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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 23rd November - First Forest School session for class 3S and 5S

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that nomination forms should be returned to school no later than 12 noon on Monday 21st November. 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 on Tuesday should this be the case.

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

A final reminder 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.

IMPORTANT: Reception gate onto Playground

The reception gate, along the pathway at the rear of the building, will continue to be out of use again next week as the remainder of the works are carried out.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding this week.

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

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: If you see litter, always put it in the bin or recycle it if you can – Varun, 1/2M



Parking

We have received reports and photographic evidence of cars parked irresponsibly and without due regard to our neighbours. We have a few events coming up before Christmas which may increase the number of vehicles needing to park in the neighbourhood, so can I please request that if you are unable to walk or park further away from school, that you park legally and to respect our neighbours! All adults should be modelling respect and caring for others in their everyday behaviours.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 11.00 – 2.00 pm



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 many 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

Raffle

In the raffle this year, we have some amazing prizes to offer! Tickets can be bought by children via their classroom from next week. The cost is £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. Could all children bring in the correct money. The raffle will be drawn during the Christmas Fayre and prizes include:

- Nintendo Switch
- Coventry Rugby Club Tickets
- Coventry Blaze Tickets
- Family pass for Charlecote Park
- Family pass for Warwick University Climbing
- Snowdome (Tamworth) Voucher
- Mr Karting (Leamington) Voucher
- Jam Jam Boomerang Voucher
- The Entertainer Voucher
- AND lots of other hampers of goodies including Harry Potter, Champagne and toys!

If any parents with businesses would like to donate raffle prizes then please get in touch with the PTA.

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 9 am 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!

Secret Christmas Shop

Please do not forget to submit your orders for the Secret Christmas Shop! Last orders to be sent in by the end of the day, Friday 25th November

Christmas Art Project

A big thank you to everyone who placed an order for Christmas cards, mugs and coasters. Hopefully you all received your orders last week. We have raised £624.50, this money will go towards art resources for the whole school. Many thanks for your support, Mrs Moffatt.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a very large amount of lost property again. Please visit and check the lost property box situated on the playground outside the school office and reclaim any items that belong to your child(ren).

Clothing Reminders

As the weather is getting a lot colder, it is important that all children come to school wearing a warm and waterproof coat. Many activities still continue to take place outside as well as children needing them at both break and lunchtimes. Please remember to name all items brought into school.

National Energy Action

Are you worried about your energy bills? Are you pregnant or do you have young children?

If you are, then charity National Energy Action may be able to help you.

We're inviting parents of young children (or those who are expecting) to attend a FREE online event at 1 – 2:30, Tuesday, 22nd November 2022. We can help you understand your energy bill and how much energy you really use. And, we can help empower you to access all the support available to increase your income and reduce your costs.

At the end of the session there will be a Q&A with National Energy Action advisers Molly Chambers and Shelly McDonald.

This event will be held online via Zoom. To register please visit

<https://www.nea.org.uk/events/warm-welcome/?parent=work-with-us/latest-events/>

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers (Football Association)

Every week millions of children play football, many of them in organised clubs and organisations. As part of its safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a safeguarding course for parents.

The course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively.

This free course can be found here: <https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Payment Reminders

The following events are now live and available to pay via your ParentPay account.

- Class 4S, 4P & 3/4M – Highly Sprung Workshop in school: Monday, 28th November
- Class 2S and 2P – Dance Workshop at Coventry Cathedral with artists from The Royal Ballet: Friday, 9th December

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

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