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Dear Parents/Carers

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Events



We have had an amazing day that has reminded everyone who has had the privilege to be part of it, just how special our school is. I am so proud of all our pupils and staff, and I am full of gratitude to all of our parents who support the school and have chosen our school for their children.

Dances through the Decades: All year groups performed their dance to the rest of the school this morning out on the playground. They all performed brilliantly and entertained us all. I hope that they will show you their dance at home if you ask! Thank you to Leivers Dance for teaching the dances to the children and to the staff for practising throughout the week.

The Big Lunch: It was wonderful to see so many of our families join their children today for this big event and as part of our Jubilee celebrations. The sun was shining making it an enjoyable day for all. Over 600 lunches were served as well as families enjoying a picnic brought from home. A big thank you to our kitchen staff and to AIP for managing the associated challenges so well.

We were very lucky to have one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants Dr Abdullah Shehu MBE join the event today. He enjoyed talking to staff, family members and pupils about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and learning about what the children had been doing in school and plans they may have over the coming week. The Year 5 children sang our Jubilee Song beautifully and Dr Shehu laughed at all of the references to things that did not exist in the 1950s, but which are so much part of our lives now.

Arts Project for Schools Jubilee Project – I hope you all managed to order a keepsake with your child's artwork before the deadline. Any orders placed are due to be delivered to school during the first week back after half term.

PTA Non-Uniform – A big thank you to everyone who donated an item towards the Summer Fayre in exchange for wearing red, white and blue today. Your contributions are vital to the success of the fayre.

Queen's Jubilee Hanging Basket Competition

In continuation of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we would like to invite children to make a hanging basket to be displayed on the brackets around the school building. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Whether it be the traditional garden baskets or something out of the ordinary, let your imagination flow, for example, you can use a colander, watering can, etc. The theme will be red, white and blue.

Children should bring their creations into school on Tuesday, 7th June and leave them outside their classroom in readiness for the Site Services Officer to hang them around the school. Year 5 and 6 children should leave their entries under the canopy, along the path to the school office. Judging will take place on Wednesday, 8th June and winners announced the same week.

Please make sure that all entries are clearly named including class.

Family entries are very welcome as there is no expectation for individual entries from every child.

The baskets will remain in place until the end of the summer term when children will be able to take them home.

We look forward to seeing the many wonderful and colourful displays for everyone to admire.
 Thank you for making these events successful and enjoyable for everyone.

The half term break begins today and school will re-open for children on Monday 6th June.

Important Dates week commencing 6th June:

- **All week** - **Sky Arts Access All Arts Week**
- **Tuesday, 7th June** - **Collaborative Draw – Parents invited into school from 3.30 until 4.00 pm**
- **Friday, 10th June** - **Year 3 Overnight Camp**

BBC Radio One Big Weekend

I hope all those of you who have tickets to visit this event over the weekend have an enjoyable time.

School News

- Our year 4 children attended their year 4 overnight camp at Rough Close on Tuesday evening. The children enjoyed sharing their talents with each other, singing songs and eating chips out of paper around the campfire. Even though the weather was a bit mixed, it did not dampen our spirits and we had an amazing time!

Sports News

- Congratulations to all the children in the year 5 and 6 Athletics team. After winning the Coventry West Athletics competition, our team made it through to the final to compete for the Coventry title against the top 5 schools from the East and West side of the City! It was such an achievement to reach this far. The team tried their best competing against some very tough competition from Grange Farm, St-Christophers, Aldermoor Farm and Grangehurst Primary. We came 4th place overall and we were extremely proud of the children's determination and resilience. Thank you for your commitment to practising every week and representing our school with such a passion to succeed. We hope that your children have enjoyed athletics this year and learnt some new skills. For those leaving us soon, we hope you have been inspired to continue athletics in the future. This brings the Athletics club to an end now and we look forward to starting again next year. Mrs Matthews & Mrs Keefe.

A request from the Pupil Leadership Team

We are kindly asking you to donate your unwanted clothes. On Friday 10th June 2022, a charity called Coventry Clothing will be visiting Stivichall Primary School to pick up our donations. The charity are particularly interested in children's clothing, however adults clothing is also desired (underwear and socks will not be accepted). Please bring in your donations during the first week back. If you are wanting to clear out your wardrobes over half term, then now is the time!

Eco News

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the Eco Green Schools Green Flag Award with Merit!

We would like to thank the hard work of our Eco Warrior team in leading us towards this award, striving to make wider school and community improvements in 3 major areas: Transport, Litter and Waste.

Their daily litter picking efforts, ongoing reminders to recycle and travel to school sustainably, weekly eco tips, alongside a range of other environmental activities and initiatives have showed our school to be a worthy Green Flag winner!

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: Remember to turn off lights when they are not in use. (Eloise, 3/4 M)

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 8th 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.

School Dinners

Please remember that all meals to be taken during w/c 6th June, must be booked no later than Thursday, 2nd June. Failure to book by this time will result in parents having to provide a packed lunch from home.

Music Invoices

Music invoices are now due. We apologise that these are not able to be paid via ParentPay. Payments should be made by cheque where possible please. Thank you.

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.

- Class 1S and 1P – Coventry Transport Museum Visit by **Monday, 6th June**

Chicken Pox

There has been a number of cases of chicken pox in school over the last couple of weeks and in particular in the Reception classes. Please click [here](#) to view the list of symptoms.

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 last week. 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.

A reminder that 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 Summer Fayre

We are busy preparing for the Summer Fayre on Saturday, 18th June, 11.30 – 2.30 pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale via your child's classroom after the half-term break. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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