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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a good week. As the clocks move forward an hour tomorrow night in recognition of the start of British Summertime, we can look forward to lighter evenings and hopefully more of the sunny days we have enjoyed this week.

We have been notified of a few positive cases of Covid within school this week and have informed parents as and when necessary. We continue to encourage children to wash and sanitise hands regularly and we will of course seek guidance from Public Health England should it be necessary.

Your continued support in not sending your children to school when ill is very much appreciated along with any testing when presenting with any Covid symptoms.

Important Dates:

- All week - World Autism Acceptance Week
- Monday, 28th March - Lady Godiva to visit Year 2
- " " " - 15 x Reception/Year 1 children dental survey
- Tuesday, 29th March - Class 5S, 5P and 5/6M visit to St Martin's Church for Easter Cracked
- Wednesday, 30th March - EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk and KS2 Cross Country Event
- Thursday, 31st March - Reception classes vision screening
- Monday 4th – Friday 8th April - Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip
- Friday, 8th April - Last day of term

World Autism Acceptance Week

World Autism Acceptance week is being celebrated between the 28th March - 3rd April.

During this week, we will have an assembly with a focus on promoting acceptance of diversity and of differences. The pupils will watch a video about Eli who has recorded a poem about how being Autistic affects him and how it is a different special part of him.

Follow up activities might include the pupils exploring their likes and dislikes and recognising that we are all good at different things and that is what makes us unique and special.

We are excited to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Red Nose Day

The Stivichall Bake Off in aid of Red Nose Day raised an amazing £1449.08. This amount will be added to the £744.97 raised last week during our blue and white day for #HELPUKRAINE appeal. Thank you for your continued support,.

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

Parental help is needed with the spring walk so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany the class during this event. Parents should arrive no earlier than 1.55 pm and proceed to wait just outside their child's class on the playground. Reception parents should wait on the main playground near to the Clamberstack until the reception classes come out.

- Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country - 2.30 pm

Parents are invited to come and watch the event by the opening to the park. The start line is in the park opposite the school entrance.

Exciting News!

This week the PTA agreed funding of almost £5,000 to be spent on new iPads to be used across the school. These iPads interact with the school's SMART boards and will allow the children to engage in interactive sessions.

The PTA also agreed to just under £100 for gardening club and this money will go towards new gardening gloves, plants and compost.

Thank you for your continued support of the PTA so that donations like this can be made to benefit all our children. The work of the school PTA is invaluable.

Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

We hope all those that had booked a parents' consultation meeting via SchoolCloud this week found them useful and informative.

Please contact your child's class teacher by emailing into school if you were unable to book an appointment. This is a vital part of your child's educational journey.

KS2 Walk to School Challenge

3P are currently at the top of our Walk to School Challenge leader board with 75% of their journeys to school this month being active. Well done 3P!

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: Help stop deforestation by planting more trees (Charlie, 4S and Aman, 6S)

Easter Competition

As usual, as part of the lead up to Easter we will be running an Easter egg competition. Children can decorate an egg or design an egg poster if they wish to take part. The theme this year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All entries need to be clearly labelled with name and class and brought into school on Monday 4th April for judging. Please do not send eggs in before this date. Prizes will be awarded in each phase for the most creative entries.

Time for the children to start thinking and planning. What will their egg look like?

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Stivichall Acorns bookings for the Summer Term (April to July) will open on Monday 28th March and close on Monday 4th April at 10 am. This will allow us sufficient time to ensure our staffing levels and resources are in place before we break up for the Easter holiday.

Whereas previously Acorns has been booked half-termly, due to the next half term period only being five weeks, we have decided to take bookings for the whole Summer Term. Please be assured that bookings can be paid for by instalments either by card and/or by childcare voucher. The cancellation policy remains the same whereby giving two weeks' notice is required in order for sessions to be cancelled and for credit on MagicBooking or refund issued.

Please note that any outstanding balance will need to be cleared before the next term booking can be made. Please ensure any payment made by childcare vouchers is paid to **Stivichall Primary School, Ofsted number 103686**.

If you make payments with a government childcare tax free account, please ensure you email acornsstaff@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk letting us know the amount, the date paid and your unique TFC number. This will allow your payment to be reconciled quickly.

The Acorns Team

Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Residential Trip

A reminder that both 2nd and final payments are now overdue for this trip. Please log on to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding monies as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

School Dinners and Summer Menu

The new summer menu has now been uploaded to ParentPay and is now available to book. Please remember that meals should be booked the Thursday prior to the week the meals are to be taken.

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'. If your child has an allergen menu then they should have brought it home with them this week. Please return it to school by **Monday, 28th March** at the latest. Thank you.

Summer Term dates

There are lots of exciting events happening during the summer term, below are a few for your diaries. Further information will be shared via the newsletter nearer to each event.

Early Bird Sessions

Next term will see the return of the Early Sessions in school. Pupils are invited to bring their parent/carer in to their classroom from 8.30 am, when the doors will be opened, to share and celebrate their learning and achievements. All parents will be requested to leave at the start of the school day at 8.50 am. It can be to look at work, to look at the displays, to read a book – whatever you and your child want to do together. Please note the visit is confined to your child's classroom for safeguarding reasons. If a parent needs to go to more than one class, they will need to go around the perimeter rather than through the school corridors. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to split your time between the different classes.

We would ask that all parents sanitise their hands when entering and exiting the classrooms.

The first session will be on: Thursday, 28th April

Friday, 27th May

We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with staff and children on this day.

PTA Summer Fayre – Save the date

Our ever popular PTA summer fayre will take place on Saturday, 18th June.

Thursday, 23rd June

Our annual sports day will take place on this day where parents will also be able to attend.

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.

Commonwealth Judo Event

Yesterday, I had the privilege of attending the Commonwealth Games Judo Exhibition at Connexions Sports and Leisure Centre in Ryton-on-Dunsmore. A number of past and present Stivichall pupils trained alongside the British Olympic Judo team in front of HRH, The Earl of Wessex and, I can say with great pride, they represented the school and Coventry Judo Club exceptionally well. Well done all of you and thank you so much for inviting me.

Yours sincerely

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