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Dear Parent/Carer

Today marks the end of yet another busy year at Stivichall. We are pleased that we have been able to have a near on full return to school life this year with many trips including residentials and overnight camps, PTA events, performances and workshops for parents to be able to come and watch as well as a full programme of music lessons and extra-curricular activities. We are all looking forward to seeing what the next year brings but only after a well-deserved rest!

Message from the Governing Body

At the end of another challenging year, it is time once again to thank all the staff. As you will be aware, Ofsted conducted their inspection last autumn and told us what we all know - Stivichall is a Good School. The SATs results were excellent and we congratulate all the children who took them. This all came about due to the hard work and dedication of all the staff, and with the exceptional leadership of Mrs Ferguson. Covid has produced many challenges of course, and continues to do so, however the Governors are confident that Stivichall School will continue to go from strength to strength.

We are also grateful for the enduring support of Parents and Carers, to the brilliant PTA, and to the hard working children - you all make an incredible contribution to making Stivichall Primary the exceptional School it is.

Our profound thanks to all.

The Governors

A big thank you

A big thank you to all our parents for the many food treats, cards and gifts that have been sent in this week to all our staff. We appreciate your overwhelming kindness and the support that you have shown to us all over the past year. Your continued support, messages and kindness shown to all the staff at Stivichall makes a positive difference to all of us.

Important dates for first week back:

- **Monday, 5th September 2022** - **Teacher Training Day**
- **Tuesday, 6th September 2022** - **Teacher Training Day**
- **Wednesday, 7th September** - **First day of Autumn Term**
Drop in session for Reception Children as per allocated times

Teacher Training Dates for the remainder of next academic year 2022/2023:

- **Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**
- **Monday, 24th July 2023**
- **Tuesday, 25th July 2023**

School News:

- On Thursday afternoon eight Year 4 girls went to the Alan Higgs Centre to participate in a mixed sports festival and celebration of the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay in Coventry in advance of the Commonwealth Games. The girls took part in a 6-a-side football tournament and represented the school with great sporting spirit and fantastic teamwork. After a break for pizza, the girls joined all the other children in forming a guard of honour to welcome the baton and Perry, the games mascot. It was a fantastic and memorable occasion and the girls were a credit to Stivichall.

Farewell

We send a fond farewell to all our children and staff that are leaving us today and wish them all every success for the future. Learning at Stivichall is a passport for life and we know that they will all make a positive contribution to the schools and workplaces they move on to.

New House Captains Elected

Our new school house captains were duly elected this week. They are:

- **Hood** - William H
- **Leigh** - Florence H
- **Gregory** - Zaya H
- **Ashe** - Jeevan H

Cost of Living Wellbeing Support

As you will be aware, there is a severe cost of living crisis in the UK and we are all worried about how this will affect families this summer, and beyond. This will impact the most vulnerable, but will also impact new groups of people that have not previously applied for benefits, discretionary payments and exemptions so we want to help parents to understand their rights and entitlements and how they can get help.

Please view the flyer that accompanies this newsletter as well as visiting the new Coventry City Council website for useful information <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/cost-living-wellbeing-support>

School Meals

A reminder that meals will need to be booked for the first 3 days of the new academic year by the end of Thursday, 1st September. The menu is now live so why not do it now so you don't forget?

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.

The last tip from our Eco-Warriors for this academic year is as follows:



Eco-Tip of the Week: Try to take your pens and batteries that no longer work to your nearest pen or battery recycling point (Eco Warrior Team)

Music Lessons

Music lessons will commence on the second week of term, week commencing 12th September. Music contracts will be sent out during the first few weeks of term.

Coventry Music are inviting all KS2 children to join the Junior Voices Choir, please see the flyer attached for details.

The Go Parks Challenge

The Go Parks challenge finished last Sunday and we just wanted to say well done to all of you who took part. We hope you enjoyed getting active and exploring new parks. A special well done to Emilia (year 5) who entered the Art week competition and won 100 points for Stivichall in 1st place. Well done to Megan in R2, Isabella & Oscar and Noah (2P) who won a badge for the best photo. It was a tough decision for the winner of the Go parks water bottle. The PE leaders chose children whose names went into a hat and the two winners were Matilda and Sienna! Well done, we loved seeing your sporting poses in the parks. Within the Godiva leader board against schools of our size we finished 3rd. What an amazing achievement, well done to everyone in our Stivichall community.

Internet Safety Workshops for parents and Carers

Please see the attached information about forthcoming workshops due to take place over the next few weeks.

Extra-curricular Activities for Autumn Term

The following clubs have already been confirmed for next year:

- Flyte Gymnastics (lunchtimes split over Monday, Thursday, Friday) - Open to Years 1 to 6*
- Punjabi Lessons (Tuesday and Wednesday afterschool) - Open to Years 1 to 6*
- Tennis (lunchtime Wednesday) - Open to Year 2*
- Soccer Rocks Football (Tuesday afterschool) - Open to Years 3 to 6*
- School Choir (Wednesday lunchtime) - Open to Years 5 and 6
- Netball Club (day of week to be advised) - Open to Year 6
- Athletics Club (Friday afterschool) - Open to Years 5 and 6

*External led company, charges may apply

Please look out for further information about the above clubs during the first few weeks of the Autumn term.

Punjabi Lessons

Mrs Bains will continue to run Punjabi classes on Tuesdays and is planning to continue Wednesday's session, should there be enough interest. There are a few spaces available for the Wednesday's session. Classes are suitable for year 1 to year 6 children. If you would like your child to take part in the Autumn term then please contact Mrs Bains as soon as possible to reserve your child's space on Mobile: 07886001070 or email : gurjap.bains@hotmail.co.uk

Flyte Gymnastics

Flyte Gymnastics have spaces in their lunchtime gymnastics clubs in September. These classes are open to children in Year 1 to Year 6. They will also be running summer camps at Cheylesmore Community Centre for all ages from toddlers to adults from 26th July to 19th August. For more information about lunch clubs or summer camps or to book a place please email info@flytegymnastics.co.uk

Achievements Outside School

It is always lovely to hear of our pupils' achievements outside of school as well as sharing successes within the school, so please do let us know of any you wish to share.

Back in April we shared with you that Paarus from R2 had recorded a clip for CBeebies telling everyone about Vaisakhi and why it is celebrated. Paarus returned to CBeebies again this week to record the CBeebies House Song in their Manchester studio. Please listen out for it!

Leo in 5P's dad was one of the baton bearers for the Commonwealth Games. Leo and family went along to cheer him on in Bedworth on Thursday. Well done and thank you for sharing.

Jude Rees, our woodwind teacher, has been chosen to play at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Well done Jude and we hope to see you amongst the other artists and musicians.

Umbrella Project

You may remember we recently told you about our involvement in the Umbrella project.

The installation of 25 brightly coloured umbrellas will help to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.

Our school are delighted to be taking part in the Umbrella project, and we have George and his mum to thank for gifting this to us.

George, from Earlsdon Primary who, has been raising awareness for Neurodiversity by getting outside and running some roarsome miles. He has been doing amazingly!

Running has really encouraged him to embrace his Neurodiversity and be proud of all that he is... So George and his mum wanted to try and spread that positivity a little further & created this FREE challenge! (Please see attached PDF). So, try and join in the challenge and run some roarsome miles.

George's challenge is finished now, however the fundraising page will be open until the end of August – the more money they can raise the more Schools they can support!

If you are interested in Georgie's story and want to find out more go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/roarsomerunnergeorge>

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.

All that remains is to wish you and your families a wonderful and relaxing Summer break.

Take care.

Kind regards

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