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Dear Parents/Carers

You may have noticed the work that has been going on in the playground since the start of term. Well today, we are very pleased to announce the new Trim Trail is officially open! Children in Years 1 to 6 are able to enjoy using it during break and lunchtimes. We would like to thank the PTA for their generous contribution of £10, 000 without which this may not have been possible.

In assembly today, the children were reminded about behaviour and rules for using the equipment. Please can we remind parents that the trim trail and clamber stack should not be played on before or after school. Please collect children and leave the site as promptly as possible in order for the gates to be shut on time at 3.30pm

### Early Bird Session

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers and grandparents in school to visit their child's classroom for the Early Bird Session today. I hope you all found it useful and enjoyable, we know how much the children love you all their hard work. If you were unable to attend today, I do hope you are able to attend the next session, which is scheduled for Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Important dates next week:**

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| • Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Teacher Training Day – school closed for children |
| • Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   | Reception Individual & Class Photographs          |
| • “ “                               | Year 4 Highly Sprung Workshop                     |
| • “ “                               | 1P and 4P first Forest School Session             |
| • Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 5 Caythorpe Residential Trip                 |
| • Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October  | Superhero and Princess Themed Lunch Day           |
| • Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October    | Whole School Bewise Flu Immunisations             |

### **This Week's School News:**

On Tuesday, Year 2 and 1/2M visited Warwick Castle. Luckily, the rain stopped and the sun made a small but welcome appearance. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the history of the castle and making links to their historical knowledge of knights and monarchs.

### **Forest School**

4S and 1S have now completed their sessions. The pupils in Year 1 worked in groups to build shelters, developing their team-work skills. It was fun to see what was still standing the following week! They used potato peelers to take bark off hazel sticks and then watched the sticks turn into charcoal on a campfire. "I liked peeling the sticks - it was fun!" reported Tabitha. Aidan added, "I enjoyed watching the fire getting bigger."

Year 4 created picture frames and decorated them using natural materials. Their work can be seen hanging up above the bug hotel at the Forest School entrance. In their final session they had the opportunity to do some cooking over the campfire and thankfully the rain held off for it.

Mrs Cribdon and Mr Thompson

### **Year 6**

Earlier this week, Year 6 were fortunate to receive a visit from a police community support officer. They learnt all about how to stay safe online and discussed many topics, including digital footprint, gaming, social media and what to do when things go wrong.

### **School Photographs (for children in Years 1 – 5 plus siblings)**

Following a visit from the school photographer on Wednesday, children in years Year 1 to Year 5 should have brought home details on how to log on, view and order any photos. Sibling photos were also taken and your eldest child should have also brought home details on how to view these photographs.

**Reception individual and class photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 3rd October with Year 6 taking place during the summer term. Any children that were absent on Tuesday will have their photograph taken on Tuesday, 3rd October too.**

### **Parents' Meetings with Teachers in school**

Parents' meetings are important because they give you the opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child's teacher. Participating in parents' meetings can help you become better involved in your child's learning and give you ideas for what practical support you could offer at home to further help your child fulfil their potential. It helps you to give your child good, practical support and when schools and parents work together, children do better.

This term, parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place **in school** on the following days:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups

Parents should book their appointments via SchoolCloud but attend in person at school on the date and time booked. This will be a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher face to face at the start of a new school year. Remote meetings are often more convenient for parents and are definitely more time efficient for staff and families; therefore, we will continue to have a blended approach to parent consultation evenings.

Appointments can be booked by clicking the following link:

<https://stivichall.schoolcloud.co.uk>

A 'how to book a parents evening guide' also accompanies this newsletter.

Parents will be able to book a meeting from Monday, 9th October at 12.00 pm. Bookings for 18<sup>th</sup> October will close at midday on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings for 25<sup>th</sup> October will close at Midday on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes.

### **School Choir**

The children attending choir in years 4, 5 and 6 will have received a letter today inviting them to attend Young Voices on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. There is a link online to all the songs, lyrics and dance videos that the children will be learning - please copy and paste on the following link to find this. You will then be asked to sign up:

<https://yvmusicroom.com/parentRegisterReferral?code=MjMzMjMi8xNjk1NjI4ODEw>

Year 3 choir are welcome to access this too, however the trip is for years 4-6 only.

### **A message from the Pupil Leadership Team**

Congratulations to the successful candidates. This year's Pupil Leadership team have already been working incredibly hard thinking of ways to fundraise for our chosen charity - Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The charity is based in the UK and endeavours to raise money to support families with seriously ill children. As part of our fundraising, we will be hosting a Roald Dahl Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The day will be full of exciting activities including:

- Bring in £1 and dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character.
- Bring in your favourite Roald Dahl book to share with your class.
- A book sale selling second hand books within school.
- 'Dreaming up' your own Roald Dahl character in class.

## Eco News

This year we will be making a big effort to cut down on our food waste. Each classroom will have a compost caddy for fruit cores and peels, which will be emptied into our larger compost bins and collected by the council each fortnight. We hope you will join us on our eco mission by ensuring food waste is recycled at home.



**This weeks top tip:** Remember to turn off your car engine when you don't need it to avoid unnecessary pollution. (Shreeya, 6P)

## **Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisations for whole school**

The Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Vaccination Team will be in school on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Information has previously been sent 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. ***This link will close on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Bewise.Immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

## **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. Please note the closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

## **PTA News**

We want to extend a warm thank you to all the wonderful mums and dad who joined us at the Annual General Meeting last week. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many new faces among us while also recognising the continued support from our dedicated long-standing supporters. We'd like to remind everyone that becoming a committee member is open throughout the year. This was also our first 'hybrid' meeting which gave parents and carers the option to attend virtually as an alternative to attending in person. Feedback was really positive and we plan to continue with this approach in future.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and teachers for your continued support. Through donating, volunteering and coming along to events with your children, you have helped fund projects that benefit our children, such as the new Trim Trail.

### **So, what's next for this term?**

After the candy-floss-filled Welcome Back event, we're gearing up for our themed Autumn Discos. Forms have been sent out in your children's book bags today.

These exciting discos will take place in the School Hall on Friday, October 20th, at the following times:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 15:20 - 16:30 (straight after school)
- Years 3 to 6: 16:45 - 18:15

You can conveniently return the forms and payments to your child's class teacher. Please can we request payments to be made in cash (no cheques - as they are costly for us to process) and using the correct change, in a sealed envelope!

If you can lend a hand, big or small, before or during the discos, please don't hesitate to reach out via the return forms, Facebook, or email ([ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com)). We really do rely on the support of parents, carers, and teachers to make these events a success.

Stay tuned for more details about the Discos and the upcoming non-Uniform day in the coming weeks. We can't wait to celebrate together! 😊🎉

Wishing you a safe and relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely

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