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Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the last newsletter of 2021 and what another busy and eventful year it has been! The year has continued to be challenging for each and every one of us, but we are immensely proud of all the children for their continued hard work, resilience and adaptability. On behalf of myself and the rest of the staff, we thank you all for your continued support, words of encouragement, thank you notes and generous supplies of cake, biscuits, chocolate and gifts. We really do appreciate all of them, helping us all get through another long and tiring term. I hope that as we approach the end of the year and the start of a new one, that you and your families have the opportunity to enjoy the safest and relaxing Christmas possible.

The Local Authority and Public Health teams updated their 'close contact' letter this week which we send out to parents should your child be identified as a result of a positive case in school. Thank you to all our parents who kept their children off school whilst booking a PCR test and for those that came and collected their child from school upon receipt of the letter. We hope that you appreciate the need that the Local Authority and Public Health teams deemed necessary to put in place to help protect everyone in the lead up to the Christmas break.

It has been very evident this week that the new variant is a lot more transmissible. With the new variant and changed national advice in relation to close contacts and in order to keep your family and relatives safe over the festive period, the school will continue to contact any close contacts resulting from positive cases reported where symptoms have developed within 48 hours of the last attendance in school. The answerphone service will be monitored between the hours of **9.00 am – 11.00 am** each day for the first 5 days after school finishes for the Christmas break, up to and including Wednesday 22nd December. If you need to report a positive test result for a pupil of Stivichall Primary, please call the school number: 024 76419555 **select option 2** and provide the following information:

- Name of child
- Date pupil last attended school
- Date of onset of coronavirus symptoms
- Date of test
- Date the positive test result was received
- If they attended any Stivichall Acorns Club provision and on what days
- If they attended any extra-curricular clubs held in school or music lessons
- Contact number

All the above information will be used to carry out a rapid risk assessment and identify if any pupils and/or staff need to isolate. Should this be the case, you will be contacted by both email and text via ParentMail. We would be grateful if you could be mindful that you may receive a notification from school during this time and thank you for your cooperation.

As we continue to live life with Covid still in circulation, may I remind you of the importance of getting tested should you or any member of your household develop symptoms, as well as twice weekly lateral flow testing. Information on where you can access testing centres for both Lateral Flow Tests and PCR tests accompany the newsletter.

May I also request that all pupils take a lateral flow test either the night before or on the morning before the first day back at school.

Vaccination Sites

Please book your vaccines now - drop in clinics across Coventry and Warwickshire and all vaccinations sites that you can book into in the links below:

<https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-drop-in-clinics/>

<https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-sites/>

Important Dates for first week of the new term:

- **Monday 3rd January** - New Year Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 4th January** - Teacher Training Day – School closed
- **Wednesday 5th January** - First Day of New Term

Staff News

We said a fond farewell to our members of staff leaving us who left Stivichall Primary today and look forward to hearing about their new adventures in the New Year.

Reception and Year 1 Warwick Arts Centre Visit

These year groups had a wonderful time visiting the Warwick Arts Centre to see The Very Hungry Caterpillar yesterday. The children were amazingly well behaved and enjoyed every minute, along with the adults. I had a marvellous time and felt extremely proud to be the headteacher of Stivichall.

Sports News

- We are delighted to have been able to attend a football festival this week with a group of girls from year 3/4. We played 8 games in total and had some great success winning a few of the games as well as losing some. All girls came away with a medal to reward them for their enthusiasm and team spirit. Thank you to all the girls for representing our school well. We hope the festival has inspired the girls to play more football. Thank you to Mr Hartopp for taking them.

Eco Tip

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: make sure the fish you eat are sustainably fished (Marcelina, 5S)

Extra-curricular Activities for Spring Term

- **Athletics** will continue from Friday 7th January- there are some spaces for year 5/6 children if you would like to join, please complete a letter from the office.
- **Boys'** football trials will continue for two more weeks commencing Monday 10th January along with a lunchtime club for those who cannot attend the afterschool session.
- **Girls'** football will continue from Friday 14th January, we are looking for more year 6 girls to join this club with the aim to create a girls' team. Letters will be available in the first week if you wish to join.
- **Dodgeball** has now come to an end and will be changing to a **Basketball club** for year 5 starting from Tuesday 11th January. Letters will be sent out on the first day of the new term.

The following external led clubs will continue to run in the New Year:

- Lunchtime Flyte Gymnastics Club
- Lunchtime Tennis Club
- Afterschool Leivers Dance
- Afterschool Punjabi lessons
- Afterschool Ricky's Dance
- Afterschool Sky Blues in the Community Football
- Afterschool Year 4 String Club

