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Dear Parents/Carers

This is a lengthy newsletter full of key information for children across the school. As always, it has taken some time to collate and is intended to answer the questions that might otherwise come into the school office. Please do take the time to read it and please do make sure that you refer back to it rather than picking up the phone to call the office staff unnecessarily; as we all know, they already have a lot to do. We thank you for your understanding.

A reminder that school breaks up today and reopens on Monday, 6th November 2023.

Important dates:

- Monday, 6th November - Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential trip leaves at approximately 12.30pm
- Wednesday, 8th November - First Forest School session for class 3S and 5S
- Thursday, 9th November - Boys Football Match Vs Ernesford Grange at Home
- Friday, 10th November - Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential trip returns at approximately 1.15pm

School News

Forest School 1P and 4P

These classes have now completed their sessions. Class 1P learnt about different types of shelter before working in groups to build their own. Despite the wind and rain, each group had some shelter still standing a week later. They learnt how to safely use potato peelers in order to take bark off hazel sticks. A useful skill in the kitchen maybe! In the final week, hot chocolate or warm squash was enjoyed while we attempted to make charcoal from the hazel sticks. Unfortunately, this time the damp weather beat us and the wood did not cook enough.

Year 4 completed our square-lashed display of pictures by the entrance to Forest School. "I enjoyed making triangular square-lash frames!" commented Jessica. A wellie-wanging competition showed some good throwing skills. Cooking on the campfire was a lovely way to finish, with Aoife adding "I enjoyed learning how to put out a fire safely."

Mrs Cribdon and Mr Thompson

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS

ELECTION OF ONE PARENT GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

I am writing to inform you that the result of the recent election for one Parent Governor to serve on the School's Governing Body for the period until October 2027 is as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Rachel Leonard	101
Shabir Ismail	39
Gurnam Bains	28
Omid Razmkhah	4

In accordance with the rules of the election, the following parent has therefore been elected to serve as Parent Governor of the School: Rachel Leonard

The above are entitled, in accordance with the Instrument of Government, to serve as a Governor of the school for a period of four years from the date of their election unless they resign in the interim.

Staff News

Class 3S – We are delighted to share that Mrs Wainwright is expecting her first baby, towards the end of November. Mrs Wainwright is hoping to work until the 10th November after which Mr Hartopp will be taking over as the fulltime teacher.

Class 4P – Due to a change in circumstances Mrs Vohrah will not be returning to teach 4P after half term. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Wright will be taking over after half term. Mrs Dixon has been in class today with the children.

Class 5/6M – As Mrs Wright is moving to teach 4P we are pleased to announce that Mrs Miller will be taking over full time for the remainder of this academic year.

Sports News

Year 5 Dodgeball

On Monday, 8 year 5 students took part in a dodgeball competition. The competition was all about showing Honesty, Teamwork, and Respect. The children had an amazing time and a great opportunity to show Stivichall values.

PE Leader Training

This week, Mrs Matthews took our PE leaders for an afternoon session to Howes Primary for some PE leader training. They had a fun afternoon learning school game values and how to market sport in school. They practised making up games and learnt how to support children on the playground. We are really excited to see the children take on their role within school.

After School Clubs Week Autumn Term Two

Please be aware that the following clubs will restart **w/c 13th November 2023**

- Monday after school **Athletics** with Mrs Matthews and Mrs Keefe
- Tuesday after school **Football** with Mr Gould and Mr Hartopp
- Thursday after school **Netball** with Miss Lole
- Friday after school **Tag Rugby** (group 2) with Miss Lole

All other lunchtime and afterschool clubs will start as usual WC 6th November 2023

Speed Stacking	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yr 3	Miss Lole	Letters will be sent out after half term to sign up
Dodgeball	Friday Lunchtime	Yr 4	Miss Lole	Letters will be sent out after half term to sign up

BilinguaSing German club continues after half term and it's not too late to join us...

When? Thursday lunchtime, 12:45-13:15. **Where?** In the library. **Who?** Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Learn to love learning languages with Karen, an experienced languages teacher in preschool, primary and secondary.

[Click here](#) to book your child's place for the November and December half term (6 sessions in total).

Please email karen@bilinguasing.com with any queries.

There are also a few spaces left in DF Sports, Friday after school football for years 3 & 4. If your child is interested please follow this link to book a place. <https://forms.gle/umRfK4B5sUjT8XSY9>

Scholastic Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who attended the book fair last week, it was lovely to invite parents into school to visit this event with their children. Thank you to all staff for running the event both before and after school as well as our Year 6 children for opening the fair over the lunchtime period. Any orders made will be delivered after half term. They will be sent into school and given out by your child's class teacher.

