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Dear Parents/Carers

School closes today for the Easter break and reopens on Monday, 17th April.

Important Dates for first week of Summer Term:

- All week, one lesson every day
 - Monday, 17th April
 - Tuesday, 18th April, 9.05 am
 - Wednesday, 19th April
- Year 4 Swimming lessons at King Henry VIII
 - First day of Summer Term
 - Year 1 Phonics workshop for parents in school hall
 - Boys Football Match at St John Vianney Primary School
 - Last Forest School session for class 2P
 - First Forest School session for class R1

Vaisakhi Celebrations

Vaisakhi is celebrated on the 13th April by Sikhs all over the world and marks the birth of the Khalsa. On this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, established the Khalsa - the collective name given to baptised Sikhs. Sikhs celebrate by going to the Gurdwara and wearing traditional clothes. They also take part in the Nagar Kirtan (singing hymns) through the streets.

There is a Sports Festival and Mela celebration over at the War Memorial park on Sunday, 30th April.

We hope all our families enjoy their celebrations.

Easter Egg Competition

A huge thank you to all of the families who took part in this year's Easter egg competition. It was a very successful year with over 60 entries! By far the greatest number of entries came from middle phase. Well done Year 3 and 4!

As always, it was extremely difficult to choose the winning entries. Mr Holmes-Wilson (our keyboard teacher and one of our governors) and Mr Gould helped with the judging this year so a big thank you to them.

Whilst we tried primarily to choose more child led entries, it was lovely to see the designs that had been a collaborative approach between parents and children; we hope you had lots of fun making them together! All entrants have had a little Easter treat to enjoy.

The winners are:

Reception

Winner – George S. R1
 Runner Up – Olivia D.G. R3

KS1

Winners – Amaya M. 1P
 Runner Up – Aife M. 2S

LKS2

Winner – Edie W. 4S
 Runners Up – Annabelle R. 3P & Austin O. 3S

UKS2

Winner – Lily S. 6S
 Runner Up – Joshua H.J. 5S

EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk and KS2 House Cross Country

Well done to all the children in KS2 for participating in the House Cross Country at the War Memorial Park on Tuesday afternoon. We were very lucky to avoid most of the rain and were pleased that it could go ahead! It was lovely to see so many children challenging themselves and enjoying the competition. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to cheer them on; it was wonderful to see and chat to so many of you. Reception and KS1 took part in their Spring Walk, thank you to the parents who supported and helped to cheer on all the KS2 runners as they made their way through the park, it really spurred them on.

A special well done to Lewis for winning the race and Ruby for being the first girl home. The full results and medals will be shared and presented in our whole school assembly after Easter.

Sports News:

- Last Friday, the girl's football team played in an away match against Willenhall Primary. The weather was not on our side but the girls started strongly despite the very muddy pitch and defended well throughout the first half. The final score was 6-0 but the girls left with their heads held high having played their best game yet! Well done all, onwards and upwards to the next match! *Mrs Matthews*
- Also last Friday, the boys football team played their first league match against Finham Primary. The game started quickly and Finham found themselves 2-0 up. We could have easily given up, but we rolled up our sleeves and managed to score 2 quick goals to pull level! The first half ended 3-3 before a wonderful goal gave us the lead and sealed our first 3 points of the season! Well done to everyone involved. *Mr Hartopp*

Staff News:

We will be welcoming the following new members of staff to Stivichall after the Easter break:

- Mr Jamie Gould – class teacher
- Mrs Kerry Lakin – SEN Teaching Assistant
- Ms Ellie Smith – Teaching Assistant

School Dinners and Summer Menu

The new summer menu has been uploaded to ParentPay and is now available to book up until May half term.

Please remember that all meals to be taken during w/c 17th April, must be booked no later than Thursday, 13th April. Failure to book by this time will result in parents having to provide a packed lunch from home. Please log on now to make your bookings.

Teaching your child how to call 999

We all hope that we won't encounter circumstances when we need to call the emergency services, but we need to be prepared and well informed just in case. To ensure that your child is able to call for help in an emergency, it is advised that school and parents teach children what to do and give them the chance to role play as well as revisit the learning regularly. The Red Cross has some useful guidance for parents and schools on their website.

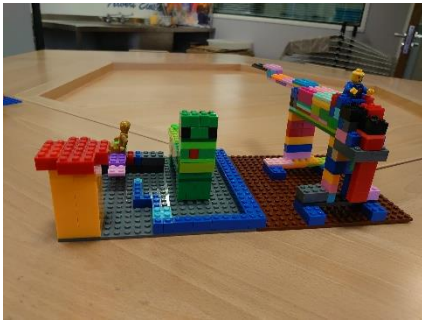
Please ensure that your child knows how to swipe up in order to call 999 from a locked mobile phone and show them how to do this on the phones you have at home, i.e. on an iPhone, emergency services can be called by pressing the side button repeatedly.

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: Try to use renewable energy sources (Anna, 3/4M)





Kids with Bricks Club – PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our 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>

Read2dogs Scheme

The children continue to develop confidence with their social skills and wellbeing when they visit Nessie. Mike says 'Nessie gets really excited on a Wednesday when they get ready to come to Stivichall'. *Mrs Hernandez*

Whole School Questionnaire for parents and carers – Summer 2023

Our Annual Whole School Questionnaire for parents and carers is available to complete via your ParentMail account from today. Your feedback is always valued so please take the time to complete it by end of the day on **Wednesday, 26th April**.

Year 6 Afterschool football

There will be no afterschool football training on Tuesday, 18th April. The club will restart on Tuesday 25th April.

NEW CLUB – Bayleaf Cookery School

This new club will be running afterschool on a Wednesday for years 3 and 4 initially. Information has already been sent out to parents and places are booking up fast. If your child is interested in joining then please do so by Tuesday, 4th April by clicking [here](#). Please remember that this is only available for children in Years 3 and 4 currently.

Extra-curricular Activities and Clubs

The following clubs have now finished:

- Wednesday lunchtime girls football for years 3 and 4
- Thursday afterschool cricket club for years 4 and 5

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

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Head Teacher

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