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Dear Parent/Carer

Our attendance this week has been 96%. The common cold and associated symptoms still remain the main reason for pupil absence currently. May I remind you that children should have a PCR test if they have a temperature, however mild and short lived, a new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell. If a test is booked for these reasons, then please keep your child at home until their results are received. It is important to remember that anyone can test positive having displayed no symptoms so in the interest of everyone's safety, it is recommended that twice weekly lateral flow testing continues to take place. Access to test kits is available from [here](#).

### Changes to the timings of the school day

We advised at the beginning of the term that we would be reviewing the timings of the school day with a view to no longer having to facilitate staggered drop off and pick ups. We now feel that the time is right for us to move back to a more relaxed start and end to the day. The new timings are shown below and will come into effect as of **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October**.

Reception classes: Start 9.05 am (classroom doors open from 9am) and Finish 3.10 pm  
 KS1 and KS2: Start 9.00 (classroom doors open from 8.50) and  
 Finish 3.20

All gates will be open and the one-way system will cease.

### Morning Drop Off

- Gates will open at 8.50am in the morning.
- Reception doors will be open from 9am until 9.05 to allow pupils to flow through, parents without siblings in KS1 or KS2 should not come on site until 9am.
- KS1 and KS2 classroom doors will be open from 8.50 to allow pupils to flow through, all children should be in class for registration at 9am and no later.
- We will not be lining up on the playground and class teachers will not be available for conversations as they will be teaching from 8.50am.
- We ask that parents leave the school site promptly to allow for an efficient start to the day and aiming to reduce congestion on the roads and on the site.
- All gates will be closed soon after 9.05. Anyone arriving after this time is likely to miss registration. Punctuality will be monitored. Children must report to the school office if arriving late.

### Afternoon Pick Up

- Gates will open for Reception parents only at 3.10; all other parents are asked to wait until 3.20 before coming on site.
- Reception pupils will be handed over to parents/ carers at 3.10; parents with siblings in KS1 and KS2 will then walk back to the main school playground and wait for their children to be handed over at 3.20.
- Gates will open for KS1 and KS2 at 3.20. Classrooms Y1-4 will dismiss from the classroom doors; Year 5 and 6 will be escorted down by an adult and handed over as they are currently. Again, we ask that parents leave the school site promptly to reduce congestion on the roads and on the site.
- All gates will be closed soon after 3.20pm. All clubs will be dismissed from Coat of Arms Bridge Road gate as they are currently.

**These changes will come into effect from Monday 11th October.**

As the weather starts to turn a little colder over the coming months and with the government guidelines remaining in place to continue to provide adequate ventilation in all areas of school, it is advisable that all children wear adequate clothing to keep warm during the day and whilst outside. The classrooms are considerably colder than usual; layers, including thermal undergarments, would be a good source of extra

warmth at this time. A warm waterproof coat should always be brought into school to wear during these autumnal days and through the winter months.

### Lost Property and Labelling items

It is imperative that all items of clothing are clearly labelled including all outer wear. Please make regular checks of any handwritten labels, as over time, these tend to fade with continuous washing making it harder to return them to their respective owner. We are always incredibly amazed by the number of items that remain unnamed and therefore remain unclaimed. As you will appreciate, we do not have the capacity to investigate who owns each and every item of property; neither should we need to. Due to the quantity of unnamed items, we currently have a huge box of lost property that has accumulated. This will be outside for parents to check after school next week (weather depending). All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at half term.

### Important Dates:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Restart of Forest School session for Class 5/6M and 3/4M
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Class / Individual Photographs and all sibling photographs

### Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

Parents' meetings are important because they give you the opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child's teacher. Participating in parents' meetings can help you become better involved in your child's learning and give you ideas for what practical support you could offer at home to further help your child fulfil their potential. It helps you to give your child good, practical support and when schools and parents work together, children do better.

Parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place via SchoolCloud on the following days:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Parents will be able to book a meeting for Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00 pm.
- Bookings for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October will open on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00 pm.

Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes. There is a facility for two parents to be able to access the meetings from different locations so please bear this in mind when making your booking. We hope that this feature helps with parents working patterns and/or for any of our separated families.

Bookings can be booked by clicking the following link:

<https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk>

A 'how to book a parents evening guide' also accompanies this newsletter.

### RE

Last year Mrs Dixon introduced a 'World Faiths' display in the hall to develop our pupil's knowledge of, and respect for, other world faiths. Our world faith display this half term is on Judaism. Please encourage your child to look at the display when visiting the hall.

**Question:** *Which Jewish festivals are celebrated during the month of September?*

### Harvest collection

Our Harvest Appeal this year is again in support of the Coventry Central Foodbank and we are collecting tinned, dried or packaged non-perishable food which they can use in their work in the city. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in either of the two black bins positioned along the pathway near the library and the start of the main playground as you walk into school at drop off time.

### Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Nasal Flu Vaccination

The Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Vaccination Team will be in school on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Further information to follow.

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Reminder

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

### Safeguarding Request - 'Nut-Free' School

*A reminder that due to a child who has an extremely sensitive allergy to nuts, we would like to ask ALL parents for their support in making Stivichall a 'nut-free' school. This will mean that no nuts can be brought to school by any children, parents or staff, in packed lunches or snacks, including in nut 'spreads' such as Nutella and Peanut Butter/paste. We really do appreciate your full support on this - even close contact with another child who has consumed nuts that day can result in a severe reaction (potentially life threatening) for this child. Thank you.*

The parents of the child concerned are very appreciative and thankful for other parents' efforts and support.

