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10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates:

- Tuesday, 14th March
- Wednesday, 15th March
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- Thursday, 16th March

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- First Forest School session for class 1/2M
 National Pi Day Themed Lunch: Sorry no more bookings can be taken
 Class 5S to King Henry VIII Robotics Workshop
- NEU Industrial Action: Classes that are affected have been notified via ParentMail
- Parents Online Consultation Meetings 3.30 7.00 pm (except R2 & 4P)
- NEU Industrial Action: Classes that are affected have been notified via ParentMail Class 6P Assembly, 9.05 am: Parents of children in class 6P invited to attend
- Class 2P Assembly, 2.45 pm: Parents of children in class 2P invited to attend

NEU Industrial Action:

The next two-day strike action takes place on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th March. Any classes affected will have received a separate notification via ParentMail today.

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 endeavour 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 one or both of the proposed dates.

Sickness:

We have had a few reported cases of vomiting and/or diarrhoea during this week. Can I kindly remind you not to send children into school until 48 hours after their last bout of any such illness. Thank you.

Sports News:

- Gymnastics: Last week we congratulated our year 3 gymnasts for their outstanding performances at the School
 Games competition. We are so pleased to share that the results came through on Monday and we came 2nd out of
 19 schools meaning that we are now through to the County Finals! We look forward to sharing further details
 soon.
- **Girls Football**: On Monday, our year 5 and 6 girls played a friendly against Hollyfast Primary. The match started well with Amara scoring our first goal! Hollyfast switched up their team to give more of their year 6 children an opportunity to play and one player in particular, proved to be very strong. We struggled to defend the ball and they won with a final score of 7-1. We were really proud of all the girls for their fighting spirit, supporting each other and getting their first goal this season!
- Rowing: Our year 6 rowing team competed in the School Games competition on Monday afternoon. They all
 completed an individual row followed by a relay in their teams. Well done to all the team for their dedication to
 practicing in the lead up to this event. Although we were not successful in securing a place in the county final, it
 was great to see our children competing together, being physically active and having fun.
- Rowing round 2! On Wednesday, four children took part in the rowing4U School Games competition. This was an inclusive event. The children worked incredibly hard and pushed themselves to row as far as they could over 90 seconds before taking part in a 4 x 1 minute relay. We await the results once all the heats have taken place this week and congratulate the children on giving it their all.

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: Be mature, don't leave litter on the floor! (Billy, 3P)

Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud (online)

The next parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place via SchoolCloud on the following days:

• Wednesday 15rd March 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups (except R2 and 4P)

• Wednesday 22nd March 3.30 – 7.00 pm **Class 1S, 4P and R2 only**

Bookings will remain open for Wednesday 15th March until 12 noon next Monday, 13th March. Bookings for Wednesday, 22nd March for the classes listed above only, will remain open until Monday 20th March at 12 noon. If you have not already done so, please make sure you book within this timeframe ensuring that you only book <u>one</u> appointment per child.

Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes. Bookings can be booked by clicking the following link:

https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk

Lost Property and new secondhand School Uniform Shop

Further to the communication sent out yesterday, a reminder that we will be launching a second-hand uniform shop. Please visit the overflowing lost property box to reclaim anything that you think may belong to your child. Anything that is named has been returned to children. After 15th March, any items that are in good condition will be donated to the second-hand school uniform shop or disposed of if they are not reusable.

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings will open on Monday 13th March at 10.00 am to enable parents to book for sessions from Monday, 17th April to Friday 21st July. This should be completed via: https://stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk The closing date for any bookings is Monday 27th March at 10.00 am.

Please note that due to staffing and planning purposes, no bookings can be made after the closing date, except in very exceptional circumstances.



Kids with Bricks Club – PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our new after-school club 'Kids with bricks' is taking part in the interschool competition and we would appreciate your votes.

Please remember to 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

Red Nose Day

Although school is not actively taking part in Red Nose Day next Friday, we would love to hear of any fundraising children may do outside of school so that we may share it in our newsletter. Children are welcome to wear Red Nose accessories in school next Friday should they wish to do so.

Easter Competition

As usual, as part of the lead up to Easter we will be running an Easter egg competition. Children can decorate an egg or design an egg poster if they wish to take part. The theme this year is 'favourite book characters' in support of our Readathon challenge which was launched last week. Please do not bring any eggs or posters into school until Monday, 27th March in readiness for judging on Wednesday, 29th March.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Spring Walk and Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country

These annual events will take place, weather permitting, on Tuesday 28th March at the War Memorial Park at the following times:

• EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk - 2.00 pm

Parental help is needed with the spring walk so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany the class during this event. Parents should arrive no earlier than 1.55 pm and proceed to wait just outside their child's class on the playground. Reception parents should wait on the main playground near to the Clamberstack until the reception classes come out.

Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country
 2.30 pm

Parents are invited to come and watch the event by the opening to the park. The start line is in the park opposite the school entrance.

Reception Classes Vision Screening

All children in reception classes are invited for a vision screening check which will take place in school on Thursday, 30th March. A couple of weeks ago, your child brought home information containing all the details you require. You only need to return the form should you <u>NOT</u> wish your child to receive a vision screening test. If you have any queries, please call the Orthoptic Department direct on the number contained within the letter.

National Dental Epidemiology Programme

Every year, Dental Public Health collect information on the health of peoples' teeth as part of a dental survey. The information collated helps to plan NHS dental services in our area. This year the survey will collect information about the health of 10/11 year old's teeth and the NHS have selected 19 children across Year 6, at random to take part. These children will bring home an information letter today for parents to read, and complete and return the reply slip. The survey will take place in school on Monday, 27th March.

Five Dinners

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing, Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes.

Simply head to https://FiveDinners.com and click green Join button now.

PTA Discos

The scheduled PTA discos due to take place on Friday, 24th March have been postponed.

As you know, the PTA rely on a team of volunteers to run their fundraising events.

Unfortunately, despite numerous attempts to encourage more volunteers to come forward to help, this has not been successful. We are in urgent need of volunteers to help with our fundraising events.

The children are always super excited for the discos so if you are able to start to co-ordinate and organise it, then please get in touch with the PTA urgently via: ptastivichall@gmail.com

The children would also like to share their messages attached.

THANK YOU.

STIVICHALL PTA

Yours sincerely

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