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Dear Parents/Carers

It's fabulous to see so many of you have already signed up to the My Child At School App. We are aware that the link sent previously has now expired. A message was sent out via seesaw this morning to the whole school with instructions on how to activate your account. Here is the link again for those who may not have seen it -

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSForgottenLogin>

Please sign up as soon as possible so you don't miss the roll out of dinner bookings, trip payments and wrap around bookings on one easy and convenient platform.

The Parent Governor ballot information was sent out via Parent mail this morning. Please do take the time to consider the four nominees statements and place your vote before 3.30pm on Tuesday 17th October.

Year 4 Highly Sprung Workshop

On Tuesday, we learnt about the digestive system with a member of highly sprung. Year 4 enjoyed learning about the body parts that make up the digestive system. "We learnt some dance movements and used them to make a huge model of the wonderful digestive system." *Theeksha and Billy 4S*

Important dates:

- Monday, 9th October - Bewise Flu Immunisation Day
Harvest Collection Open
- Tuesday, 10th October - Phonics Workshop at 9.15 for Reception Parents in School Hall
- Monday, 16th October - Prospective Parent Visit 1.30pm
Scholastic Book fair In School all week
- Wednesday, 18th October - Parents Consultation Meetings in School 3.30 – 7pm
- Thursday, 19th October - Parents Meeting for Dol-y-Moch at 5pm in the main hall
Boys Mini Football Festival at Stivichall
- Friday, 20th October - PTA Disco and Non Uniform Day

PGL

We look forward to welcoming our year 5's back this afternoon, from their residential at PGL Caythorpe in Lincolnshire and hearing about their adventures whilst they were away. Thank you to Miss Watson, Mr J Gould, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Miller, Mrs Cribdon, Mrs Beyer and Mrs Ferguson for attending with the children. We hope you all had a great time.

Black History Month

We will be marking Black History Month at Stivichall over the month of October. Each class will be finding out about a significant Black historical figure and presenting what they have found out in an assembly at the end of the month. There is also a Who's Who picture quiz for you to have a go at in classes (parents you can help too by looking in the classroom windows). Miss Bereza will also share some useful links to videos about different Black people in Britain on Seesaw, if you wish to do some extra learning at home.

Sports News

On Friday 29th September we took 15 girls over to Grange Farm to take part in a girls Football Festival. All of the matches were played in good spirit and it was fantastic to see so many happy faces amongst all of the football being played! We played some fantastic football. We are extremely proud of how well the girls represented the school and showcased their Stivichall values throughout. We look forward to continuing to develop over the year.

Mr Hartopp and Mr J Gould.

School Photographs (for children in Reception Classes / Catch ups)

Reception individual and class photographs were taken on Wednesday and the children from these classes will have brought home an A5 leaflet which includes a QR code for you to view and order any photographs online.

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

Club Cancellations and Music Lesson Changes

- **Netball**, on Thursday 12th October is cancelled
- **Tag Rugby**, on Friday 20th October is cancelled
- **Strings**, lessons from Friday 6th October have been re arranged for Monday 9th October
- **Woodwind**, lessons scheduled for Thursday 12th will take place on Tuesday 10th - this does not affect all children. You will be informed by text if their lesson has changed.

Parents' Meetings with Teachers in school

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

- Wednesday 18th October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups
- Wednesday 25th October 3.30 – 7.00 pm All year groups

We are looking forward to having our upcoming face-to-face parents' evenings. As you are aware, we will be having a blended approach of face-to-face meetings in the Autumn term and remote sessions in the Spring term. Whether face-to-face or remote, appointment times are limited to 10 minute slots. This is to manage teacher workload, to ensure that all parents are able to attend their meeting at the specified time and to allow parents with more than one child in school to get to their next meeting on time. Class teachers will have a 10 minute timer displayed throughout the meeting to serve as a visual reminder and will be bringing the meeting to a close when the timer finishes. Hopefully this will work well and allow us to stay on track throughout both evenings.

Parents should book their appointments via SchoolCloud but attend in person at school on the date and time booked. Bookings can be booked by clicking the following link:

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

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

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be back in school for you to visit with your child during week commencing Monday, 16th October and will be open before and after school with a late night opening on Wednesday, 18th October to coincide with Parents Evening. The Book Fair will be set up in the small hall and the opening times will be as follows:

- Monday to Thursday inclusive - mornings: 8.30 – 8.50 am
- “ “ “ - afternoons: 3.20 – 4.00 pm (late night Wednesday until 6.00 pm)

We can accept cash if it is for the correct amount otherwise card and contactless payments will be available.

Harvest collection

Our Harvest Appeal this year is again in support of the Coventry Central Foodbank and we are collecting tinned, dried or packaged non-perishable food, which they can use in their work within the city. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in either of the two black bins positioned along the pathway near the library and the start of the main playground as you walk into school at drop off time. The collection bins will be out from Monday 9th October through to Friday 20th October.

PE Leaders

PE leaders - Many thanks to all of the year 5 and 6 children who applied for a PE leader role. I was overwhelmed with the number of children who are keen to have an active role in PE this year. All applications have been carefully considered and the children who were chosen have been informed this week. We will be undertaking some PE leader training soon.

Mrs Matthews

Music Invoices

Music invoices were sent out last week. We apologise that these are not able to be paid via ParentPay. Payments should be made by cheque where possible. Thank you.

Christmas Theatre Visits

The school trips have been booked for next term:

- Reception and Year 1 - Warwick Arts Centre trip to see The Gruffalo
- Years 2 to 6 - Belgrade Theatre trip to see Cinderella

Further details on these trips will be sent out after October half term.

PTA News

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined our recent Zoom call for the planning of our upcoming discos on October 20th. We greatly appreciate your involvement and support. Just a friendly reminder that we'll need some hands-on-deck for the big day, so if you're able to assist in any capacity, please let us know through the return of the disco form or via email at ptastivichall@gmail.com.

Non Uniform Day

We've decided to coincide non uniform day with the discos - October 20th. We're asking students to come dressed in non-uniform attire in exchange for various donations, which will go towards making our Christmas Fayre a success. Your contributions on this day are vital, as they'll be used to create raffle prizes, tombolas, and more. If you'd like to contribute additional items that could be useful, please feel free to do so – every little bit helps!

Here's a breakdown of what each year group is encouraged to bring:

- 🎄 Reception Classes: Bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic are welcome).
- 🎄 Year 1 Classes: Bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic are welcome).
- 🎄 Year 2 Classes: Bottles (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic are welcome).
- 🎄 Year 3 Classes: £2.00 cash amount. 🎄 Year 4 Classes: £2.00 cash amount.
- 🎄 Year 5 Classes: Toiletries and Hamper Items (chocolates, biscuits, sweets).
- 🎄 Year 6 Classes: Unopened gifts, toys, and games.

We're also on the lookout for unique and enticing raffle prizes to make our Christmas Fayre extra special. If you happen to own a business or know someone who does, we would be immensely grateful for a contribution to our raffle.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community, and let's work together to make our upcoming events memorable and successful! Your involvement is truly valued. 🌟🎉

Wishing you a safe and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

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