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13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It is very disappointing to still be receiving complaints from local residents around parking and now the blocking and obstruction of the cycle lanes by parents waiting for children at drop off and pick up times. Please put yourself in the position of local residents and remember that one day it could be your child cycling to and from school. Be safe and be respectful.

### Important dates:

- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October - Scholastic Book Fair in school all week
- " " " - Prospective Parent Visit at 1.30pm
- Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Consultation Meetings with teachers in school
- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October - Dol-y-Moch Parents' Meeting at 5pm in the main hall
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Non-Uniform Day and PTA Disco

### School News

#### Coding Workshop

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting assembly and workshop on Wednesday led by a specialist coding coach from Jam Coding. After half term, Jam Coding will be leading an after school club at Stivichall. The flyer for this was sent out on Thursday, due to huge popularity the club has already sold out! There will be further opportunities later in the year for children to take part.

**Football Festival** – Yesterday, afterschool, we had the pleasure of hosting a boys football festival. The festival was all based around fair play and providing children with the opportunity to represent their schools. Children from Manor Park, Grange Farm, Earlsdon, Finham, Howes and Stivichall played in the festival and it was fantastic to see the children all enjoying themselves and playing the game with respect, teamwork and resilience. What a fantastic experience for all involved!

*Mr Hartopp, Mr Gould, Miss Lole, Mr Gardner and Mrs Matthews*

#### Parent Governor Ballot

Voting is still open for the Parent Governor election. The ballot was sent out via parent mail on 6<sup>th</sup> October, if you haven't done so already, please do take the time to read the candidate statements and place your vote. Voting will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm.

#### Parents' Meetings with Teachers in school

A reminder that the first parent consultation meeting with teachers will take place in school on

- Wednesday 18<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. Bookings can be booked by clicking the following link:

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

Bookings for Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October close at midday on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Bookings for Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October will remain open until Midday on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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. This has worked well previously and allows us to stay on track throughout both evenings.

If parents are late for their appointment, teachers will do their best to accommodate but they may need to wait for the next available gap.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be back in school for you to visit with your child next week and will be open before and after school with a late-night opening on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

Children will also have the opportunity to visit during the lunchtime period. Please note we will be accepting card or contactless payments only.

### Harvest collection

Thank you for all the generous donations so far for the foodbank. We will still be collecting until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for our Harvest Appeal this year in support of the Coventry Central Foodbank. We welcome tinned, dried or packaged non-perishable food which can be used in their work in 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 near the entrance to Green Lane as you walk into school at drop off time. Please ensure that all items donated have not passed their expiry date.

### Support in RE

Last year, a number of parents visited school to share their faith with children in various classes.

If you would like to share your faith with children in school, please speak either to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Dixon.

### Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisations

Any parents/guardians who did not submit their child's nasal flu consent form before the portal closed can now book on and attend a local clinic venue for the flu vaccination. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link below:

<https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Reminder

We have been notified by admissions that there are still over half of our year 6 parents who have not yet completed their child's secondary school application. **Please note that the last day for applications to be submitted to the city council is 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Eco News

This year we will be making a big effort to cut down on our food waste. We are fortunate to have now received compost caddies for our classrooms, 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 week's top eco tip:** This weekend, go litter picking around where you live (Megan, 2P)

### Christmas Card Project

Your child has recently completed a Christmas card drawing at school. An order form showing your child's design was sent home earlier this week.

The children were encouraged to get creative and complete a Christmas picture. Their artwork can now be printed onto a variety of Christmas products which you can purchase. You have the choice of ordering:

- Christmas cards
- Thank-you cards
- Gift labels
- Mugs
- Coasters

These items make fantastic keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Please see your flyer for a picture of your child's artwork.

This project has been organised as a fundraising activity by the school. All orders are greatly appreciated as any profit made will support resources for Art in school. All orders are printed by School Fundraising and will delivered back to school in November. If you would like to place an order, please use the link and code on your flyer and pay for your order online.

Please check the name/class information detailed on the flyer and make any amendments or corrections online when you place your order. Thank you for your support.

All the children's drawings can be viewed at: <http://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/school-gallery/?ID=GMJMCPTTT>

## PTA News

### School Disco – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We're all looking forward to the school disco next Friday (20<sup>th</sup>)! Here's a reminder of the start and finish times:

**KS1**- 3:20 – 4:30 (all reception children must be accompanied by an adult)

**KS2** – 4:45 – 6:15

Additional drinks, snacks, face painting, glitter tattoos and glow items will be available to buy during the event for pocket money prices.



#### **IMPORTANT**



Please can all parents/carers whose children usually attend Acorns on a Friday let Acorns staff know if their child will be attending the disco (all years), and for any KS1 children, whether they will return to Acorns after the disco ends – [s.smith@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:s.smith@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk)? Thank you.

### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We've decided to coincide non-uniform day with the school discos. We're asking that students 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 and 4 classes: £2.00 cash amount



Year 5 classes: Toiletries and hamper items (chocolates, biscuits, sweets)



Year 6 classes: Unopened gifts, toys and games

### Christmas Fayre

Planning is underway for this year's Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The PTA would love to hear from anyone who can support with unique and enticing raffle prizes. If you own a business, or know someone who does, we would be immensely grateful for a contribution to our raffle. Please contact the PTA via email – [ptastivichall@gmail.com](mailto:ptastivichall@gmail.com)

Please also let us know if you can contribute to the planning or running of the Christmas Fayre; however small that contribution may be, it will be very much valued!

We are also interested in hearing from any small business who might like to have a stall at this year's Fayre.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community; let's work together to make these upcoming events truly memorable for all our children.

Yours sincerely

***Mrs K Ferguson***

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