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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support in keeping your child off school if they are feeling generally unwell or display Covid symptoms and for engaging in both regular lateral flow testing and booking a PCR should your child need one. Reported positive cases in school are down this week. Can I kindly ask that when reporting any illness that you clearly indicate whether a PCR test has been booked. A log is kept of all children seeking a test and monitored for contact tracing and for when we can expect children to return to school. Equally, it would be appreciated if all results are reported so our records are kept up to date.

Seesaw Online Learning: Please note that work will only be uploaded on Seesaw for your child to complete if they need to isolate following a positive test result or whilst waiting for a result and if they are well enough to complete the work set. If your child is absent for any other reason, then work should not be expected to be set for them to complete.

Important Dates:

- All week - Computer Science Week
- Monday 29th November - Last day to donate for Carriers of Hope Shoebox Appeal
- Wednesday 1st December - Christmas Art Day
- “ “ “ Forest school restarts for Class 1/2M
- Thursday 2nd December - Year 2 to 6 visit to Belgrade Theatre Pantomime
- Friday 3rd December - Year 4 to visit Severn Trent Learning Bus on site

Christmas Art Day

The whole school will take part in a Christmas Art Day next Wednesday 1st December, when they will be making various crafts for the festive season. We hope to have the school looking festive in readiness for the PTA Christmas Fayre on the Saturday, 4th December.

Year 2 to 6 visit to The Belgrade Theatre Pantomime

We are all looking forward to visiting the theatre on Thursday 2nd December to see the 'Beauty and the Beast' Pantomime. Children will be leaving school at 9.30 am and will return to school at 1.00 pm approximately with children having a slightly later dinner than usual. Children are allowed to take a water bottle and a small snack to have during the interval. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks or sharing bags of sweets as these will be sent back home.

Reception and Year 1 will be visiting the Warwick Arts Centre on Thursday, 16th December to watch The Very Hungry Caterpillar performance.

Inter-Faith Week

This week we have celebrated Inter-faith week. This is a week designed to increase awareness in the different faiths across the UK. To mark this, years 1 to 6 have each created one of the symbols of the 6 major world faiths which will be joined together as one piece and displayed in the hall. In addition, we also celebrated Mitzvah day this week, a day where people give their time to make a difference in our community. Different year groups have engaged in a range of heartfelt activities such as making cards for care homes, creating pom pom worry worms to take to doctor surgeries, designing bookmarks to encourage reading which will be taken to local libraries and community hubs and working on the Toy Shoebox appeal to make boxes for Carriers of Hope. Through taking part in these activities, we hope to have reminded children of the need in our community and beyond.

School News

- Yesterday, we attended our first offsite PE event this academic year. A group of year 5 children represented our school in the School Games Dodgeball competition. This was a 'Develop' event, therefore, the focus was on showing respect, team spirit and honesty. Teams were scored against these values. Our children played well and made progress with demonstrating these skills. On the whole we were impressed by the exceptional conduct of most of the pupils representing our school, however, one or two children needed reminding of positive sporting behaviour and the importance of being graceful in victory.

Ofsted Report

The school's Ofsted report has been slightly delayed following our written response to the draft report. A final report should be available to share very soon and we will send the link as soon as we are able.

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:

Remember to turn off your car engines to stop pollution (Marcelina, 5S)

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
- Year 6 KS2 SATs Practice Revision Guides

A kindly reminder that when paying for items or trips and you indicate that you have paid via ParentPay then please remember to do so before returning the slip to school as this causes a lot of extra admin work for the office in chasing payments. Thank you.

Christmas Fundraising for Carriers of Hope

Thank you very much to those who have brought in their wonderful shoe boxes already. A reminder that 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.

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****

As reported in last week's newsletter, 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.

Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child in these year groups next week and these must be brought with you on the day of the performance.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 17th December

We are aware that the National Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 10th December but as a school, we have decided to celebrate it on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. Children will then be dressed festively for their last day in school in readiness for the start of the Christmas break.

Christmas Card Project

A big thank to those of you who have ordered Christmas cards, mugs and coasters. Our online shop is now closed. All orders should be in school by the 10th of December.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 11.00 – 2.00 pm



The Christmas Fayre is only 8 sleeps away. We still need volunteers to help on the stalls, if you can help please email us at ptastivichall@gmail.com or message us on Facebook @ptastivichall with your time on a stall (from duration of 1hr to 3hrs)

Cake stall donations

We need lots of lovely cakes, mince pies and sweet goods to sell at the Christmas Fayre next week!

Please bring homemade or shop bought contributions to the school on the morning of 3rd December, or direct to the stall on 4th December.

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

Raffle

Raffle tickets are still available to be purchased within school. We have some amazing prizes to offer! Tickets can be bought in each classroom 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

Secret Christmas Shop

Final call for your orders for the Secret Christmas Shop! Last orders to be sent in by the end of the day, **Monday 29th November**.

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings will open on Monday 6th November at 10.00 am to enable parents to book for sessions from Wednesday, 5th January to Friday 18th February. This should be completed via: <https://stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk> The closing date for any bookings is Monday 13th December 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](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

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