



**STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Stivichall has swung back into action this week with Music Lessons, Clubs and Choir all restarting. On Wednesday our first trip of the term took place, with a small group of children from the Clean up Crew going to the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch the Lion King Musical. These tickets were offered to us as we had achieved a Circle of Life Award, following our participation in the Make a Difference Social Action Project last year. This is what some of the children had to say about it,

“Once we reached Birmingham, we entered the Hippodrome Theatre. We made our way to our seats and were flabbergasted that the theatre was so huge. The show started off with a magnificent song and, from then on, perfectly told the story of the Lion King. At the end, we were all in awe of how good it was. We went back on a very large, luxurious coach.” (Walter yr 5)

“I thought the Lion King was amazing because I loved how vibrant the costumes were. I also loved the way they moved so dramatically to make them look like animals” (Poppy yr 4)

“The Lion King was a spectacular show because the animals looked amazing. The songs, acting and scenery were incredible. I loved every minute of it.” (Bhavenet yr 4)

### **Parking**

As you are already fully aware, parking around the neighbourhood when dropping off and picking children up from school can be very difficult. This is not only due to the limited parking space but also, due to the irresponsibility of some parents/carers with their inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvres, all of which could result in serious consequences.

The many hazards of irresponsible parking include causing blind spots to other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, blocking driveways, creating obstacles on pathways, causing unnecessary congestion by blocking roads and polluting the air by leaving engines running. These are all potential risks to health and well-being. Ultimately, dangerous parking could result in loss of life.

The guilt that would ensue if the worst were to happen is something no one would want on their conscience; this should be enough to prevent the unacceptable behaviours that are being witnessed. I am certain that none of you would advocate dangerous driving or parking and yet the repeated failure to take note and the refusal to act on our constant notices regarding parking makes it appear as though you do not value the safety and well-being of our school community. No one has the right to put someone else’s health and well-being at risk, not even if they are running late or if it is cold and wet.

We have been notified that the local parking enforcement officer will be making adhoc visits to the areas around school at drop off and collection times.

### **Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2023**

The Autumn Term diary dates accompanies this newsletter. Any additional dates or amendments to any dates given will be notified via the school newsletter and school website. All the Teaching Training days set by school for the academic year, as well as all term dates, can be viewed [here](#).

## **Important dates coming up next week:**

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - PGL Parent Meeting in the hall 5-5.45pm
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Teacher Training Day – school closed for children

## **Seesaw**

All the children should now have their new seesaw logins. If they haven't made their way home please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

## **Year 6 Secondary School Applications**

This process is now open. Please visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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 **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

## **Rising 5 Admissions for September 2024**

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

## **School Visit For Prospective Parents**

We will be hosting three School Visit sessions this term:

- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – prompt start at 1.30 pm
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – prompt start at 10am
- Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November – prompt start at 9.15am

These sessions are **only** for parents whose child is due to start school in September 2024. This allows us to manage numbers and make them purposeful for all attendees. To attend one of these sessions please call or email the school office to book in. Existing parents will continue to have the opportunity to attend the Early Bird sessions once every term.

## **Online Safety**

The UK Safer Internet Centre has designed some excellent guides for helping to keep our children safe online. They have sections that cover the use of phones, Smart speakers, Smart TV's, consoles, tablets and more! To access this information and a wealth of other useful tips, please visit their website at [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## **Superhero & Princess Themed Lunch – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding a Superhero & Princess Themed Lunch on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 using the 'book meals' option used for all school meal choices. Children will be bringing a letter home today with more details.

## **Forms for completion**

Thank you to those of you have already returned the following forms, if you haven't please do so by

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- School Journey Disclaimer for local studies and trips (Peach coloured)
- Dismissal of Children at the End of Day, sent out by Parentmail last Friday.
- 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.

- Warwick Castle Trip for 2S, 2P & class 1/2M – Please return the permission slip and make the payment on parent pay by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address or telephone numbers held on our database associated with your child, to enable us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you need to make any changes. If you feel that there is any other relevant information that requires updating, then please do get in touch.

### **Extra-curricular Activities**

The extra-curricular clubs all started this week. The response for the clubs this term has been overwhelming. We have tried to make provision and accommodate everyone who asked for a place where we have been able to. If your child does decide a club is no longer for them, please do ask them to inform the member of staff running the club and please email the school office so the place can be offered to someone on the waiting list. Repeated non-attendance is likely to result in a place being withdrawn and offered to someone on the waiting list.

