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20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Important Dates for next week:

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| • Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May | - | First Forest School Session for Class R2                   |
| "    "    "                     |   | Year 5 and 6 Athletics Final at AT7 centre                 |
| "    "    "                     |   | Year 4 Overnight Camp at Rough Close                       |
| • Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May  | - | PTA Non-uniform day in exchange for item for Summer Fayre* |
| "    "    "                     |   | Queen's Jubilee Big Lunch                                  |
|                                 |   | Break up for half term                                     |

### Whitsun Half-term break

School breaks up next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May for the half-term holiday and reopens on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### BBC Radio One Big Weekend and Parking and Road Closure

As you are aware, the BBC Radio One Big Weekend starts next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May and will continue over the weekend. In preparation for the event, the layby in Coat of Arms Bridge Road and areas of the little car parks further down the road have been closed off, limiting the parking within the school vicinity. Please take extra care if travelling to school by car next week and allow sufficient time to park further away and walk where possible. I would strongly recommend walking if at all possible to avoid unnecessary stress and anxiety around finding parking spaces.

**A reminder that the school driveway is not to be used as a drop off or turning point at any point and at any time.**

### School News

- Year 2 have been working incredibly hard with their SATs this week and now only have one more paper to complete next week. We are super proud of them all.
- On Wednesday afternoon, the choir attended the Resorts World Arena to perform as part of the Young Voices choir, along with over 5,000 other children. They rehearsed all afternoon then performed a variety of songs and medleys to a large audience in the evening. They were joined by a host of incredible performers: Urban Strides street dancers, the Beatbox Collaborative, Connie Talbot and Natalie Williams. The evening was a huge success! Thank you to Ms Wright, Mrs Moffatt, Mrs Sedgebear, Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Parkes (school governor) for accompanying them. Please visit the school's twitter feed.

### Staff News

- Miss L Gardiner will be leaving Stivichall next Friday. Miss Gardiner started at Stivichall on a part-time basis covering lunch duties and then completed her apprenticeship as a teaching assistant. During this time she has become a valued member of the Stivichall family. She will be missed by both pupils and staff. We wish her well with the next steps of her career.
- Mr J. Tubbs has been appointed as Facilities and IT Manager and is due to start on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- Mrs M. Jones has been appointed as Deputy Manager of Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision.

### Sports News

- On Monday after school, our Year 6 football team faced Charter Primary School in a league match. Our boys started brightly and took a two goal lead within the opening minutes through 2 wonderful long range goals from Rudy. Charter applied some pressure but quick counter attacks from Josh meant we finished the half 4-0 up. In the second half we pushed on and played some exceptional football meaning the game ended 9-0.

### PTA Discos

It was lovely to see so many pupils enjoying themselves at the disco last Friday night. The PTA did a fantastic job in organising the return of this ever popular event. A big thank you to the committee, volunteers and all the staff that gave up their time to help.

### Afterschool Clubs

There will be no afterschool athletics or girls football clubs next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 4 string club has also been cancelled next Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May due to the Year 4 overnight camp.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Events



Rehearsals started this week for all year groups in learning a 'dance through the decades'. Each year group will perform their dance to the rest of the school next Friday morning.

**Arts Project for Schools Jubilee Project** – I hope you all managed to order a keepsake with your child's artwork before the deadline this week.

**The Big Lunch** – We are all looking forward to welcoming parents to this event taking place next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately, no further lunch orders can be taken but parents are still welcome to attend and bring a picnic from home.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Because of the arrangements for the Big Weekend and the potential impact of road closures, we have made the decision to adjust our plans for our Jubilee Celebrations so that parents can avoid high levels of congestion. We will enjoy our whole school dance performance in the morning instead of the afternoon. Parents are now invited to take their children home after afternoon registration at the end of the Big Lunch. We understand that this may not be possible for all parents and we apologise for the short notice but hope that parents understand the reason for these changes. Any children remaining on site will continue to participate in fun Jubilee focused activities and will be well cared for until the usual end of day.

