



STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 tel: 024 7641 9555
 email: school@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk
 website: www.stivichallprimary.org



SUPPORTING
CONNECTING
INFLUENCING



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



19th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have seen an increase in asymptomatic cases this week following lateral flow testing. Thank you to all those parents who continue to test twice weekly and are helping to limit transmission.

We have also noticed that children are testing positive with a variety of symptoms, the most common being a very short-lived slight temperature and/or a headache and/or feeling cold and/or sore throat and/or feeling more tired than usual. We do appreciate that these symptoms are also the result of other viruses other than Covid but we would ask parents to be mindful if their child presents with any of those mentioned and keep them at home whilst seeking a test to eliminate any further spread of infection.

We would kindly ask all parents to engage in twice weekly lateral flow testing especially with the lead up to Christmas and the many lovely and exciting things we all have planned, both here at school and I am sure at home.

Important Dates:

- All week - Inter Faith Week
- Monday 22nd November - Last day to order from Christmas Card Project
- Wednesday 24th November - Last Forest School session for class 2P
 " " " First Forest School session for class 4S
- Thursday 25th November - Year 5 Dodgeball Competition

Inter-Faith Week

We will be celebrating Mitzvah day on Monday, a day where people around the world, come together to give their time, not money, to make a difference to the community around them. Each year group will be doing something on Monday for this day. We are all also producing world faith artwork to display in the hall representing the six major world faiths.

Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday this week as we launched the start of anti-bullying week. The total amount raised was £243.70 and will be donated to today's Children In Need Appeal. Thank you for your support.

School News

- Class 4S and 4P Diwali Dance Workshop: On Tuesday Year 4 took part in a Ramayan dance workshop to retell the Diwali story. They worked in groups to represent the characters in various parts of the story.

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. Thank you very much to those who have brought in their wonderful shoe boxes already. The final date to bring yours in is **Monday 29th November**.

Here is how you can join in!

1. Take a shoebox, wrap it in Christmas paper so that the lid still opens.
2. Choose a gender and age you want to pack for (gender-neutral boxes are great too!)
3. Buy lovely gifts and toys for a child of that age.
4. Label the top clearly with gender and age or age range (this can vary from babies to young adults)
5. Put an elastic band around it.
6. Bring into school and keep in classrooms.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.



This week's top eco tip:

Recycle every day to make sure plastic does not go to landfill sites (Ellie, 1S)

Christmas Card Project

A final reminder that orders must be placed by **Monday 22nd November** as our online shop will close after this time.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 15th 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.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances – ****Change of Dates****

We have received notification from the Local Authority this week that we can invite parents/carers to attend their child's Christmas performances. We are delighted by the news as we appreciate how this is an important and special time in your child's school year.

However, upon recommendation, we have had to change the dates when these performances will take place.

The performances will now take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 7th December at 9.30 am** - **Reception**
- **Wednesday, 8th December at 9.30 am and again at 2.15 pm** - **Years 1 & 2**

Year 1 parents will be invited to attend the 9.30 am performance and Year 2 parents will be invited to attend the 2.15 pm performance.

In order to keep everyone safe, we will also be asking for your full cooperation with the following guidance:

- anyone feeling unwell (not just with COVID-19 symptoms) not to attend
- tickets will be limited to two per family (these will be sent home with your child)
- face masks to be worn when entering and leaving the building until you are seated
- attendees to do LFT prior to coming to performance
- all attendees to use sanitiser upon entering and leaving the building
- parents will be asked to sit in class groups to allow for contact tracing if necessary

Parents will enter and leave via the external hall doors accessed from the Reception playground

- windows and external doors to the hall will remain open to provide ventilation
- any attendee who develops Covid symptoms and goes on to test positive within 48 hours of attending performance to notify the school

Achievements outside of school

It is always lovely to hear 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.

Gemma D., 3S walked over 11km including up Loughrigg Fell during the half term holidays to raise money for Children in Need. The family were very lucky and only had rain at the beginning but still had lots of flowing water and marshy grass to navigate. She has currently raised £266.65 and we are very proud of her.

If you wish to donate to Gemma's fundraising then please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachael-daniels6>

Well done Gemma – this is a great achievement.

Parking

We have received reports and photographic evidence of a car that parked totally irresponsibly and without due regard to our neighbours yesterday. The silver Audi parked right across a driveway in Green Lane obstructing access by the resident. This information has been shared with our Neighbourhood Police Team. I shouldn't need to constantly remind parents on how to park legally and to respect our neighbours! All adults should be modelling respect and caring for others in their every day behaviours.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 11.00 – 2.00 pm



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is a fun event for staff, parents and children. It also helps raise funds which are then made available to the school.

Saturday 4th December: 11.00 – 2.00pm

Entrance – 50p per person, Pre-schoolers free

There will be a Grotto, Secret Christmas Shop, Toy Shop, Raffle, Christmas Kitchen, Tombola, Games, Crafts and may more!

So please put the date in your diary and join the festive fun

Note: This is a cash only event, there will be no card payment facilities

Raffle

In the raffle this year, we have some amazing prizes to offer! Tickets can be bought in each classroom from next week by the children. £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. Could all children bring in the correct money. The raffle will be drawn during the Christmas Fayre and prizes include:

- £50 Cash Prize
- Coventry City FC – 2 Tickets
- Harry Potter Lego
- Smiggle Girls and Boys Bundle
- Burnt Post – Meal Voucher for 2 adults, 2 children
- Baby Bear Photography – Family Mini Shoot
- Fabulous Fudge Company - £15 voucher
- Vanity Nails voucher
- Emily's Café – Afternoon Tea for 1
- Sweets Hamper
- AND lots of other hampers of goodies including champagne, beauty products and toys!

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?...

We can never have too many helpers, please email us at ptastivichall@gmail.com or message us on Facebook @ptastivichall to let us know where you are able to support with any of the following:

- Setting up after school on Friday 3rd December
- Setting up at 9am on Saturday 4th December
- Collecting items on the morning of Saturday 4th December
- Your time on a stall (from duration of 1hr to 3hrs)
- Tidying up after the Fayre
- First Aid

Your support is invaluable to the success of the Christmas Fayre!

Secret Christmas Shop

Don't forget to submit your orders for the Secret Christmas Shop! Last orders to be sent in by the end of the day on Monday 29th November.

Payment Reminders

The following events are now due and available to pay via your ParentPay account.

- Year 5 – PGL Caythorpe Residential Trip: 4th to 6th May 2022
- Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip – Payments now live on ParentPay
- Reception and Year 1 – Warwick Arts Centre Theatre Trip: Thursday 16th December
- Year 2 to Year 6 – The Belgrade Theatre Trip: Thursday 2nd December
- Class 5S, 5P and 5/6M – National Space Centre Visit: Tuesday 7th December

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

Mrs K Ferguson
Head Teacher