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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Dates:

- All week - Anti-Bullying Week
 - " " - Inter-Faith Week
 - Monday 14th November - Odd Socks Day*
 - Wednesday 16th November - Last Forest School for class 3/4M and 5/6M
- Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations for those who have consent
 Themed Lunch Day – Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz
 Class 4S, 4P & 3/4M ‘Sparks’ Workshop by West Midland Fire Service

Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This year, the theme is 'Reach Out'. As part of our work around this, we will be celebrating things that make each of us unique.

*To help us do this, on Monday 14th November, we would like the children to come to school wearing odd socks! Any colour, any length, the wackier the better!

During the week, each class will do some work on changes that we can each make to help prevent bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a range of resources and support documents if you would like to discuss this further with your children at home - www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy or one of the many other items being offered this year. We will share the total amount raised once the monies have all been counted.

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.

School News

- As reported last week, our year 6 children arrived back from Plas Dol-y-Moch last Friday after four nights away. Our year 5 children visited PGL Caythorpe in Lincolnshire this week, Monday to Wednesday. Both children and staff had a fantastic time during their trips.

It has been wonderful to be able to follow their adventures via Twitter and I know that all parents have enjoyed seeing their pictures. However, I would like to clarify the purpose and expectations for parents when using this social network platform. The twitter feed is to celebrate and showcase our children and their learning, it is not intended as a forum for queries or parental complaints. If parents have feedback or queries regarding the posts, we ask that they contact school via the school email account or telephone. Please note, that we cannot guarantee that all pupils will be represented, the images are only supposed to be a snapshot of what is going on that day. We thank you for your understanding.

Sports News

- Athletics team - Our first Athletics competition is fast approaching, therefore, it is time for the team to be selected. Many thanks to all the children who have been attending the club, it has been fantastic to see so many enthusiastic children each week. All children in years 5 & 6 have also had athletics coaches in and the team will be picked with consideration of all children across the year groups. Children will be notified on Monday if they are in the team and

Athletics club will continue every Thursday for the **team only**. I hope that any children who have not made the team this time have enjoyed their sessions and will continue building on their skills next year. Mrs Matthews

Cross Country – change of day

Please note that lunchtime cross-country club will be moving to Tuesdays as of next week.

Non-attendance at Afterschool Extra-curricular Clubs

It is imperative that if your child is unable to attend an afterschool extra-curricular club for which they have been allocated a place, then either they must inform the school office or the club lead that they will not be attending.

As part of our safeguarding procedures at the end of the day, if no notification has been received then it takes time away from the club getting started to locate the whereabouts of any pupil that has not arrived for the club but has attended school that day. Thank you.

IMPORTANT: Reception gate onto Playground

The reception gate along the pathway at the rear of the building will be out of use from Monday, 14th November until further notice. This is due to works that need to be carried out.

If you usually use the entrance in Coat of Arms Bridge Road then you will still be able to do so but you will have to walk clockwise across the main playground and around the top of the school building and access the reception playground via the other gate. Alternatively, you may wish to use the Green Lane entrance during this period of works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The bike shed at the rear of the building will still be accessible as will the Year 6 entrance.

The school day and lateness

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the times of the school day:

- Start time: All year groups 9.00 am prompt

Gates are opened at 8.50 am so there is a 10 minute window in which to get your child(ren) into school on time.

The bell is sounded at 9.00 am when the classroom doors will be closed as well as the outer Year 5 and Year 6 doors.

Children arriving after 9.00 am must report to the school office to be signed in as late. Please note that this not only causes disruption to the school office but also to the start of the morning for class teachers.

Please be punctual.

5 minutes lateness per day = up to 1 whole DAY missed every TERM

Home School Agreement – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will bring home today a copy of the Home School Agreement for you to read and share with your child. Parents are asked to sign with their child and to discuss the commitment we all make to following the school rules and trying to be the best we can be. Please return the form to the school office by Friday 18th November. The agreement is valid for the period of time your child attends Stivichall Primary School. The consent will automatically expire after this time.

It is important to note that by choosing our school, you already have committed to everything written on the agreement. Many of the parental statements are your legal responsibilities i.e. ensuring your child attends with the correct equipment and is punctual. By talking through the responsibilities of school, parents and pupils, our children are better able to understand their role in making Stivichall the wonderful school it is.

We value your ongoing and essential support in working together to promote the very highest standards of behaviour here at Stivichall.

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 last 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, 14th November at the latest.**

Parent Governor Vacancy

You are invited to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so. There is currently one vacancy for a parent governor to serve on the Governing Board for four years. All the information was sent out earlier this week via ParentMail. A reminder that if you would like to stand for election, nomination forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the school no later than 12 noon on Monday, 21st November 2022. Should only one nomination be received by the official closing date, the candidate will be duly elected unopposed. In the event of there being two or more nominations, an Election will take place between Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 30th November 2022. Information on voting arrangements will be sent to you at a later date.

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.

Christmas Entertainment

Your child should have brought home last week a letter regarding the following events:

- EYFS (Reception) and Year 1 – Warwick Arts Centre Trip to see 'The Stick Man' production
- Years 2 to 6 – 'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime at The Belgrade Theatre

Please send your completed permission slip and contribution into school by Monday 21st November if you have not already done so. If you tick to pay via ParentPay, then please do so before sending the permission slip into school. Thank you.

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: Pick up litter to avoid hurting or killing animals – Aifie, 2S

Nexus Fostering

Could you foster?

Would you like to find out how you can provide a family home to children in your area? Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Birmingham, who are urgently seeking full-time foster carers willing to foster. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer in your area please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.

PTA News

PTA Secret Christmas Shop - Now Open for Orders

We are pleased to announce that the popular Secret Christmas Shop will be running at the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December 11.00-2.00pm. This gives children the opportunity to choose gifts for friends, family and even pets! Your child will receive a form in their bags today or early next week, please **return it by Monday 25th November.**

Each present is £2.50 and the children choose from a variety of gifts they get to wrap and decorate in the Christmas Present Workshop, before taking them away in festive gift bags.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 11.00 – 2.00 pm



Non-uniform Day

Thanks you all for your kind donations today and to everybody who helped

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is a fun event for staff, parents and Children. It also helps raise funds which are then made available to the school.

Saturday 3rd December: 11.00 – 2.00pm

Entrance – 50p per person, Pre-schoolers free

There will be a Grotto, Secret Christmas Shop, Toy Shop, Raffle, Christmas Kitchen, Tombola, Games, Crafts and may more!

So please put the date in your diary and join the festive fun

Note: This is a cash only event, there will be no card payment facilities

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?...

We can never have too many helpers, please email us at ptastivichall@gmail.com or message us on Facebook @ptastivichall to let us know where you are able to support with any of the following:

- Setting up after school on Friday 2nd December
- Setting up at 9am on Saturday 3rd December
- Collecting items on the morning of Saturday 3rd December
- Your time on a stall (from duration of 1hr to 3hrs)
- Tidying up after the Fayre
- First Aid

Your support is invaluable to the success of the Christmas Fayre!

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

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