For all lunchtime gymnastic enquiries, please email: [info@flytegymnastics.co.uk](mailto:info@flytegymnastics.co.uk)

For afterschool Punjabi enquiries, please contact Mrs Bains direct on: 0788600107

For all Leivers Dance enquiries please follow this link: <https://leiversdance.co.uk/>

School Choir: The club takes place during Wednesday lunchtimes. Everyone in Year 3 to Year 6 are welcome to join. All attendees should go to the main school hall at the start of lunchtime.

### **PTA News**

The PTA are hosting a 'Welcome Back Family Event' at the school tonight, 15th September from 3.20-5.30pm. Please use the Coat of Arms Bridge Road entrance and follow the path along to the Reception playground. There will be circus skills, candy floss, samosa's, soft drinks and a sweet shop. We will also be selling second hand uniforms.

It is open to all year groups and is a great opportunity for children and their families to meet up. There is no entrance fee, we are looking forward to welcoming you all along!

The PTA will also be holding their AGM on Wednesday 20th September from 6.30pm in the school staffroom – Everyone Welcome.

The current Chair will be stepping down at the meeting and not putting themselves forward for re-election. All parents are welcome to put their name forward for a Trustee Role (Chair, Secretary or Treasurer) and all Nominees will be considered at the AGM .

Please do this via email [ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com) prior to the meeting

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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**Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023**

**September 2023**

<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>Teacher Day</b>	
Tue 5	First day for children (Year 1 to 5)	
“ “	Reception Stay and Play with parents	
	First Forest school session for Class 1S and 4S	
Wed 6 - Fri 8	Reception classes attend for half day	
Mon 11	Reception children start full time	9.00 – 3.10 pm
Fri 15	PTA Welcome Back Event	3.20 – 5.30pm
Wed 20	PTA AGM Meeting – everyone welcome in school staffroom	6.30 pm
Thurs 21	PGL Parent Information Evening	5.00 – 5.45pm
Mon 25	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children	
Tue 26	Class 2S, 2P and 1/2M Warwick Castle Trip	
	Last Forest school session for class 1S and 4S	
Wed 27	Yr 1 to 5 Individual and Sibling school photographs	
Fri 29	Open session for Parents to visit child's classroom	8.30 – 8.50 am

**October**

Mon 2	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children	
Tue 3	Photographs: Reception Individual & classes/Orchestra/Choir/PLT	Am
	Highly Sprung Workshop for Year 4	
	First Forest school session for class 1P and 4P	
Wed 4 – 6	Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Residential Trip	
Thu 5	Superhero and Princess Themed Lunch	
Mon 9	Whole School Bewise Flu Immunisation	hall
Tues 10	Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents only in school hall	9.15 – 10.15am
Mon 16	Prospective Parent Visit	1.30pm
Wed 18	Parents' Consultation Meetings	3.30 – 7.00 pm
Fri 20	PTA Discos	Times tbc
Mon 23	Prospective Parent Visit	10.00 am
Tue 24	Last Forest school session for class 1P and 4P	
Wed 25	Parents' Consultation Meetings	3.30 – 7.00 pm
<b>Mon 30</b>	<b>Half Term week</b>	

**November**

Mon 6 – Fri 10 Nov	Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip	
Wed 8	First Forest school session for class 5P and 3/4M	
Fri 10	PTA Non-uniform Day in exchange for item for Christmas Fayre	day
Mon 27	Open session for parents to visit child's classroom	8.30 – 8.50 am
Wed 29	Last Forest school session for Class 5P and 3/4M	
	Prospective Parent Visit	9.15am

**December**

Fri 1	Christmas Art Day	
Sat 2	PTA Christmas Fayre	11.00 – 2.00 pm
Wed 6	Reception and Year 1 to Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)	Morning
	First Forest School session for class 3S and 5S	
Thu 7	Year 2 to 6 Belgrade Theatre Trip (Cinderella)	Morning
Tue 19	KS1 Christmas Nativity	tbc
Wed 20	Reception Christmas Nativity	tbc
	Christmas Lunch Day	
Fri 22	Christmas Parties and Jumper Day	All day
<b>Mon 25</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday begins (School Closed)</b>	

**January 2024**

Mon 8	First day of Spring Term	
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