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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, a reminder that we break up on **Friday 17th December** at the normal home time and the children should return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

We have had a very busy and at times, challenging Autumn Term, but with the hard work and resilience of both staff and children alike, we have all worked together to keep everyone safe and provide as normal school life as possible. The Autumn Term has seen the return of regular extra-curricular activities, children attending trips offsite, workshops and visitors into school, sports competitions and planning for our residential trips for Year 5 and 6 next year.

The PTA organised a successful and well-attended Christmas Fayre last week. The total monies raised was £3759. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible this year. It was truly lovely to see everyone in festive spirits.

We were also delighted to be able to allow parents to attend the Reception and KS1 Nativity performances this week. The children took great pride in showcasing their talents and rose to the challenge of a live audience. We hope that you all enjoyed being allowed into school again and left the performance with the warm glow that only school nativities can bring.

With all that said, we do still need to keep following the latest government advice as we deal with the new variant currently circulating. Can I ask that you do not send your child into school if they feel ill in anyway, you continue to engage in regular twice-weekly lateral flow testing and you book a PCR test if you or your child display any Covid19 symptoms. We have received a few positive cases this week and therefore, the majority of you will have received notification to book a PCR test due to your child being a close contact. Thank you for following this request. We are still receiving confirmations of positive results even though no symptoms are displayed so it does prove how important regular testing can be in reducing the transmission.

Stivichall Acorns remains closed for next week

I apologise for the short notice in having to close our wraparound provision yesterday afternoon and today. This was due to the number of staff who were unable to attend work. Unfortunately, due to unavoidable issues with staff availability, Stivichall Acorns will remain closed to the majority of children throughout next week. Again, I apologise for any inconvenience this will cause. We recognise that this may be difficult for some families so should you need emergency provision then please contact the Stivichall Acorns via acorns@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk. We thank you for your understanding in these challenging and unavoidable circumstances.

Important Dates:

- Monday 13th December - Last swimming session for Class 5S
- Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch
- " " " - Last Forest School session for class 1/2M, 2S & 4S
- Thursday 16th December - Reception classes to Warwick Arts Centre
- Friday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
- " " " - Afternoon of Christmas songs and games in the classrooms
- " " " - Last day of term

Staff News:

As previously shared with you, the following member of staff leaves today:

- Mr Ian Jackson, Site Services Officer has secured a promotion at another Coventry school.

Other members of staff leaving us this term are:

- Mr O'Hara, Deputy Headteacher will be relocating to Cornwall having secured a headship.
- Miss McCurley, is also relocating.
- Miss Parker has recently been successful in securing a teaching role at a school nearer to her home.
- Ms Sands will start her maternity leave.

We send all the above staff our very best wishes as they start the next chapter in their lives and thank them for their hardwork during their time here at Stivichall.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Kavanagh and Miss Balu to the KS1 team, Miss Gale to the KS2 team and to the return of Mrs Deller who, following her maternity leave, will be teaching in class 3S.

Ofsted Report

We are pleased to be able to share the report from our most recent Ofsted inspection which now better reflects our wonderful school. Ofsted have apologised for the clerical error that resulted in the incorrect report being published earlier in the week. We hope you take the time to read the report and are as proud of our school as we are.

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 taps to save water! (John-Paul, 5S)

School Christmas Card Postbox

The school Christmas postbox is back! Children can post Christmas cards to their friends and Year 6 will deliver them. Please remember that envelopes should have both the first name and surname and class of the receiving child written on them.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December

Unfortunately, no further bookings can be taken. If you have not remembered to book school dinners for next week, then please send your child to school with a packed lunch from home each day.

The menu has now been uploaded for next term and is available to book. Please log on to your ParentPay account and select from the options listed. All orders for the first week back must be made no later than **30th December 2021**.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 17th December

A reminder that we are aware that the National Christmas Jumper Day is nationally celebrated today 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. Please send in a donation of £1 per child in aid of Save the Children Charity. Thank you for your support.

Music lessons

The following music tutors **will** be in school next week:

- Mr Stott - Drums, Monday
- Mr Oswin - Guitar, Tuesday and Friday
- Miss Rees - Woodwind, Thursday

All other music tutors have completed their allotted 12 lessons this term and therefore, will not be in again until the new year.

Online Safety

As Christmas is getting closer, children and young people all over the country will have been busy writing lists to Santa or giving hints about what they would like under the tree.

Technology is now a very popular item on many children's lists with tablets, smartphones, game consoles and smartwatches likely to be asked for this year.

*Whilst we want children to enjoy their presents, it is also important that parents look at ways to ensure that their children use these devices safely. This includes **setting parental controls** and understanding that video games have **PEGI ratings** similar to the classification for films. For more information on this, please visit the online safety section of our website.*

*Finally or something you may want to consider is managing **screen time** so that you can monitor the amount of time being spent on each device. This is useful for meal times or during the school holidays.*

Merry Christmas!

Mr Daniel

Online Safety Lead

Morrisons 'Good to Grow' scheme.

Thank you to everyone who downloaded the Morrisons App or collected tokens with their weekly shopping this autumn. We collected enough tokens to order some new hand trowels for school and look forward to putting them into good use next spring. *Mrs Cribdon*

Christmas Art Project

All orders have been distributed to the classrooms for your child to bring home. The total amount of funds raised from this is £800.28 – thank you for your support.

Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisations

Any parents/guardians who did not submit their child's consent before the portal closed, or child missed the vaccination on the day due to refusal, absence or unwell, can attend a local clinic venue for the flu vaccination. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings opened on Monday 6th December 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](#).

School Nursing Health Information Sessions for parents/carers

There are lots of helpful sessions running at the start of the new year for parents to access. Feedback received from parents who have already accessed this service is that they are very useful. Please click on the following link for further information.

<https://www.stivichallprimary.org/page/?title=Community&pid=10>

School Communication Policy

In order to safeguard staff well-being and establish clarity around expectations for school communications, the governors and school leaders have published a Communications Policy. We hope that parents will support the school and appreciate the value of this policy.

<https://www.stivichallprimary.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=43>

Coventry Rocks

The latest special Christmas edition of Coventry Rocks accompanies this newsletter. It includes details on lots of lovely unique Christmas Events, plus shows to catch at the Theatre, and ways to Shop Local for Christmas Gifts. I hope it will give families lots of inspiration for things to do in the local area.

Rising 5 Admissions for September 2022

A reminder that if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 (date of birth between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018), applications need to be made by **15th January 2022**.

Car Parking in Gregory Road

We have received a number of complaints this week regarding parking in Gregory Avenue. Cars are parking on the pavements and over double-yellow lines. This is proving extremely hazardous and is illegal. Please do park responsibly and with due care for our neighbours.

Earlsdon Running Club

Want to get fit in the New Year? Why not join a running club?

Earlsdon running club has places available on their 'Beginners Course' starting on 13th January 2022 at 7 pm.

The six-week course is designed to get you from complete beginner to a runner. To book a place and for further information please click [here](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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