We can confirm that ALL of the following do not apply to the above request and are safe to send into school:

- Coconut
- Pine nuts
- Sesame seeds
- Pumpkin seeds
- Sunflower seeds
- Corn - pop corn
- Dried peas
- Chickpeas

### Payment Reminders

The following event is now due and available to pay via your ParentPay account.

- Class 1/2M, 2S and 2P – Warwick Castle Trip: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Information about this trip has been sent home with children today as well as via ParentMail.

### Music Invoices

Music invoices have been sent out this week. We apologise that these are not able to be paid via ParentPay. Payments should be made by cheque where possible. Thank you.

### Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings will open on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.0 am to enable parents to book for sessions from Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This should be completed via <https://stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk/> The closing date for any bookings is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am.

**Please note that due to staffing and planning purposes, no bookings can be made after the closing date, except in very exceptional circumstances.**

The Stivichall Acorns policy has been updated and can be read [here](#).

### Campaigning to save local tree

Well done to Lily from Year 6 who has been holding the Council to account by attending meetings with local residents and asking challenging questions about saving one of our local trees and stopping it from being cut down. You can hear Macy's persuasive argument and see her holding her poster by following this Coventry Telegraph link. Go Lily!

### Learning Times Tables

As you know, we have the Knights of the Times Tables quizzes in school to help motivate children to learn and progress in their times tables knowledge. We encourage all parents to continue to do regular (daily for a couple of minutes is best) practise with their child, even if they have already achieved the medal or a recent badge - this ensures that they 'revisit' the facts and commit them to long term memory. Being confident and fluent in their tables can mean the world of difference to how well they do in primary school maths, but also in secondary school - it really is a skill for life. Ideas can be found [here](#) and for maths in general [here](#). Please note that the Knights challenge sheets on our website in the link above will only be available for one more week. they were made available during lockdown and will be removed next Friday.

### Go Parks – Active Schools Challenge

We are really excited to share that Coventry are launching the Go Parks - Active Schools Challenge again this year after a very successful 1.6 million joining in across Coventry during lockdown last February. With more parks and cultural locations added this time round and activities planned in half term, we hope that Stivichall children and our community will get behind us and enjoy being active this October. Please sign up for a Go CV card to participate. Further details and updates can be found on Seesaw or by following the link [www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks](http://www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks) where you can see which locations have a banner or poster to scan. It is a competition so I hope we can all get on board and help Stivichall to be near the top of the leaderboard. You can see how we are getting on by checking out the leaderboards as they will be live and can be found on the Go CV website. You can follow these accounts where you will find regular updates and use #Goparks and #stivichallps to tag any photos - we love to see you out and about. Have fun getting active and exploring Coventry! Mrs Matthews



### School Nursing

A copy of the Autumn 2021 newsletter from the NHS School Nursing service accompanies this week's newsletter. It has lots of useful information about their service; links to health related topics to support children and details of online parent information sessions on a variety of topics such as toileting, hearing, sleep and behaviour.

### PTA News

#### Wednesday 13th October - Event planning Meeting 8pm at the Burnt Post pub

There will be an event planning meeting to discuss ideas for potential fundraising opportunities. All parents/carers of Stivichall are welcome.

If you have any questions then please email us on [ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

### Car Parking

**We have had reports this week of cars parking irresponsibly and dangerously in and around the school neighbourhood, in particular in Woodside Avenue South. It has been noted that cars are parking on the pavements blocking the resident driveways.**

**Please can I remind parents to use consideration when parking, as well as respect in relation to our neighbour's driveways and properties.**

**As always, we advise parents to report any traffic and parking concerns to the traffic enforcement department: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/reportaparkingproblem>**

### Elite League Ice Hockey Family Special Offer

Elite League Ice Hockey has finally returned to the Skydome Arena and the Coventry Blaze's season is well underway.

Through their Sport in the Community, giving families the opportunity to enjoy top-level live sport at an affordable price, the Blaze are proud to offer our staff and students reduced price tickets for the following games in October:

- **Sunday 3rd October vs. Sheffield Steelers at 6pm (Elite League)**
- **Sunday 10th October vs. Cardiff Devils at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup) \***
- **Sunday 24th October vs. Guildford Flames at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup) \***

All games to be played at the Skydome Arena, Croft Road, CV1 3AZ

Per-game (max five tickets per-booking):

**Adults: £12**

**Under-16: £7**

***Normal adult ticket price £19 and under-16 £11 + booking fees.***

***\* Free skating included***

After the games on 10th October and 24th October, you can skate for **free**, saving over £10 per-person for a general skating session. If you need to hire skates, it's just £3 per-pair to do so from the Planet Ice skate hire.

**To book tickets:**

Complete the online application form by clicking on the link below:

[tinyurl.com/Blaze-Oct-Offer](http://tinyurl.com/Blaze-Oct-Offer)

*THE BOOKING FORM WILL CLOSE AT 12PM ON EACH GAME DAY.*

**Tickets should please be paid for IN CASH.**

Tickets should be collected at the Promotional Ticket Desk, next to the main Arena box office ahead of the game.

Doors will open one hour before face-off.

If you have any questions, or need help, please e-mail: [coventryblazehockey@gmail.com](mailto:coventryblazehockey@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely

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