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Dear Parents/Carers

New Apps

In the coming weeks we will be introducing My Child at School as a new app-based way to communicate between home and school. My Child at School will bring all of our current platforms together 'under one roof'. It will enable you to book lunches, pay for trips, receive all school communications including annual reports, and much more.

We will also be introducing Medical Tracker which will enable us to communicate first aid and sickness incidents more effectively as well as medication expiry dates..

In preparation for these services going live we would like to ask you to ensure the contact telephone number and email address we hold for you are correct. Please email the school office to update us with any changes.

We will send further correspondence in due course detailing how to set up your account in a few easy steps.

Parking

It is disappointing to report that we are still receiving complaints around parking. Can I kindly remind parents that when dropping off at the start of the day or picking up your child/children at the end of the day and parking kerbside to switch your engines off. It is very unpleasant for the families who are on foot and the whole environment, when car engines are left running unnecessarily. **It is also an offence in law under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 123 of The Highway Code.** When your vehicle is parked up and stationary, please switch off your engine to help clean up the air that we all breathe. Local parking enforcement agencies will be making ad hoc visits to the areas around the school site.

Important dates next week:

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| • Monday 25th September | Teacher Training Day School Closed to Children |
| • Tuesday 26 th September | Year 6 Internet Safety Workshops at School
Class 2S, 2P & 1/2M trip to Warwick Castle
Last Forest School session for Class 1S & 4S |
| • Wednesday 27 th September | School Photographer visiting for Years 1 -5 Individuals and siblings |
| • Friday 29 th September | Open session for Parents to visit their child's classroom |
| • Monday 2nd October | Teacher Training Day School Closed to Children |

School Photographs (for children in Years 1 – 5)

The school photographer will be in school next Wednesday 27th September, to photograph children in Years 1 to 5 as well as siblings across all year groups. Children should wear their normal school uniform, including sweatshirts as they will be photographed against a white background.

If your child has a PE lesson on this day then they should bring a polo shirt and sweatshirt to change into ready to have their photograph taken.

Reception individual and class photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 3rd October with Year 6 taking place during the summer term.

Lost Property

There are still too many unnamed items of clothing coming into school. Please make the time to write your child's name in each item of clothing and remember to check regularly. There are already items in lost property.

Stivichall Primary Orchestra are Recruiting!

Have you had at least 1 term of lessons and are in year 3 and above? Your orchestra needs you! We're looking for guitars, cellos, violins, percussion, drums, keyboards, flutes, clarinets, recorders, saxophones and any brass player!

Come and join a fun, relaxed and inclusive band learning music from the charts through to the classics. Thursday lunchtimes from 12:15-12:45 in the music room with Miss Rees and Mrs Rushfirth.

Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisations for whole school

The Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Vaccination Team will be in school on Monday, 9th October to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Information was sent out at the beginning of this week via Parent mail. Parents are requested to click on the following link, complete the form and submit. This gives you the option to consent or to withdraw consent if you wish. Please find attached with the newsletter a QR code to the link if you need it.

This link will close on Saturday 1st October 2023.

The school office has been asked not to take any messages on behalf of the Vaccination Team so please contact them direct if you have any queries. The contact details are shown below:

Coventry schools: Tel: 024 76 961422

Email: Bewise.Immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Parent Governor Vacancy

You are invited to stand for election as a Parent Governor or nominate another parent to do so. There is currently one vacancy for a parent governor to serve on the Governing Board for four years. Information was sent out earlier this term via ParentMail. A reminder that if you would like to stand for election, nomination forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the school no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, 3rd October 2023. Should only one nomination be received by the official closing date, the candidate will be duly elected unopposed. In the event of there being two or more nominations, an Election will take place between Friday 6th and Tuesday 17th October. Information on voting arrangements will be sent to you at a later date.

Keep fit and active at the Junior Park Run Coventry!

Did you know a junior park run takes place at the War memorial park every Sunday for children aged 4-14. It's great to already see lots of Stivichall children there and we would like to encourage more of you to enjoy this fantastic event which is right on our doorstep. Whilst we have lots of keen runners at Stivichall, you can also jog or walk at your own pace around the 2K course and if you sign up you can find out your time for your run each week and work towards a half marathon band. See their website for more details on how to sign up <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/warmemorialpark-juniors/> we hope to see more of you there.

Mrs Matthews

Forms for completion

We are still chasing the following forms from a few families. If you haven't returned them please do so by Tuesday 26th September.

- School Journey Disclaimer for local studies and trips (Peach coloured)
- Music Contracts, invoices will follow shortly.
- Parental/Carer Instrument Loan Agreement for all year 3's. Until this form is returned, we will be unable to send the child home with a Cornet to practise.

Many thanks to those of you that have returned the forms.

Acceptable Use Agreements These agreements are compulsory in order for pupils to be given access to computers, iPads and other IT equipment in school. Both year 1 and 3 parents will receive a copy to complete and return to school. Please complete both parts of the form, where necessary, remembering to sign it and return it to school by Friday 29th September at the latest.

Superhero & Princess Themed Lunch – Thursday, 5th October

We will be holding a Superhero & Princess Themed Lunch on Thursday, 5th October and would like to invite all children to participate. As with all meal bookings, you will need to select your child's chosen meal via Parent Pay by Thursday, 28th September using the 'book meals' option used for all school meal choices. No booking can be made after this date.

Payment Reminders

The following payments are live and are now due. You can pay either via your ParentPay account or by sending a cheque or the correct amount of cash into school.

- Year 6 Dol-y-Moch - 2nd payment now overdue, final payment due Friday 29th September

Rising 5 Admissions for September 2024

Applications are now open for any children due to start school in September 2023 (date of birth between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020). Please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the instructions on how to apply. **Applications must be made by 15th January 2024.**

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

This process is now open. Please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the instructions on how to apply. Your child should have brought home a leaflet last week with further information. Please note the closing date for applications is **31st October 2023.**

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Entitlement to Free School Meals are processed as part of Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support claims by the Benefits Service. Free School Meals are a statutory benefit. Applying for a free school meal could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school (funded by central government). This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).

All children in Reception to Year 2 automatically receive a free school meal. Even so, if your family also meets the eligibility criteria to enable a free school meal to be awarded (see below), it is important to make an application in order that your child's school can receive this pupil premium.

It takes less than two minutes to apply and submit your application. To do so, please click [here](#)

Wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely
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