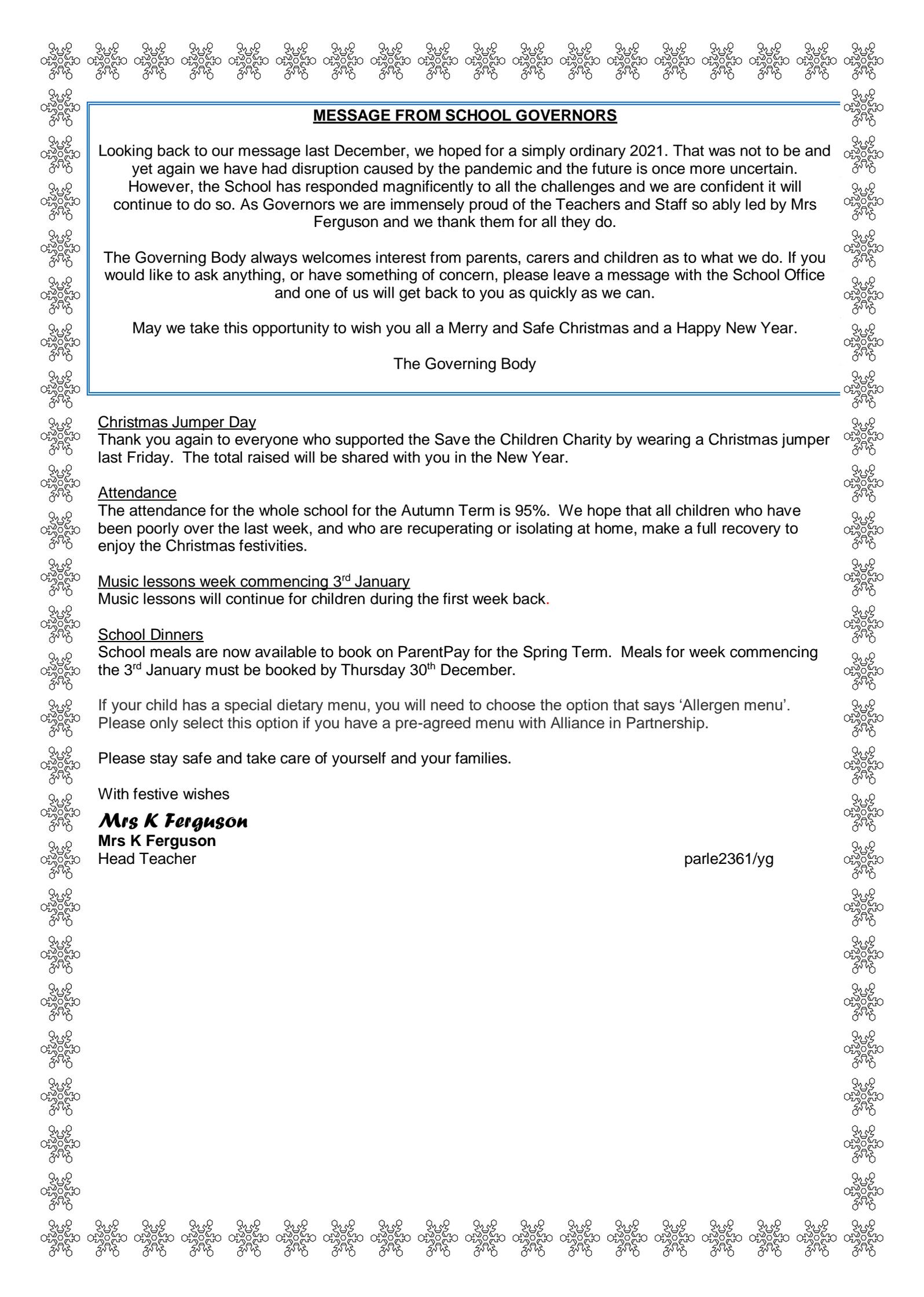
Further information regarding any of the above clubs will be sent out during the first week of term.

Online Safety

We would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your children safe online, Santa might be delivering lots of devices this year. On devices such as iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Apple TV etc. there are features available for parents all tied into an account. You can set content and privacy restrictions, prevent purchases, allow or disallow apps and more. Please remember that whenever a device completes an update, it reverts to original settings.

Most games consoles have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. Check the website for the console your child has for a parents' section and details of features. Some games also allow you to change settings for that individual game.

This link below can help you out with more specific details: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Looking back to our message last December, we hoped for a simply ordinary 2021. That was not to be and yet again we have had disruption caused by the pandemic and the future is once more uncertain.

However, the School has responded magnificently to all the challenges and we are confident it will continue to do so. As Governors we are immensely proud of the Teachers and Staff so ably led by Mrs Ferguson and we thank them for all they do.

The Governing Body always welcomes interest from parents, carers and children as to what we do. If you would like to ask anything, or have something of concern, please leave a message with the School Office and one of us will get back to you as quickly as we can.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Governing Body

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Save the Children Charity by wearing a Christmas jumper last Friday. The total raised will be shared with you in the New Year.

Attendance

The attendance for the whole school for the Autumn Term is 95%. We hope that all children who have been poorly over the last week, and who are recuperating or isolating at home, make a full recovery to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Music lessons week commencing 3rd January

Music lessons will continue for children during the first week back.

School Dinners

School meals are now available to book on ParentPay for the Spring Term. Meals for week commencing the 3rd January must be booked by Thursday 30th December.

If your child has a special dietary menu, you will need to choose the option that says 'Allergen menu'. Please only select this option if you have a pre-agreed menu with Alliance in Partnership.

Please stay safe and take care of yourself and your families.

With festive wishes

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