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Dear Parent/Carer

A reminder that school finishes next Friday at the usual time, in what will be the last day of this academic year. However, the final week continues to be yet another busy week in school:

- Tuesday, 19th July - Last Forest School session for class R3
- " " " - Rescheduled brass lessons – see note below
- Wednesday 20th July - Year 6 pupils starting at Finham Park in September to attend 'Finham Fest' transition event (day changed due to weather forecast)
- Wednesday, 20th July - Parent 'Drop in' session: 3.30 – 4.30 pm
- Thursday, 21st July - Queen's Baton Relay at Alan Higgs Centre
- Friday, 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 2.00 pm – Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend
- " " " - Last day of Summer Term

Teacher Training Dates for next academic year 2022/2023:

- **Monday, 5th September 2022**
- **Tuesday, 6th September 2022**
- **Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**
- **Monday, 24th July 2023**
- **Tuesday, 25th July 2023**

The first day of the next academic year for children is **Wednesday, 7th September 2022**.

Year 5 and 6 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' Performance

The children performed magnificently both on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. We hope that everyone who attended the show enjoyed it and the Year 5 ensemble are now inspired for the stage in readiness for their Year 6 production next year. We are extremely proud of all the children who took part whether it be a dancer, singer, narrator, actor, sound and lighting engineer or props assistant – the show would not have been possible without everyone working together – everyone has an important role to play.

For those parents who ordered a DVD, these are now being prepared and will be sent out before the end of term.

Warmer Weather

The Met Office has extended a red extreme heat warning for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July, as temperatures will build this weekend and early next week for much of England and Wales.

School will remain open during this time but we would stress the importance that your child come to school with the following:

- water bottle
- hat
- appropriate 12-hour sun screen to be applied **before** coming to school
- has taken medication before coming to school if they suffer with hayfever

The school's summer uniform is in line with the guidance about wearing cool, loose-fitting clothing; however, PE kits will also be acceptable on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Please follow the link below for further information:

[Temperatures continue to soar in the West Midlands – Coventry City Council](#)

Children will have access to indoor spaces during break and lunchtime for extra shade.

TUESDAY LUNCH MENU CHANGE: Please note that due to the warmer weather expected next week, the pork/vegan sausage on Tuesday will no longer be served with mashed potatoes. Instead, it will be a hotdog served with potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks.

School Meal Charges

Please remember to check your ParentPay account for any outstanding balances. Please settle all outstanding payments by Monday, 18th July.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE to Year 2 Parents

A reminder that as your child will be moving into Year 3, then any school meals ordered will need to be paid for.

Price Increase

There will be a small price increase to school lunches which will come into effect from 7th September. The new price will be £2.30 per day.

Terry Caffrey's Able Writers' Days

Five KS1 children attended a Terry Caffrey Able Writer's day at Spon Gate Primary this week. Terry made his workshops fun as well as educational so the children could see that writing is a positive experience. His workshop involved literacy, socialising, playing and having fun with words and language. Thank you to Mrs Fancovicova for accompanying the children on the visit.

Illness - Covid

Unfortunately, we have received notification of several more positive Covid cases within our school community this week. The symptoms are very varied including: headache, cold/flu-type symptoms, tiredness, sickness and diarrhoea. If your child tests positive then the current advice is for them to remain at home for 3 full days after the test returned a positive result. A lot of these symptoms can also be very typical of hay fever at this time of year.

At school, we will continue to promote good hand hygiene and ventilation throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Chicken Pox also continues to circulate in school, particularly, in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Ice Packs

The school invest in reusable ice packs throughout the year but unfortunately, our supply has become rather depleted. Could you all please check at home and return any that your child may have been sent home with after an injury. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Next week will be the final music lesson for all Drums, Cello, Keyboard, Woodwind and Brass. All the other instruments have had their allotted 34 lessons for this year and will restart in September. Please note, all brass lessons will take place on **Tuesday** next week and not Friday.

Children who are starting guitar lessons next term will need to have their own guitar, clearly named. Mr Oswin, the guitar tutor, has advised that they should have a **1/2 size classical guitar**. These can be bought from Amazon or any music shop. The school uses Normans Musical Instruments online or there is Express Music which is relocating to Leamington in August. The children will be taught how to tune their own guitar and would benefit from having a guitar tuner, so they can hear the pitch at home, but this is not a necessity.

It is wonderful that over 120 children would like to learn an instrument in September and the lessons are still being organised, if we are unable to accommodate your request, you will be contacted.

Reports

Reports have been sent home with children today. A reminder that next Wednesday is a 'drop in session' to meet with your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child's report. No appointments are necessary. The session is open between 3.30 – 4.30 pm.

Sports News

Last Friday the boys played a football match against Spon Gate Primary. It was a fantastic game played in great spirits and finished a 4-4 draw. Well done to the children who played! *Mr Hartopp*

School Sport Kits

Please can all children check if they have any sport kits at home and return them by the end of term, thank you.

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.



Eco-Tip of the Week: If you go for a picnic, remember to take your rubbish home with you (Anya, 5P)

PTA News

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14th September (venue TBC) – Everyone Welcome.

The current Trustees (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be stepping down at the meeting and not putting themselves forward for re-election. This was communicated to the Committee last September when we embarked on a year of recruitment and transition.

We are pleased to report that the uptake by new parents to get involved has been wonderful and many of the longstanding events have returned to School Life.

Following the PTA meeting on Wednesday, we have received 'Intention' from 3 parents to put themselves forward for the new Trustee Roles. All nominees will be considered at the AGM in September. All parents are welcome to put their name forward for a Trustee Role. Please do this via email ptastivichall@gmail.com prior to 14th September 2022.

Library Books

Please could KS2 children return all library books to the library before the end of term? It is especially important to encourage Year 6 children to check bedrooms and bags for any school-owned books. Returned books can be put on the library desk or posted in the box just outside the library door. KS1 children should bring library books into school to be returned on their next class library visit.

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings for the first half of the Autumn Term (Wednesday, 7th September to Friday 16th December) will close at 10.00 on Monday, 18th July.

To book a place, please visit: <https://stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk/>

IMPORTANT: If paying with any childcare vouchers, please search for our school using our Ofsted Number: 103686. The only exception to this rule is for both Edenred or Sodexo providers. Please use the following account numbers to assign any payments:

- Edenred P21298861
- Sodexo 910960

Kind regards

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