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Dear Parents/Carers

The half term break begins today and school will re-open for children on Monday 5th June.

Important Dates week commencing 5th June:

- **Friday, 9th June** - **PTA Non-uniform day: Please read details on page 3 of this newsletter**
Year 3 Overnight Camp

School News

- Our year 4 children attended their year 4 overnight camp at Rough Close last night. The children enjoyed sharing their talents with each other, singing songs and eating chips out of paper around the campfire. We hope they have had a great time continuing with their adventures at the campsite today in the sunshine.

Sports News

- The girls football team played in a home match last Friday against Grange Farm. The match was a really tough one for the girls playing against a very experienced team. However, they continued to work hard throughout the whole game. The resilience they show every week is outstanding! The final score was 7-0 to Grange Farm. Gracie was player of the match, with a fantastic performance, well done. *Mr Whelan, football coach*
- A group of year 4 children attended an Athletics event at King Henry VIII school on Wednesday. All the children were given the opportunity to participate in three running events and three field events which they did amazingly. A big well done to the whole team. An extra well done to Ethan and Eloise who came 3rd out of the boys and girls in the field events. *Miss Lole*

Stivichall Primary 90th Birthday Celebrations

UPDATE



Stivichall Primary will be celebrating its 90th year on Friday, 7th July when we will be holding our annual Big Lunch event. Thank you to those that have already been in touch with stories and sharing old photos. The Big Lunch will be open to families of current pupils only at school, with a maximum of up to 4 members invited per family. This is for safeguarding reasons and for being able to manage the event effectively. Further information regarding timings etc will be shared after the half-term break.

Saturday, 8th July – Summer Fayre 90th Birthday Celebrations, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

The celebrations will continue at this year's summer fayre on Saturday, 8th July where we extend a warm welcome to past colleagues and staff. Old photos and memorabilia will be on display so please keep sending them in if you have any. Further information about the celebrations will continue to be shared over the coming weeks but please do read the PTA news within this newsletter as your support is so important and invaluable to the success of our celebrations. Thank you.

King Henry VIII Open Art Competition

A big well done to the children from Years 5 and 6 (Abbey, Chep, Ruby D, Matthew, Jeevani, Jessica, Clara, Lily and Olivia) who embraced the opportunity to partake in this Art Competition, organised by Miss Burton, Head of Art at King Henry VIII School. The children completed their work at home, in their own time, and all entries were included in the exhibition last week, which showcased poetry and art works from local primary schools and from Years 5 - 9 at KHVIII. It was a super evening and so lovely to see so many of you there with your family. Thank you for representing our school so well!

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: Re-use yoghurt pots to plant seedlings in (Keira, 6P)

Evening of Music

If your child has been notified that they will be performing in this year's Evening of Music then please make sure you have returned your reply slip by **Wednesday 7th June**. The children taking part will need their instruments in school for rehearsals on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June.

Music Tuition: Academic Year 2023/2024

Letters for instrumental lessons for the next academic year have been sent out this week to children in current Years 1 to 5. If you wish your child to start / continue / stop instrumental lessons, please ensure that you return the appropriate slip by **Friday, 16th June**.

- Children in Year 2 (current year 1) are invited to learn the recorder or violin.
- Year 3 to 6 (current year 2 to 5) are invited to learn all instruments.

Music Invoices

Music invoices are now due. We apologise that these cannot be paid via ParentPay. Payments should be made by cheque where possible please. Thank you.

School Dinners

Please remember that all meals to be taken during w/c 5th June, must be booked no later than Thursday, 1st June. Failure to book by this time will result in parents having to provide a packed lunch from home.

Payment Reminders

The following activity payments are live and are now due. You can pay either via your ParentPay account or by sending a cheque in to school. Please remember to complete and sign any associated paperwork and return it to school as soon as possible.

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| • Reception classes trip to Twycross Zoo | - | Due by Monday, 5 th June |
| • Year 4 Planet Blue Cultural Cantata | - | Due by Monday, 19 th June |
| • Year 6 (current year 5) Dol-y-Moch | - | Deposit due today, Friday, 26 th May 2023 |
| • Year 6 Hands On Science Workshop | - | Due by Friday, 9 th June |

Fire Evacuation

A reminder that should the fire alarm sound when attending any event or meeting in school, we ask that you vacate the building via the nearest exit, usually the classroom door or other nearest exit. The assembly meeting point is on the main playground next to the school field. Thank you for your cooperation.

'Clever Never Goes'

We will be running a new child safety initiative called 'Clever Never Goes' during the week beginning 5th June.

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst at the same time delivering a serious message and giving children practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.

In addition to the schools lesson you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message. You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack from the website www.clevernevergoes.org/parents. The home pack contains some great ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you can also see a series of cartoon sketches which are a good way of reinforcing the Clever Never Goes message and checking that your child has understood the key Clever Never Goes message. Please do make use of these resources.



Kids with Bricks Club

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our after-school club 'Kids with bricks' has been taking part in the interschool competition each week. Recently, the Stivichall school team were awarded as Fabretta's Favourite! The club received certificates and a bar of chocolate that they shared between all of them.



Achievements outside of school

It is always lovely to hear of our pupils' achievements outside of school, as well as sharing successes within school, so please do let us know of any you wish to share.

Michael & James, Year 5 take part in Karting and go to Race School once a fortnight with a Sprint Race held once a month. They have had an extremely successful 1st season in Karting and have achieved several podiums at Cadet Level. Michael taking four 1st places, two 2nd places and one 3rd place; James taking one 1st place, one 2nd place and five 3rd places.

Both James and Michael have now advanced to the Junior Higher Level and will be racing in faster karts against more experienced drivers which will be quite a challenge! Well done boys!

Stivichall Primary Website Community Page

Our school website contains lots of information about Stivichall Primary as well as offering parents useful support on various topics that may be appropriate. Please regularly visit the Notice Board which can be accessed via the Community Page.

PTA News...

The money from the Spring Disco has been counted and we have raised over **£2,000!** We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Organization is now underway for the **PTA Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th July 2023, 11am – 2pm** where we will be extending the school's 90th Birthday celebrations



It all starts the first week back after the half-term break with the, **PTA Non-Uniform Day on Friday 9th June.**

The PTA will be asking children to come in non-uniform for various donations (see below) towards the Summer Fayre.

This day is vital towards the success of the Fayre, as these prizes are used to create the raffle prizes, tombola's etc. If you would like to donate anything in addition that may be useful, please feel free to bring this in too! All items will be gratefully received.

Reception Classes:

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

Year 1 Classes:

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

Year 2 Classes:

Bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome)

Year 3 Classes:

£2.00 cash amount

Year 4 Classes:

£2.00 cash amount

Year 5 Classes:

Toiletries & Hamper Items (chocolates/ biscuits/ sweets)

Year 6 Classes:

Unopened gifts/ toys/ games

In order to provide additional support for the summer fayre, the PTA is making a request for the following:

- Raffle prize donations
- Any “performing” parents that are willing to entertain
- Loan of cools boxes/ gazebo’s for the event
- Loan of any garden games (1930’s style such as skittles, quoits, croquet)

If you are able to help then please email us at ptastivichall@gmail.com or message us on Facebook @ptastivichall

Kind regards

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