**A letter has been sent home today with all the details for next week's event – please read the arrangements carefully and complete the reply slip included in the letter. This should be returned by Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.**

We are sorry that a limit of ***one family member*** per family has to be applied but as you can appreciate, with the size of the school, numbers do need to be limited for health and safety reasons. Parents are welcome to swap over during the hour's lunchtime should they wish. If you have more than one child in school, then all your children will have the opportunity to join you during the event. We thank you for your understanding.

Your lunch ticket will be given to your child on the morning of the event to bring out to you. Wherever possible, this will be with via your youngest child.

**PTA Non-Uniform** – Children and staff are invited to wear red, white and blue for the day in exchange for an item for the Summer Fayre. Visitors attending the The Big Lunch are welcome to join in too! Please see the details below on what each year group have been asked to bring.

Thank you for making these events successful and enjoyable for everyone.

### 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:** Consider switching to an electric car (Charlie, 4S)



### Family Drawing Session

Family Drawing Session Monday 6th June marks the beginning of Sky Arts Access All Arts Week, in which we will be focusing on various aspects of the Arts and creative expression, across the curriculum. On Tuesday 7th June, all children will take part in a collaborative drawing opportunity in the classroom, as part of our focus on wellbeing. If you would like the chance to come and draw with your children and other members of our school community, on that day, we are holding a family drawing session in the main hall from 3.30pm-4pm. It would be great to see you there!

### Music Tuition: Academic Year 2022/2023

Letters for instrumental lessons for the next academic year have been sent to children in current Years 1 to 5. If you wish your child to start / continue / stop instrumental lessons, please ensure that you return the appropriate slip by **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

- Children in Year 2 (current year 1) are invited to learn the recorder or violin.
- Year 3 to 6 (current year 2 to 5) are invited to learn all instruments.
- Year 3 (current year 2) will also be receiving curriculum class lessons for brass so may wish to consider this when thinking about cornet lessons.

### Payment Reminders

The following activity payments are live and are now due. You can pay either via your ParentPay account or by sending a cheque in to school. Please remember to complete and sign any associated paperwork and return it to school as soon as possible.

- Year 3 - Overnight Camp due **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**
- Class 1S and 1P – Coventry Transport Museum Visit by **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**

### Music Invoices

Music invoices were sent home last week. We apologise that these are not able to be paid via ParentPay. Payments should be made by cheque where possible please. Thank you.

### Lost Property

We now have a lost property box positioned outside along the side of the office. Unnamed items will be placed in this box for parents to take a look and retrieve any items that belong to their child. Please remember to name all items sent into school as we do not wish this box to become too full!

## **PTA NEWS**

### Uniform Ordering Service

The PTA uniform ordering service is back! Parents find this to be a convenient way to buy their uniform, whilst helping to raise money for the school.

Your child should have come home with an order form today. To order, please complete the form and return by 13th June at the latest. Unfortunately, any orders received after this date cannot be accepted.

Please also note that we are only accepting electronic payments, details can be found on the form. You must ensure you use the correct reference on your bank transfer so we can match the orders and payments. Items ordered will be delivered before the end of term.

### Year 6 Leavers T-shirts and Hoodies

The time is fast approaching for our Year 6 children to spread their wings to pastures new at Secondary school soon. In true PTA tradition, we will be gifting a Leavers t-shirt to all children. There will be no charge for this, please specify what size is required and return the form.

We are also offering parents the opportunity to purchase a Leavers hoodie. If you wish to order a hoodie, please complete the form that has been given to your child and return by no later than 13th June. Please ensure that payment has been made electronically with the correct reference.

**PTA Non Uniform Day – Friday 27th May as part of the Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations**

The PTA will be asking children to come in non-uniform wearing red, white or blue, in exchange of various donations (see below) towards the Summer Fayre.

This day is vital towards the success of the Summer Fayre, as these prizes are used to create the raffle prizes, tombola's etc.

If you would like to donate anything in addition that may be useful, please feel free to bring this in too! All items will be gratefully received.

**Reception Classes:**

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

**Year 1 Classes:**

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

**Year 2 Classes:**

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

**Year 3 Classes:**

£2.00 cash amount

**Year 4 Classes:**

£2.00 cash amount

**Year 5 Classes:**

Toiletries & Hamper Items (chocolates/ biscuits/ sweets)

**Year 6 Classes:**

Unopened gifts/ toys/ games

Kind regards

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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