to this is that the first, much larger group, will have a 10-minute window to avoid congestion outside school. Timings will be 9.00, 9.10 and 9.15 following the arrangements already in place for surnames and Reception siblings; end of day will be as follows 3.00, 3.10 and 3.15.
- We will continue to maintain the one-way system whilst we await further guidance.

The Parent/Carer handbook will be shared with parents early next week and will also be uploaded to the school website.

Initially, we had started to begin work on more significant changes but the rise in cases put this on hold; following LA advice, we will continue to pause and await further guidance. A copy of the parent handbook is available to view on the school website and we ask that all parents take the time to read this before returning to school on Tuesday September 7th. **It is important to say, that the guidelines are subject to change following a further announcement from the government on August 16th.**

Please do remember to access the free Lateral Flow Test kits that are readily available from your local pharmacy or visit one of the testing sites throughout the holiday period. With restrictions set to be lifted and school bubbles removed as of 16th August, we want all our staff and pupils to be able to return in the Autumn term safely and ready for an exciting year ahead.

Attendance and Contact Tracing over the Summer Holiday

In order to keep your family and relatives safe over the summer 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 5 days after school finishes on Friday, 16th July. 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 Stivichall Acorns provision and on what days as well as any extra-curricular clubs
- 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, 21st July, we do not need to be notified of absence until the first day of the new term.

A big thank you

A big thank you to all our parents for the many food treats, cards and gifts that have been sent in this week to all our staff. We appreciate your overwhelming kindness and the support that you have shown to us all over the past year. Your continued support, messages and kindness shown to all the staff at Stivichall has been very during yet another challenging year.

Year 6 Leavers

Our year 6 children leave us today, although their last day was not the same as in past years, a wonderful and memorable day was still had by all the children and their teachers. We hope the memory book and DVD will be treasured for many years to come and wish all our Year 6 children every success for the future in their new secondary schools and for years beyond.

Message from Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff at Stivichall Primary School. This past year has been like no other and the Teachers and Support Staff have responded magnificently. Coping with lockdowns, bubbles, remote learning, new safety precautions, staggered start and finish times, and a myriad of other changes - many at short notice - they have still delivered an outstanding education to the children.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all of them and we wish them a happy and restful summer holiday

Mike Ballinger

Chair of Governors
Stivichall Primary School

Important Dates for week commencing Monday 6th September:

- **Monday 6th September – Teacher Training Day – school closed to children**
- **Tuesday 7th September - First day of Academic Year for Years 1 to 6**
- **Tuesday, 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday, 9th September – drop in sessions for new reception children (letters sent home to parents today)**
- **Friday, 10th September – New reception children half day attendance (letters sent home to parents today)**

Teacher Training Dates for next Academic Year

- **Friday 3rd September 2021**
- **Monday 6th September 2021**
- **Monday 1st November 2021**
- **Tuesday 4th January 2022**
- **Monday 25th July 2022**

Staff News

In addition to the staff news already shared, Miss H Woodcock has recently secured a position at Wyken Croft after 17 years at Stivichall. We all wish her well for the future and thank her for hardwork and dedication to the pupils.

Mr Donnelly's last day at Stivichall is also today having completed his one-year training with the school. We wish him every success with his career.

School Lunches from September 2021 - Order through ParentPay

It is important to note, that meals will need to be chosen and ordered by midnight on the Thursday prior to the week they are to be taken. Parents will need to log on to their ParentPay account, select view menu and choices, then choose the meal items for each day your child will need a meal prepared in school and then confirm bookings. When you confirm your booking, any payment due to cover these meals must be paid within 2 hours. Failure to do so will result in meal bookings being cancelled. It is advisable for parents to keep their account in credit at all times.

Please note, school will no longer be responsible for booking school lunches for your child unless in very exceptional circumstances. Children who are entitled to universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and 2) or benefit-related free school meals, will still need to order their child's lunch in the same way as above. When you start to add items to order, a total will be created but once you click on confirm this will revert to £0. ParentPay will automatically be set to recognise when a child is entitled to free school meals.

