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Dear Parents/Carers

As we all learn to live with Covid, we are delighted to be able to start to reintroduce some of the systems and routines that were in place before the pandemic. Next week, children will return to the dining room to eat any school meals ordered through the online ordering system ParentPay. Children will be served the meal choice as selected on the system so please continue to order meals by midnight, the week prior to meals taken. Packed lunches provided from home will continue to be eaten in the classrooms.

After the Easter break, we hope to be able to invite more year groups to attend extra-curricular clubs as we will no longer have to stay in phase bubbles.

Important Dates:

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| • All week | - | KS2 Walk to School Challenge |
| • Wednesday, 16 th March | - | Day of Ukraine |
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| • Friday, 18 th March | - | Red Nose Day Stivichall Bake Off |
| • Wednesday, 23 rd March | - | Parents' Consultation Meetings |
| • Wednesday, 30 th March | - | EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk and KS2 Cross Country Event |
| • Thursday, 31 st March | - | Reception classes vision screening |
| • Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th April | - | Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip |
| • Friday, 8 th April | - | Last day of term |

Fundraising for Ukraine

Next week, we will have two events to raise money to support the #HELPUKRAINE appeal. More information about this appeal can be found here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

Here are some examples of how the money raised will be used:

Your donation will be used to fund immediate emergency and ongoing needs, including for example:

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| £8 | - | 2 woollen blankets for individuals or emergency shelters |
| £23 | - | A food and hygiene pack for one adult for a month or 30 thermal foil blankets for emergency use |
| £70 | - | A food and hygiene pack for a family of four for a month |
| £500 | - | Towards crisis counselling and support services, and children's services |
| £1,500 | - | A basic emergency medicine pack for 1,000 people for 3-months |
| £3,700 | - | Medicine and pharmaceutical pack for 10,000 people for 3-months |

Wednesday, 16th March

The Pupil Leadership Team are inviting you all to wear blue and yellow next **Wednesday** to celebrate a 'Day of Ukraine'. Please donate **£1**, if you can.

Friday, 18th March

- On **Friday 18th March**, it is Red Nose Day. As the theme this year is: 'you have the power to change lives' and they are funding organisations who are supporting people right now in Ukraine, we will be donating any money raised for this to #HELPUKRAINE.
- We will be raising money by holding a Stivichall Bake-off and selling the cakes on the playground straight after school. Please bring your cake entries into school on Friday, 18th March in the morning. The Pupil Leadership Team will judge the best in class. If you do not wish to enter the bake-off but would still like to donate a cake(s) to sell, we would be delighted for you to do so.

- At the end of the school day, we will be selling the children's bakes on the playground. The cakes will not be a set price. Instead, we ask that you make a donation towards the charity. Any children that attend Acorns or a club after school, can be given money and will be given a chance to purchase cakes.
- Please note that because we will have already had a non-uniform day on Wednesday, Friday will be a normal uniform day. Red noses can still be worn.

Thank you for your continued support.

It can be difficult to know how best to talk about challenging and upsetting events. Below is a link which parents may find useful when talking to children about the current Ukraine crisis.

- [Family Education – Talking to Children About War and Violence](#)

Save the Date – PTA Event

The PTA are busy organising the return of the ever-popular discos for all the children. Further information will be sent out after the Easter break but in the meantime, please make a note of the dates in your diary.

Friday, 13th May

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 5.00 – 6.00 pm
- Years 2 to 6 - 6.30 – 8.00 pm

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Spring Walk and Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country

These annual events will take place, weather permitting, on Wednesday 30th March at the War Memorial Park at the following times:

- EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk - 2.00 pm
- Years 3 to 6 - 2.30 pm

Sports News:

- **Athletics Competition:** On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 Athletics team took part in the School Games Competition. They took part in a series of relays as well as jumping and throwing field events. It was a great opportunity for the children to stretch themselves to achieve their personal best scores as well as a team in the races. It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by all. We competed against Finham, St Mary & Benedicts and All Souls. The children ran their best and excelled in many of the races. Some were really close and others we won with ease with our speed and excellent baton changeovers. We were ecstatic to come away with the win! We will continue to practice in the hope that our points are high enough to reach the final. Well done to all the children.

Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

A reminder that bookings for this term's parents' meetings are now available to book and will close on Monday, 14th March at 4.00 pm.

Parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place via SchoolCloud on the following days:

- Wednesday 16th March 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Wednesday 23rd March 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups

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.

Bookings can be booked by clicking the following link:

<https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk>

WOW: The Walk to School Challenge

Next week, Key Stage 2 will begin the Walk to School Challenge, delivered by Living Streets (the UK charity for everyday walking), to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. The pupil-led challenge will see children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge (made from repurposed plastic materials). It's that simple!

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Simply park, or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school, or at the War Memorial Park and Ride, and walk the remaining journey.

As ever, we greatly appreciate your support in helping our school and local community reach greener goals. In the UK, thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

Look out in the newsletter each week to find out which class has made the most environmentally friendly journeys to school and reached the top of our leader board!



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: Try to use renewable energy sources, such as solar power. (John-Paul, 5S)

Essential items for school

Water Bottle: It is important that the children have a named flask/bottle/cup in school so that they can visit the water dispenser when thirsty. Please do remind your child to bring their bottle home regularly to be washed.

Playground Before and After School

Please help us to keep children and adults safe before and after school, by not allowing your children to ride on their bikes and scooters across the playgrounds. Children should dismount at the school gates and push them to the bike shelters and scooter racks. This applies to parents too. Thank you.

KS2 Playground Outdoor Clamberstack

The Clamberstack, funded by the PTA and situated at the KS2 end of the playground, is available to be used by children at the end of the school day. Staff will not be responsible for any supervision at this time and therefore, parents should be mindful of this.

Reception Classes Vision Screening

All children in reception classes are invited for vision screening due which will take place in school on Thursday, 31st March. Last week, your child brought home information containing all the details you require. You only need to return the form should you **NOT** wish your child to receive a vision screening test. If you have any queries then please call the Orthoptic Department direct on the number contained within the letter.

National Dental Epidemiology Programme

Every year, Dental Public Health collect information on the health of peoples' teeth as part of a dental survey. The information collated helps to plan NHS dental services in our area. This year the survey will collect information about the health of 5 year olds' teeth and the NHS have selected 16 children across Reception and Year 1 at random to take part. These children brought home an information letter last week for parents to read, and complete and return the reply slip. The survey will take place in school on Monday, 28th March.

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.

As you may be aware, Coventry will be hosting the Commonwealth Games judo events this summer and we have a number of Stivichall children who are a member of the Coventry Judo Club. Both Lucas and Josh will be taking part in an exhibition judo class as part of the preparations for the Commonwealth Games. The event on 24th March will be attended by Neil Adams, former World Champion and double Olympic medallist, Coventry's own Chelsie Giles, Olympic medallist in Tokyo 2021, as well as a number of the UK's current international players. In the past few weeks, Lucas and Josh have won gold and silver for their weight groups in competitions. A great achievement and we wish them an enjoyable and memorable day on the 24th. Well done to all our pupils who attend the Coventry Judo Club.

Year 6 Leaver's Party led by parents

A few of us have started to think about organising a celebration party for this year's Year 6 leavers. It's very much at the discussion stage and the more parents that can offer to help the better! In the past there have been discos and inflatables, and, in order to reduce the cost, there has been fundraising. If you would like to get involved, please message Jodie on 07725564732 and I will add you to the WhatsApp group.

Yours sincerely

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