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21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break.

The summer term is already looking very busy with lots of exciting events for the children to enjoy; many of which, parents will be invited to attend. Please see the attached diary dates for events that have already been set. We will continue to communicate any additional dates via our weekly newsletter.

Important Dates for next week:

- Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April - Class 3S and 3P Dogs Trust Workshop
- Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April - Class 6S, 6P and 5/6M: UNESCO 'One Cup' Ceramics Project 2023 visit
- Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April - NEU Industrial Action: Classes that are affected have been notified via ParentMail
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April - Early Bird Session

### NEU Industrial Action

The next two strike days take place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Any classes affected will have received a separate notification via ParentMail today regarding the first of these two dates.

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.

### Eid Mubarak

As you all may be aware, the month of Ramadan is coming to an end which means many families will be celebrating Eid. We at Stivichall, would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to all the families that are celebrating Eid Mubarak.

### National Test of the New Emergency Alert System on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

The government's new emergency alerts system is live and will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. The system will be tested nationally on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 3pm.

An emergency alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone or tablet screen.

To check an alert is genuine, visit [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK)

### King Charles Coronation

As shared via ParentMail and Seesaw earlier this week, the Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands, Sir John Crabtree OBE, has invited schools to join in with celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, by designing sustainable bunting to decorate their school grounds.

To partake in this project and mark this important occasion, we are asking for each child to source a plain, light-coloured piece of fabric from home, that can be re-purposed – such as a t-shirt or pillow case. It needs to be approximately the size of a piece of A4 paper.

Please ensure the fabric is clean and bring it in on Monday next week, 24<sup>th</sup> April ready to design and create with. Many thanks!

### Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May – Local Elections

As you are all aware, local elections are taking place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and we want to advise you that the Rainbow Room, at the top end of the KS1 playground, will be used as a polling station as in previous years. The area will be fenced off

Accordingly. The Gregory Road entrance will not be in use for access to school on this day as this will be used for voters only. Please use either Green Lane or Coat of Arms Bridge Road at the start and end of the day on this day. As is normal practice, staff will be on the playground at all times whilst children are outside during playtime, lunchtime and any outdoor lesson time during the school day between 9.00 – 3.20 pm.

**ID Required:** A reminder that the UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photographic ID when voting at a polling station. This new requirement will apply for the first time in Coventry at the local elections on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

### **Safeguarding Reminder – ‘Nut-Free’ School**

A reminder that in order to safeguard a child who has an extremely sensitive allergy to nuts, we would like to ask ALL parents for their support in making Stivichall a ‘nut-free’ school. This will mean that no nuts can be brought to school by any children, parents or staff, in packed lunches or snacks, including in nut ‘spreads’ such as Nutella and Peanut Butter/paste and bars such as Buenos. We really do appreciate your full support on this – even close contact with another child who has consumed nuts that day can result in a severe reaction (potentially life threatening) for this child. Thank you.

### **Early Bird Session**

Our next Early Bird session is on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Pupils are invited to bring their parent/carer into their classroom from 8.30 am, when the doors will be opened, to share and celebrate their learning and achievements so far this term. 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 another class, they will need to walk around the perimeter. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to split your time between the different classes or alternate sessions.

### **Sports News:**

- On Tuesday, our football team visited St John Vianney Primary school in the Harry Cup. After going 2-1 down we fought back to level the scores sending the game into extra time. At 2-2 the game went to penalties and with the game hanging in the balance, our debutant keeper Isaac made several saves to keep us in the tie. A brilliant penalty by Quade and final save by Isaac produced a fantastic win in what was a game of resilience, team work and battling back. We are incredibly proud of all that participated. Well done 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:** Leave a bucket outside to collect rainwater that you can then use it to water your plants -  
Eva (6P)

### **PTA School Uniform Ordering Service**

The PTA uniform ordering service will be running again this year. Parents find this to be a convenient way to buy their uniform, whilst helping to raise money for the school.

Your child should come home with an order form today. To order, please complete the form and return it to school by 19<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Unfortunately, any orders received after this date cannot be accepted.

Please also note that we are only accepting electronic payments, details can be found on the form. You must ensure you use the correct reference on your bank transfer so that we can match the orders and payments. Items ordered will be delivered before the end of term.

Or alternatively...

### **Second-hand uniform**

We are pleased to announce that the website where you can purchase second-hand uniform is now live. Uniformd is an online marketplace for schools and clubs to sell second-hand items all year round to parents. This is a great way to purchase


good quality uniform at a cheaper price and to reuse, in our bid to help the environment, as well as a way of funds going directly back to the school.

