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Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder that the clocks move forward an hour tomorrow night in recognition of the start of British Summertime, which means we can look forward to lighter evenings and hopefully sunnier days.

Important Dates:

- All week - World Autism Acceptance Week
- Monday, 27th March - 15 x Year 6 children dental survey
- Tuesday, 28th March - Class 5S and 5P visit to St Martin's Church for Easter Cracked (morning)
- " " " - Last Forest School session for class 1/2M
- " " " - EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk at 2.00 pm
- " " " - KS2 House Cross Country Event at War Memorial Park at 2.30 pm
- Thursday, 30th March - Reception classes vision screening
- " " " - Class 3S assembly at 9.05 am: Parents of class 3S invited to attend
- " " " - PTA Meeting at Burnt Post starting at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome
- Friday, 31st March - Last day of term

Inset Days next Academic Year: 2023/2024

The following Teacher Training dates for next year have been set and approved by Governors:

- Friday, 1st September – Local Authority set date
- Monday, 4th September
- Monday, 2nd October
- Friday, 3rd May
- There is one remaining day still to be set.

School News:

- On Tuesday morning, the police came in to school to meet the children in Reception and KS1. One of our parents, Mrs Baines very kindly brought a team of officers and a police van to Stivichall Primary. The children had such a great time learning about the role of the police and how they keep us safe. They also had the exciting opportunity to sit inside the police van, try on various bits of the uniform and of course, ask lots of interesting questions. It was a brilliant morning and we are truly grateful to Mrs Baines for facilitating! I think Abigail was shocked to see her mum the Police officer! *Mr Gould, Deputy Headteacher*

Sports News:

It has been another busy week of sports events for Stivichall.

- On Wednesday, a team of children from Year 2 took part in the School Games gymnastics competition at the Tribe. They all performed a floor and a vault routine. They have been practicing at school and all completed their gymnastics with confidence. They were a pleasure to take and represented our school with outstanding behaviour. We now await the results as they collate all the scores from all the schools in Coventry West.
- On Thursday, our Year 3 gymnasts competed at the County final in Solihull. It was a fantastic afternoon where not only were the children were able to complete their floor and vault routines again but also they were given the opportunity to gain experience using the beams, bars and trampolines at the venue. It was a highly competitive competition and although we didn't finish in the top three to win a medal, we were really pleased to have made it to the county final, which is an amazing achievement this year. Well done to you all and I hope you will continue with your gymnastics.
- We recently shared our congratulations to four of our athletics team who were selected for a place in the County Sportshall team. The team competed last Sunday and came away with the win for both the boys' and girls' team! Well done to James, Lewis, Daniel and Holly, we are really proud of you and your fantastic achievements. We hope you will continue to thrive in athletics, we look forward to hearing how you get on next, perhaps the nationals?! We are really lucky to not only experience athletics within our curriculum and to develop these skills at our clubs, but also to have the PE funding which enables us to be able to invite specialists into school and build relationships with them

to create these opportunities. We hope to build on this and make further links with other local clubs in more areas of the PE curriculum next year. If you have any links and this is something you can support us with, please get in touch. Thank you.

- Yesterday, 13 boys from the cross-country squad represented our school at the Coventry Primary Schools' Boys' Cross-Country Championships at Bablake Playing Fields. Despite the awful weather conditions, both the A and B teams ran a great race. Both teams finished in 3rd place overall – a great achievement. Well done boys! *Mrs Baynes*

A great week of sport! *Mrs Matthews*

Staff News:

- Miss Hinde has secured a position at another Coventry primary school having started her career in education with us as an apprentice when she was 17 years old. We thank her for her hard work over the past 5 years and wish her well for the future.

World Autism Acceptance Week

World Autism Acceptance week is being celebrated between the 27th March – 2nd April.

Children will be exploring their likes and dislikes and recognising that we are all good at different things and that is what makes us unique and special. We are excited to celebrate what makes us all unique.

As you may remember, our school were delighted to be taking part in the Umbrella project, and we have George and his mum from Earlsdon primary to thank for gifting this to us.



The Neurodiversity Umbrella Project is created by The ADHD Foundation and is an uplifting visual representation of all the different minds we have here in the UK. Every Umbrella Project installation helps to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.

We are excited to learn that our umbrellas are due to be delivered in the coming days and we will be working with the children ahead of the installation going up to raise awareness of Neurodiversity.

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.

All children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) should come dressed in their PE kits on Tuesday for the House Cross Country event.

Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

We hope all those that had booked a parents' consultation meeting via SchoolCloud over the last few weeks found them useful and informative.

Please contact your child's class teacher by emailing into school if you were unable to book an appointment. This is a vital part of your child's educational journey.

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: Always turn taps off when you're not using them (Arlo, 3P)

Readathon

Next week is the final week for the 'Read for Good' Readathon. The Read for Good charity encourages children to read for fun whilst raising sponsorship to provide regular supplies of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. We know many children have been working hard to raise money for this charity and families and friends have been very generous in their support. At the end of next week, total monies raised will be calculated of which school will receive 10% towards new books for our library. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have enjoyed reading together and continue to do so.

Easter Competition

A final reminder that we will be running our annual Easter egg competition next week. 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 a few week's ago. All entries need to be clearly labelled with name and class and brought into school on Monday 27th March for judging. Prizes will be awarded in each phase for the most creative entries. A massive thank you to One Stop Convenience Store on Kenpas Highway for donating the prizes.

Important Messages from Year 3 and 4 classes!

Break the rules Day for Year 3 and 4

We are having a break the Rules Day on Friday 31st March. On this day only, children can dye their hair, wear temporary tattoos and paint their nails. Children can also wear their own clothes. Please can you bring in £1 which will go towards buying more litter pickers. Please participate.

From Eva, Eve, Tazeem, Ena and Martha (4S)

Plastic Problems!

In year 3, we have been interviewing pupils in Stivichall about their use of plastic. We want to set a challenge for you. Our challenge is, every Thursday starting from April 20th, we are banning single use plastic in your lunchboxes. However, reusable plastic containers will be allowed. Pupil monitors will be checking your lunchboxes and awarding house points to those who have reduced their use of plastic.

Why are we doing this? We want to make a difference at school by reducing the amount of plastic being thrown away.
From Class 3P

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

A reminder that bookings for the Summer Term close at 10.00 am on Monday 27th March.

Parents can make a booking by clicking on the following link:

<https://stivichallprimary.magicbooking.co.uk>

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

The Acorns Team

School Dinners and Summer Menu

The new summer menu has now been uploaded to ParentPay and is available to book up until May half term. Please remember that meals should be booked the Thursday prior to the week the meals are to be taken.

If your child has a special dietary menu, you will need to choose the option that says 'Allergen menu'. Please only select this option if you have a pre-agreed menu with 'Alliance in Partnership'. If your child has an allergen menu then they should have brought it home with them today. Please return it to school by **Tuesday, 28th March** at the latest. Thank you.

Summer Term dates

There are lots of exciting events happening during the summer term, below are a few for your diaries. Further information will be shared via the newsletter nearer to each event.

Early Bird Sessions

The next scheduled session will take place at the start of the Summer term. Pupils are invited to bring their parent/carer in to their classroom from 8.30 am, when the doors will be opened, to share and celebrate their learning and achievements. All parents will be requested to leave at the start of the school day at 8.50 am. It can be to look at work, to look at the displays, to read a book – whatever you and your child want to do together. Please note the visit is confined to your child's classroom for safeguarding reasons. If a parent needs to go to more than one class, they will need to go around the perimeter rather than through the school corridors. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to split your time between the different classes.

The next scheduled session is Friday, 28th April.

Thursday, 25th May

Year 4 Overnight Camp at Rough Close.

Friday, 9th June

Year 3 Overnight Camp on school field.

Friday, 23rd June

Our annual sports day will take place on this day where parents will also be able to attend.

Friday, 7th July

We will be celebrating Stivichall Primary School's 90th Birthday as part of our annual Big Lunch! More details to follow.

PTA Summer Fayre – Save the date

Our ever popular PTA summer fayre will take place on Saturday, 8th July.

Lunchtime German Language Lessons

Calling all Year 3 and 4 pupils- Do you LOVE learning French at school? Would you like to know even more languages in the future? Come and build your confidence as a language learner by joining our German Club in the summer term. We meet in the library on Thursday lunchtimes and enjoy a mixture of catchy songs & fun games, carefully structured to introduce you to the sounds and words of the new language. Whether you have a connection to German already or you just love the idea of learning a new language, you'll be very welcome!"

(FREE trial sessions are available on Thursday 20th April only. Please book your place for this by emailing karen@bilinguasing.com. To book the whole term, please use the link on the attached flyer.)

Danke schoen 😊

Karen.

Yours sincerely

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