Meals to be taken during Week Commencing – 6th September 2021 – Please book your child's meals by the end of the day on Thursday 2nd September.

The booking window is now open so you have plenty of time to make your selections.

Peace Award

Yesterday, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress visited the school to present our Peace Award along with two school governors and representatives from the Lord Mayor's peace committee. The weather was kind so the event could be held outside and allowed our visitors to look around our wonderful outdoor area. Children from across the school led the tour and spoke about the Eco warrior board, our sensory garden, our Forest School area and the dell. They also spoke about our work on world religions, our involvement in the Remembrance day service and our contribution to the design and creation of the Islands of Peace Japanese Garden in the War Memorial park. The children involved were a real credit to our school, some of them standing in at the last moment, and all of the visitors spoke very highly of them. They were true ambassadors for Stivichall and ended their presentation by reading some of their peace poems. The Lord Mayor presented Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Dixon with a certificate and a beautiful glass trophy which will be proudly displayed in school. All staff and children have worked together as one towards this award as we recognise the importance of peace and reconciliation and more projects are in the pipeline to continue our work in this area.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Wild World Heroes is the new Summer reading challenge from the Coventry Library service.

They are hoping to get children engaged and inspired through books to explore ways that we can save the planet. It has been proven that children's reading skills tend to dip over the Summer holidays and the library service is hoping to prevent this trend with this new challenge! Reading for pleasure is important as research shows that it is more important to a child's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status. It has also been proven that those children who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are more able to cope with difficult situations.

To get involved:

- Sign your child up for the Challenge at your local library.
- It's fun and totally free
- Your child will be given a special collector folder to keep a record of their reading.
- They visit the library three times, read six library books and collect stickers and rewards along the way.
- They receive a certificate and medal when they finish.

For more information visit:

www.twitter.com/covlibraries

www.facebook.com/covlibraries

www.instagram.com/covlibraries

Warwick University and the City of Culture - 'Art Making' survey

As part of the Coventry City of Culture 2021, the University of Warwick is asking for as many people as possible in the city to respond to a survey to understand the role of 'making' in the lives of Coventry's people. Please could you take five minutes to complete their survey which is exploring people's art-making habits and particularly their view of its importance in learning. Thank you. <https://forms.office.com/r/VnrCwCq7e3>

The Pupil Leadership Team Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pupil Leadership Team's last fundraising event of the year. Children either walked/ran 10 laps of the Golden Mile earlier this week and the target of 1000 miles was accomplished by the school as a whole. A total of £420 has been raised for Water-Aid - Clean Water in Africa. This will help provide clean water, better toilet facilities and hygiene. Over 300,000 children a year die from diseases as a result of dirty water.

School Nursing

A copy of the Summer Edition 2021 newsletter from the school nursing team accompanies this letter.

Year 5 and 6

All classes in years 5 & 6 will need to be in PE on the first day back (Tuesday 7th) as they will have PE in the afternoon.

Extra-curricular Activities for Autumn Term

The following clubs have confirmed that they will be returning in September:

- Flyte Gymnastics
- Tennis
- Sky Blues in the Community Football
- Leavers Dance
- Girls Football
- Ricky's Dance
- Yoga Club - *NEW*

The above clubs will run in line with the government and local authority guidance as at the time. Letters for all these clubs will be sent out the first week of term to start the following week.

PTA News

Thanks to everyone who ordered Uniform through our ordering service. All uniform has now been distributed.

The PTA have gifted all reception children joining the school in September with a book bag and gifted all Year 6 children with a Leavers T-Shirt.

Date for the diary - AGM is scheduled for 15th September (evening) Time and location to be confirmed in September. I'm hopeful that this can be in person rather than on Zoom but this will be confirmed nearer the time.

Flyte Gymnastics

Flyte Gymnastics have a range of classes for all ages over the Summer holidays at Cheylesmore Community Centre. Please email info@flytegymnastics.co.uk for more information.

They will also be returning to school in September so please email if your child would like to join a lunch time class. All current members will be emailed over the summer.'

As always, take care, stay safe and be kind (to yourself and each other).

Kind regards

Mrs K Ferguson

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Head Teacher

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