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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a few confirmed positive cases of both PCR and Lateral Flow tests this week within our school community. We continue to follow the latest guidance which includes notifying parents if the positive cases are reported within 48 hours of the pupil/staff member attended the school setting. This timeline is calculated from either the start of any symptoms or, if asymptomatic, from the day the test was taken.

I would like to remind parents of the importance of lateral flow testing twice weekly as a minimum and daily if a member of your household tests positive. A PCR is also recommended if you or your child is identified as a close contact. You can continue to go out to work and a child can attend school whilst awaiting the results if not displaying any symptoms.

It has been noticed that some of our positive cases have only displayed symptoms of a runny nose, headache and tiredness in the first instance. I appreciate that these do not fit the much published symptoms but I would request parents to be mindful of this and support the school with regular lateral flow testing and not sending your child into school when they are unwell.

#### Changes to the timings of the school day

As advised in last week's newsletter, the new timings of the school day will be implemented next week. The more relaxed start and end to the day 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, Reception 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.

With the increase in footfall at these times, parents are encouraged to walk to school whenever possible. If you do need to use your car, please be mindful of our neighbours and park responsibly and respectfully. For a safer and calmer start and end to the day, please park further away (perhaps at the park) and enjoy a leisurely 10-minute walk to school.

The guidance for wearing face masks remains the same, in that it is up to individual discretion - they are not compulsory at drop off and pick up. It may be advisable to still wear one in congested parts of the playground or near gates.

### Important Dates:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud
- " " " - PTA Fundraising Planning Meeting at Burnt Post at 8.00 pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Class 2S, 2P and 1/2M Warwick Castle Trip
- " " " - Break up for half term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Teacher Training Day – school closed for children

### 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
- " " " Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school
- Parents have been 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.

Please use the following link to book an appointment: <https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk> and refer to 'how to book a parents evening guide' sent out last week.

SchoolCloud is a 'post-COVID keeper' as it is more time efficient for all concerned, however, we are aware that viewing your child's books has always been an enjoyable part of parents' evenings. We are hopeful that we will be able to reintroduce open door sessions to allow parents to come into their child's class and share their work with them. As soon as we have the go ahead to do so, we will share dates with you.

### Parental Questionnaire Survey

Our Annual Whole School Questionnaire for parents and carers will be made available via ParentMail on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Your feedback is always valued so please take the time to complete it before the end of this half term. Thank you.

### Staff News

- Mrs Dovey starts her maternity leave today. We hope she has time to put her feet up before the arrival of her baby and look forward to sharing the happy news over the coming weeks.
- Mrs R Paton has been appointed as the new School Business Manager.
- Mr J Hartopp and Mrs S Fancovicova will be joining us after the half-term break as teaching assistants.
- Mrs B Bennett was recently appointed as a SEN Teacher Assistant and joins the Inclusion Team.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is back! On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Book Fair will be arriving in school and will be with us until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. For a preview of the books that will be available, please click the link below:

[scholastic-uk-primary-invitation-autumn-2021-2028899.pdf](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/primary/invitation-autumn-2021-2028899.pdf)

Unfortunately, only the children will be able to browse the Book Fair, but as parents, you will be able to pay from home. When the children visit the fair at school, they will take along a 'wish list' and make a note of the different books that they would like to buy. Your child will bring this 'wish list' home, complete with the details of how you can pay. School then receives notification of the books that have been purchased, so your children will be able to collect their books from school.

Details of the payment website are below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

Happy Reading! ☺

## Harvest collection

A reminder that 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. Thank you to all those that have sent in donations so far.

## Payment Reminders

The following events are 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
- Year 5 – PGL Caythorpe Residential Trip: 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2022
- Year 5 and 6 Choir Members: Young Voices, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (letters and ParentPay will be updated next week)

Information for all the above trips/events have been sent home with children or shared via ParentMail.

## Music Invoices

Music invoices were sent out last 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 10.00 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](#).

## School Dinners & 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 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.

## PTA News

**Wednesday 13th October - Event Planning Meeting**  
**8pm at the Burnt Post pub**

A reminder that 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 or on Facebook.

Half-term Activities

Warwickshire Museum are offering exciting half term holiday activities for children and families. For further information please follow this link: <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats/holiday-family-activities>

Yours sincerely

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