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4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all had a restful break.

We hope all our families who celebrated Diwali enjoyed themselves.

**Important Dates:**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 PGL residential trip leaves at 10.00 am approximately
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service at 10.30: Class 5/6M, 6S & 6P War Memorial Park
- “ “ “ - Year 5 PGL residential trip returns at 4.00 pm approximately
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Class 3/4M assembly, 9.00 am: Parents of this class are invited to attend
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - PTA Non-uniform Day in exchange for item for Christmas Fayre

**Remembrance Day Service and Parade**

This year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 13th November 2022 at 10.30 a.m. in the War Memorial Park. Each year the Royal British Legion service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. Children and their families are all invited to this event.

**Class 5/6M, 6S and 6P:** Children from these classes will be attending a Remembrance Service next Wednesday. They will walk to and from the War Memorial Park so please ensure they wear a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear. This event will form the start of their work on WW2. A separate ParentMail message has been sent to parents.

Children and staff will be respecting a minute's silence at 11 am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Looking for a great opportunity?  
Want to give something back to your local community?  
Look no further!**

We are seeking a co-opted governor to join the Governing Body at Stivichall Primary School. We have all of the **parent** governors we need, and instead are looking for a suitable, local individual, who has the passion to support the education of the young people in our community and who has the skills and experience to contribute to the success of our school. There is no requirement to understand the education system. Governors just need life skills, the time to share their experience, an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions. If you know of someone, a friend, neighbour, extended family member, colleague, who may be interested in this exciting opportunity, please ask them to contact the school for further details.

Thank you  
Mike Ballinger  
Chair of Governors

**School News**

- Our Year 6 children arrived back from Plas Dol-y-Moch at 1.15 today, tired but full of exciting stories to share with their families. We look forward to hearing about them when they return to school next week.
- We hope all our year 5 children have an enjoyable time at PGL Caythorpe next week.

**Sports News**

- On Tuesday, eight year 5 children attended a Dodgeball event at the Xcel Centre. They all played with great enthusiasm and represented our school in following our Stivichall School Values. They all worked very well as a team and came 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 11 schools. We are very proud of their achievement. Thank you to Miss Lole for accompanying them.

## Staff News

Staff changes are a feature of life in all organisations but in school they can have a significant impact on the wider community. We will be facing two such changes at the end of this term.

- After 20 years of working at our school, our Learning Mentor, Mrs Whitehouse has made the difficult decision to use her Stivichall Passport for life in order to experience new professional adventures and to explore how she can continue to make a difference to children and families' lives within the Coventry community. She hopes to be able to make more time for herself and her family.
- Our Inclusion Lead and SENDCo, Mrs Fuller will be leaving her substantive role to take up a new role working for an education charity. We are pleased that she will continue to work with Stivichall in a consultancy capacity.

We thank Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Fuller for their dedication and hard work during their time at Stivichall Primary.

## Year 6 SATs Study and Practice Workbooks

These books are available to purchase through school at a discounted price. Please log on to your ParentPay account to view the four books that are available to order and pay accordingly. A letter with all the details has been sent out separately via ParentMail to year 6 parents. The last date for any orders is Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## Historic Coventry Trust – Artist in Residence James Brunt

### Landscape artist James Brunt creates land sculptures with foraged and found natural objects

Take a seasonal walk in Paxton's Arboretum, join in with James on creating sculptures in the landscape or simply enjoy his artwork in situation. The sculptures will stay in the landscape (weather permitting) throughout remembrance weekend. This event also forms part of the Coventry Peace Festival.

For further details, please click on the link below:

<https://www.historiccoventrytrust.org.uk/whats-on/artist-in-residence-james-brunt/?fbclid=IwAR1r5zUIOGHZrUge40R1Dme2vR6E2EgSV9Wb7DToO0kYJktRrZD449glOfk>

## Acceptable Use Agreements

These agreements are compulsory in order for pupils to be given access to computers, iPads and other IT equipment in school. Both year 1 and 3 parents should have received a copy earlier this week to complete and return to school.

Please complete both parts of the form, where necessary, remembering to sign it and return it to school **by Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

## A message from the Pupil Leadership Team

The chosen charity for next half term is Carriers of Hope. We are excited to announce our upcoming plans for a 'Toy Shoebox Appeal'.

## How do I donate to the appeal?

1. Take a shoebox, wrap it in Christmas paper so that the lid still opens.
2. Choose a gender and age you want to pack for (gender-neutral boxes are great too!)
3. Buy or donate lovely gifts and toys for a child of that age.
4. Label the top clearly with gender and age or age range (this can vary from babies to young adults)
5. Put an elastic band around it.
6. Bring into school and keep in classrooms (the helpful Pupil Leadership Team will collect them during the week).

**The closing date for donations will be Monday 12th December 2022.** The shoeboxes will be given to refugees and asylum seekers, as well as families in need across Coventry. We look forward to seeing your donations.



### Forthcoming Christmas Events and Activities



Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Non-uniform day  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Years 2 to 6 Belgrade Pantomime Theatre Trip  
Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fayre  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 1 Warwick Arts Centre Trip  
Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Nativity: Year 1 parents invited at 9.30 am and Year 2 parents invited at 2.15 pm  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception classes Nativity at 9.30 am  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day



### **PTA Non Uniform Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**



The PTA will be asking children to come in non-uniform, or optional festive headwear, in exchange for various donations (see below) towards the Christmas Fayre.

This day is vital towards the success of the Christmas 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

#### Guy Fawkes Night

This weekend will see many of us enjoying bonfire and firework displays. An assembly was shared with all the children earlier this week and featured the history of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot as well as how to stay safe during the celebrations.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs K Ferguson*

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Head Teacher

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