Your support resulted in sales of over £1,700. 60% of this will be returned in vouchers for school to enhance our stock and expand children's love of reading. Thank you.

Harvest collection

A huge thank you for all the donations to the Harvest Festival collection this year. All items have now been collected and will be distributed by the Coventry Foodbank to many families in need in Coventry over the autumn and winter period.

Year 6 SATs Study and Practice Workbooks

These books are available to purchase through school at a discounted price. Please log on to your ParentPay account to view the five books that are available to order and pay accordingly. A letter was available on parents evening with all details. The last date for any orders is Friday, 10th November.

A message from the Pupil Leadership Team

A huge thank you from the Pupil Leadership Team. As part of our fundraising for Roald Dahl's Marvellous children's charity we raised £435.26!

Your contributions will make a world of difference to children living with medical complexities, and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

With heaps of admiration and chocolate-covered cheers.

School Dinners, New Menu and My Child At School

A reminder that school meals must be booked by midnight on the Thursday prior to the week of taking any school dinners. Meals booked for the first week back after half term will need to be booked no later than Thursday, 2nd November. The new menu is available to view and book on your My Child At School App. Meals can be booked for several weeks in advance and can also be edited following the same principle, by midnight on the Thursday prior to the week of taking any meals. If you haven't already signed up please do so by following this link –

[MyChildAtSchool - Forgotten Login](#)

Year 5 and Class 5/6M Planetarium Workshop

A letter will go home today with the children in 5S, 5P and 5/6M regarding a Planetarium Workshop we are holding in school on Friday, 24th November. You are able to pay for this workshop via your My Child At School App from today.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school after the half-term break and we ask for a minimum donation of 20p. Thank you for your support. There is a limited supply of the following that will also be for sale:

Pencils / Rulers / Friendship Bracelets / Reflectors and Zip pulls.

Remembrance Day Service and Parade

This year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade will take place on Sunday, 12th November 2023 at 10.30am in the War Memorial Park. Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. We would like the children of our city, and their families, to share in this year's event.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Reminder

Please note that the last day for applications to be submitted to the city council is **31st October**. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions or ring the Admissions & Benefits Team on 024 7697 5445.

Christmas Card Project

A big thank you to those of you who have placed an order for Christmas cards, mugs and coasters. Our online shop is now closed. All orders will be returned to school w/c 13/11/2023. If you have missed the deadline, it is still possible to order directly and have items delivered to you. Please use the following link <https://directschool-fundraising.co.uk>. School will earn commission on these sales. The prices for these items will be higher due to the extra cost of printing, delivering and packaging.

Staying Safe This Autumn

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

You can download our free parents' guide of safety tips here: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/darker-nights/asb>

If you want to report something suspicious call 101 or **999 in an emergency**. For more information about how West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search 'WMP Darker Nights'.

Car Seat Safety

As we are likely to be using our cars more going into the colder, darker days please remember that Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they are 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first. Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#). You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules#:~:text=Children%20must%20normally%20use%20a,your%20child's%20height%20or%20weight>.

PTA News

Committee Meeting

All parents, carers and school staff, are invited to the next PTA committee meeting, followed by a social drink or two. If you haven't been before, you will be very warmly welcomed. This is your opportunity to build relationships with others, make a difference to the Stivichall community and help give our children the best possible childhood experiences.

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2023

Time: 8pm

Venue: The Burnt Post

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December 2023 - 11.00am – 2.00pm

Our magical Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 11.00am – 2.00pm. If you haven't already, be sure to add this date to your diaries – it's one not to be missed!

Volunteers

If you are able to help with the planning or running of the Christmas Fayre in any way – big or small – we would love to hear from you. You can either join our Christmas Fayre whatsapp group here or email us at ptastivichall@gmail.com

Raffle

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

External stalls

We are welcoming applications from sole traders and small businesses who are interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fayre. If you are interested, please contact us at ptastivichall@gmail.com and let us know a little bit about your business. We have extended the deadline for applications to Friday 3rd November 2023.

And finally...

School Discos

Last week's discos were a great success with children and volunteers alike having a great time. We are finalising the accounts and will be able to bring you details of the total funds raised very soon. As always, all funds raised will be used to directly benefit our children.

We would especially like to thank all the parents, carers and staff who gave up their time before and during the event to help make it an evening to remember. The children's smiling faces really did make all the hard work worthwhile. We welcome your feedback to help us plan future events - you can share this here.

Once again, thank you so much for being a vital part of our school community; let's keep working together to make these upcoming events truly memorable for all our children.

Wishing you a relaxing half-term break and please stay safe when you are out and about and if you are celebrating on Bonfire Night.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

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