The website can be found at:  
<https://www.uniformd.co.uk/>

Once you are on the site, click on Uniformd shop and then type in the school name. This should take you to the school's personal marketplace.

Thank you to the PTA for running this for the school.

At points throughout the year, we will ask for donations to be added to the site but please hold onto these for now. Thank you and happy shopping!



**The PTA DISCO has been rescheduled to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Yr1 & Yr2): 5.00 – 6.00 PM  
Key Stage 2 (Yr3 – Yr6): 6.30 – 8.00PM

**Request for DJ** 

The PTA would like to request for any parents/ volunteers that are able to DJ at the event or, if you know of any recommended DJ's that are available

If you are able to help please contact us by email or Facebook

 @ptastivichall  [ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com)



### The Gill Gurtis Poetry Awards

The Coventry Chatterbox Magazine is running a brand new poetry competition of which everyone is welcome to enter. The details are as follows:

- Theme: What Makes you Happy?
- Deadline: midnight on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023
- Poems must be 25 lines or less (excluding title and line breaks)
- The competition is free to enter. One entry per person
- Entries must be sent in a word document and emailed to [chatterbox@freeuk.com](mailto:chatterbox@freeuk.com) using the subject: Poetry Competition. In your email, please send the following information:
  - Your full name, address and telephone number
  - Which age category you are entering (under 18 or age 18+)
- The four winning poems will be published in the June/July edition of Chatterbox Magazine, on their website and Chatterbox Facebook page.
- Prizes: Adult winner: £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £50, Under 18's winner: £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £10

**GIRLGUIDING**

Friday Brownies at Baginton Road Church CV3 6FP (previously West Orchard URC) have immediate spaces available for girls aged 7-9years, meeting 6:15-7:45pm during term time. If interested please email Alison directly at [brownies30th@hotmail.com](mailto:brownies30th@hotmail.com) or to register online with us or any other girl-guiding group go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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School Diary Dates – Summer Term 2023



**April**

<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>	
	Year 4 Swimming starts every day for two weeks	morning
Tue 18	Year 1 Phonic Screening Workshop for parents	9.10 am
Wed 19	Last Forest School session for class 2P	
	First Forest School session for class R1	
Mon 24	Class 3S and 3P Dogs Trust Workshop	
Wed 26	Class 6S, 6P and 5/6M to UNESCO 'One Cup' Ceramics Project 2023 at Finham Park 2	
Fri 28	Early Bird Session	8.30 – 8.50 am

**May**

<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>	
Tue 2	Year 3 Swimming starts every day for two weeks	morning
	Last Year 6 Reading booster session	
Wed 3	Last Year 6 Maths booster session	
<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – King's Coronation</b>	
Tue 9 – Thu 12	Year 6 SATs week	
Tue 9	Reception classes – St Martin's Church Visit	
Wed 10	Last Forest School session for class R1	
Fri 12	PTA Discos	Reception/KS1: 5.00 pm & KS2: 6.30 pm
Tue 16	Year 4 Rainforest Roadshow	
Wed 17	First Forest School session for class R2	
Fri 19	Gym Display	2.30 pm
Tue 23	St Martin's Church to visit Year 3 in school	
Thu 25	Year 4 overnight camp at Rough Close	6.00 pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>	
<b>29 May–2 Jun</b>	<b>Half Term Week – school closed</b>	

**June**

Mon 5	First day of Summer Term 2	
Fri 9	PTA Non-uniform Day	6.00 pm
	Year 3 Overnight camp	6.00 pm
Thu 15	Evening of Music	6.30 pm
Fri 16	Reception visit to Twycross Zoo	day
Wed 21	First Forest School session for class R3	
Thu 22	Class 4S and 4P to Lunt Fort	day
	Year 1 Heights & Weights Health Screening check	
	New Parents Meeting – Reception September 2023	6.00 pm
Fri 23	Sports Day : Reception/KS1: 9.30 – 11.30 am KS2 : 1.30 – 3.00 pm	
Mon 26	Year 4 Cultural Cantata at Coventry Cathedral	
Tue 27	Year 6 class & individual photos / Teams Photos	

**July**

Wed 5	Year 6 secondary school visits/Transition Day	All day
	New class visits (ready for September)	All day
Fri 7	90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Lunch	11.45 – 1.15 pm
Sat 8	PTA Summer Fayre	11.00 – 2.00 pm
Wed 12	Last Forest School session for class R3	6.00 pm
Fri 14	Reports Issued	
Wed 19	Parent 'Drop In' Sessions	3.30 – 4.15 pm
Fri 21	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	2.00 pm
	<b>Children break up for summer holiday</b>	

**September**

<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>Teacher Day – school closed for pupils</b>	
Tues 5	First day of school	