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Dear Parents/Carers

### Important dates next week:

- Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February - NEU Industrial Action: Classes that are affected have been notified via ParentMail
- Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Class 4S Assembly: Parents of children in class 4S invited to attend

### NEU Industrial Action

You will have received an email yesterday afternoon regarding the forthcoming planned strike action. I am now able to confirm that Stivichall Primary School will remain open for almost all children on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. It is expected that children not in the classes affected will attend school as usual. Parents of children in classes affected by the strike action were notified in a separate letter that accompanied last night's email.

Please note that teachers in the NEU have the right to decide to strike right up until the morning of the proposed action. Therefore, parents are advised to have an alternative plan in case of further impact. I will endeavor to keep you informed of changes as quickly as possible. Please continue to check emails in case of further updates.

It is important to be aware that teachers who are members of the NEU can choose whether to strike on some or all of the proposed dates. I will keep you informed about the additional dates nearer the time.

### Staff News

- We are delighted that Mrs Franckeiss, our new SENDCO, will be starting with us on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Fuller will continue to work in partnership with the school on a consultancy basis.
- If you have visited the office over the past two weeks you may have noticed a new face. Miss Fox, the new School Business Manager has started her new post with us. We thank Mrs Paton for working alongside her for the past week and wish her well for the future.

### School News

- On Wednesday afternoon, members of the school choir attended the Resorts World Arena to perform as part of the Young Voices choir, along with over 6,000 other children. They rehearsed all afternoon then performed a variety of songs and medleys to a large audience in the evening. They were joined by a host of incredible performers: Heather Small, Urban Strides, Beatbox Collective and an the amazing violinist Anna Phoebe. The evening was a huge success! We hope that the parents who attended the evening concert also enjoyed it. Thank you to Ms Wright, Mrs Moffatt, Mrs Sedgebear, Mrs Pudsey, Mrs Cribdon, Miss Adeyami and Mrs Parkes (school governor) for accompanying them. Please visit the school's twitter feed for photos.
- **Read2Dogs:** Two new students had the opportunity to read to Nessie this week. It was wonderful to hear them both reading with confidence and fluency. Nessie thoroughly enjoyed it!

### Sports News

- Members of the netball club played a match against Willenhall Primary on Monday night. This was their first match of the season and they played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Although they did not win the match overall, all the players enjoyed the game and will continue to practise their skills during their afterschool sessions. Well done to all those that played and to the parents for supporting them in the cold conditions.

Please ensure you return any netball kit to school on Monday.

## PE Kit

A reminder that children should be wearing their correct PE kit for their lessons, including appropriate trainers. A reminder that converse trainers should not be worn as these are not suitable for physical exercise. Below is a reminder of our PE kit requirements:

- black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms/ joggers
- crew neck T-shirt in their house colour (not polo shirt)
- sweatshirt in their house colour, or school jumper/cardigan (if wearing a layer on top of their house colour T-shirt)
- trainers for outdoor PE or black pumps for indoor PE

Please make sure that children are only wearing trainers on PE days

### 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:** Avoid buying products sold in single use plastic packaging - Ella, 5P



### Kids with Bricks Club

Our new after-school club 'Kids with bricks' is taking part in the interschool competition and we would appreciate your votes.

Please, vote for us each week by using the link below. You will need to type in Stivichall Primary School and then click on the school name highlighted in blue. Please remember to cast your vote each week. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>

### Attendance Awards

The school are proud of the work that is undertaken in monitoring pupils' attendance. As you know, regular attendance is imperative in children achieving their full potential.

Our persistent best practices have now been rewarded as we have been informed that we are in the top 10% of all FFT schools nationally and in the top 25% of FFT schools with similar levels of children with FSM. The FFT is an absent tracker platform used by Primary Schools in England.

Huge congratulations to the 353 children who currently have 100% attendance since September. This is a great achievement that has enabled the school to achieve high levels of attendance as well as ensuring that not a single day of learning has been missed. Well done!



It is important to note that persistent absenteeism is higher than in previous years and we will continue to do everything possible to improve the attendance of those pupils with attendance below 95%.

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school every day unless they are unwell.

Thank you for continuing to follow the school attendance policy and for notifying the school office of the reasons for any absence.

## Music Invoices

A reminder that payments are now due. We apologise that this payment cannot be made via your ParentPay account and that the only method of payment is by cheque. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

## Payment Reminders:

- Current Year 4 - Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Residential Trip (Autumn 2023) initial deposit

## Romeo and Juliet Themed Lunch – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

We will be holding a Romeo and Juliet Themed Lunch on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February and would like to invite all children to participate. As with all meal bookings, you will need to select your child's chosen meal via ParentPay using the 'book meals' option used for all school meal choices.

You may have already noticed that this menu has been available on ParentPay since the end of last term and so may have already booked it. Bookings must be made by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February as no bookings can be made after this date. Your child should bring home a letter today containing further information.



### **Stivichall Twitter Account is 6 years old**

Thank you to all of our 848 followers, an increase of 146 since last year. We hope you are enjoying keeping up-to-date with news events and announcements happening at Stivichall!

To follow the school's official twitter page, please search for: @stivichallps...the more followers the better!

## **\*\* PTA NEWS \*\***

### **Movie Nights are back!**

Reception/Year 1 and 2 – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 3.20 – 6.00 pm

Years 3 to 6 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 3.20 – 6.00 pm

Information was sent home with children this week.

If you are able to help with this event please contact the PTA on [ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely

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