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Dear Parent/Carer

A reminder that school finishes next Friday at the usual time, in what will be the last day of this academic year.

- Tuesday, 18th July - Year 6 Party in school
- Wednesday 19th July - Rock Band in school to perform to all pupils
- " " " - Parent 'Drop in' session: 3.30 – 4.15 pm
- Friday, 21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 2.00 pm – Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend
- " " " - Last day of Summer Term

Teacher Training Dates for next academic year 2023/2024:

- **Friday, 1st September 2023**
- **Monday, 5th September 2023**
- **Monday, 25th September 2023**
- **Monday, 2nd October 2023**
- **Friday, 3rd May 2024**

The first day of the next academic year for children is **Tuesday, 5th September 2023**.

PTA Summer Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's Summer Fayre. Although the weather was not as kind as it had been the day before for the Big Lunch, attendance was still good as we continued with our 90th birthday celebrations. The total raised was £2,029 which does not include the Year 5 Enterprise Zone. A special thank you to all those that gave up their time to help including: the children of PTA members who help tirelessly and patiently during these events, to parents or family members and staff who helped with setting up, manning stalls and clearing away. Everyone's help makes these events run more smoothly.

PTA Social Event: The PTA are having a final social meetup to celebrate this year's PTA success at the Burnt Post on Tuesday 18th July @7pm – everyone is welcome.

PTA Welcome Back Family Night, 15th September : Please save the date, further information will follow early September.

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Wednesday, 20th September in the school staffroom – everyone welcome. Please forward any nominations for the positions of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer to the PTA mail box, ptastivichall@gmail.com prior to this date.

A total of £415.85 was raised during the cake sale held at the Big Lunch. Thank you for your support. This money will be donated to the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity (for seriously ill children) as chosen by the Pupil Leadership Team.

Year 5 and 6 'Matilda Jnr' Performance

The children performed magnificently both on Wednesday and Thursday evening this week. We hope that everyone who attended the show enjoyed it and the Year 5 ensemble are now inspired for the stage in readiness for their Year 6 production next year. We are extremely proud of all the children who took part whether it be a dancer, singer, narrator, actor, sound and lighting engineer or props assistant – the show would not have been possible without everyone working together – everyone has an important role to play. A special thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to enable these performances to take place including Mr Holmes-Wilson, school governor, who was present both evenings to assist with sound.

Year 3 Music Extravaganza

The children in year 3 enjoyed sharing what they have learnt in their music curriculum this year to their families this morning. The children worked very hard to be able to piece together the many skills that it takes to play musical instruments and present this through their music extravaganza.

Dogs on Site

A kindly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school site in line with Coventry City Council's ruling. This is also includes carrying dogs on to the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Meal Charges

Please remember to check your ParentPay account for any outstanding balances. Please settle all outstanding payments by Monday, 17th July.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE to Year 2 Parents

A reminder that as your child will be moving into Year 3, then any school meals ordered will need to be paid for.

Price Increase

There will be a small price increase to school lunches which will come into effect from 5th September. The new price will be £2.50 per day.

Ice Packs

The school invest in reusable ice packs throughout the year but unfortunately, our supply has become rather depleted. Could you all please check at home and return any that your child may have been sent home with after an injury. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Music lessons have now finished as the teachers have completed their allotted 33 lessons for this year. **If your child is not carrying on with music lessons into the next academic year and you have loaned an instrument from school then please make sure it is returned by Wednesday, 19th July.**

Children who are starting guitar lessons next term will need to have their own guitar, clearly named. Mr Oswin, the guitar tutor, has advised that they should have a **1/2 size classical guitar**. These can be bought from Amazon or any music shop. The school uses Normans Musical Instruments online or Express Music based in Leamington. The children will be taught how to tune their own guitar and would benefit from having a guitar tuner, so they can hear the pitch at home, but this is not a necessity.

It is wonderful that over 140 children would like to learn an instrument in September and the lessons are still being organised, if we are unable to accommodate your request, you will be contacted.

Reports

Reports have been sent home with children today. A reminder that next Wednesday is a 'drop in session' to meet with your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child's report. No appointments are necessary. The session is open between 3.30 – 4.15 pm.

Extra-curricular Activities for Autumn Term

The following clubs have already been confirmed for next year:

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| • Athletics Club (Monday afterschool) | - | Open to Years 5 and 6 |
| • Bricks for Kids (Monday afterschool) | - | Open to Year 2 |
| • Flyte Gymnastics (lunchtimes split over Monday, Thursday, Friday) | - | Open to Years 1 to 6* |
| • Boys and Girls Football (Tuesday afterschool) | - | Open to Years 5 and 6 |
| • Punjabi Lessons (Tuesday and Wednesday afterschool) | - | Open to Years 1 to 6* |
| • Tennis (lunchtime Wednesday) | - | Open to Year 2* |
| • School Choir (Wednesday lunchtime) | - | Open to Years 5 and 6 |
| • Bayleaf Cookery School (Wednesday afterschool) | - | Open to Years 3 to 6* |
| • Netball Club (day of week to be advised) | - | Open to Year 6 |

- German Lessons (Thursday lunchtime)
- DF Sports Football training(Friday afterschool)

- Open to Years 3 to 6*
- Open to Years 3 and 4*

*External led company, charges may apply

Please look out for further information about the above clubs during the first few weeks of the Autumn term.

School Sport Kits

Please can all children check if they have any sports kits at home and return them by the end of term, thank you.

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.



Eco-Tip of the Week: Instead of buying your groceries, you could re-plant seeds from your fruit and vegetables to grow more - Eva 6P

Library Books

Please could KS2 children return all library books to the library before the end of term? It is especially important to encourage Year 6 children to check bedrooms and bags for any school-owned books. Returned books can be put on the library desk or posted in the box just outside the library door. KS1 children should bring library books into school to be returned on their next class library visit.

CCSDA Warm Hub and Community Café

Concerned about the rising cost of living? CCSDA Social Supermarket based in Radford have an initiative that operates every Wednesday from 12.30 – 3.00 pm whereby you can purchase £15 to £20 worth of food for just £5 per week.

They also have a Community Café where they offer a welcoming environment to have a meal and enjoy nutritious food and refreshing drinks every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12.30 – 2.30 pm. Their address is: 36 Nicholas Street, Coventry, CV1 4BP or call 07517 646385 for further information.

Pop Up Parkour 2023

Ascension Dance are offering free sessions at the War Memorial Park from Monday, 7th August to Friday, 11th August for children aged 7 – 18 years old. To book, please click on the following link:

<https://www.ascensiondance.co.uk/goparks2023>

Kind regards

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