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Dear Parent/Carer

The Coventry Foodbank Team have sent a thank you to us as a school community. We donated 82.5kg worth of food that will be used to support people across the city who are in food crisis.

Following a visit from Myton Hospice in our whole school assembly on Monday, it was lovely to see so many Christmas Jumpers around school today. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 for Myton Hospice. Once the money has been counted, we will share the total with you. After Christmas art day today, school is looking beautifully festive in readiness for the PTA Christmas Fayre, we look forward to extending a warm welcome to lots of our families tomorrow.

### Important Dates:

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - PTA Christmas Fayre 11 - 2pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Post Box Opens
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Class 1/2m, 2S & 2P Nativity Workshop in School
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception and Year 1 trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo
- " " " - First Forest School Session for 3S & 5S
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 to 6 trip to The Belgrade Theatre to see Cinderella

### Music Reminders

Mrs Mohan will be in on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December to make up her lessons from today.

Miss Rees will be here on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to make up a missed lesson from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please note There will be no Woodwind lessons on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December due to the Pantomime.

### Staff News

We are delighted to share that we have two beautiful baby boys joining the Stivichall staff family. Parker arrived safely on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Baby Wainwright on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We send our congratulations to both Miss Wilkins and Mrs Wainwright and we look forward to meeting the boys very soon.

### Sports News

On Tuesday, our Athletics team competed in the School games competition at the Xcel leisure Centre. They have been practising since the start of the year and arrived raring to go! The children took part in a range of relay and running races, throwing and jumping events. We excelled in the running events (winning most of them) showcasing the many talented children we have at Stivichall. We also had some outstanding javelin throwers! It was a close competition and there were a few mistakes along the way, so we were delighted to come away as the **winners!** We are now through to the Coventry West final.

Athletics club will be on next Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, we will then take a break until the new year whilst the stage is up in the hall. We will restart on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, to prepare for the final.

Well done to the team, you were amazing; we are really proud of you all!

*Mrs Matthews, Miss Lole & Mrs Keefe*

### 5P and 3/4M at Forest School

Our Year 5 pupils built shelters on quite a rainy day which tested their resilience. Zeynep reported that she enjoyed building them with her friends. They also worked in pairs to design and build a raft or boat to float on the pond. Veeran said he enjoyed learning how to use a billhook safely. In the final week, we had fun making Christmas wreaths which can be seen at the entrance to Forest School and we finished off the session with a game of conkers.

In 3/4M bowsaws were the focus of safe tool use. After sawing 'wood biscuits,' pupils had a session where they used them to create new games for themselves. We went on an informative walk to identify and learn about native trees found on our site. Finally, the Christmas theme continued with pupils enthusiastically making their own festive wooden decorations to hang on a tree.

*Mrs Cribdon and Mr Thompson*

### **Years 5 & 6 Choir Visit to Woodside Methodist Church**

The year 5 and 6 children from choir attended the Woodside Avenue Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon to sing to the group who meet there. The pre-school children also joined the group to watch. The choir sang a mixture of Christmas songs and some from the Young Voices music they have been learning. It was a great success and the children performed beautifully!

### **Theatre Trips**

Years 2 to 6 are all looking forward to visiting the theatre on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December to see the Cinderella, Pantomime. Children will be leaving school at 9.15 am and will return to school at 1.15 pm approximately, with children having a slightly later dinner than usual. Children are allowed to take a water bottle and a small snack to have during the interval. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks or sharing bags of sweets as these will be sent back home. **Please remember not to send your child to school with any products that contain nuts.**

Reception and Year 1 visit to the Warwick Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. They will be leaving school at approximately 10am and will return in time for lunch. The children will have their snacks and a drink before leaving school. Please do not send sweets or extra snacks in with children as they will be sent back home.

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.



**This week's top eco tip:** Use as much re-usable plastic as possible or don't use plastic at all! (Zeynep, 5P)

### **Clean Air Campaign**

Next week, the Eco Warriors and Pupil Leaders will be leading a mini campaign to raise awareness of air pollution and the dangers of leaving car engines running when stationary. They will be using posters and banners they have made to remind parents to turn off their car engines when dropping children off at school. They are really excited to take this 'action' and their work will hopefully have an impact in keeping the air around school that we all - staff, parents and children - breathe.

### **Christmas Card Post box**

The Christmas post box will be out for the children to post Christmas cards to their friends from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. The year 6 children will deliver the cards around school. Please ensure the envelopes have the receiving child's first and surname clearly written on the envelope along with their class.

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances**

This year's performances will take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am for Year 2 parents**
- **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm for Year 1 parents**
- **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am Reception**

Tickets will be sent home with your eldest child in these year groups week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December and these must be brought with you on the day of the performance. Please remember if you will not be using both of your tickets or are unable to attend please return them to the office so we can redistribute them.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch will be served this year on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like to enjoy a Christmas lunch, please book using your MCAS account by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. After this date no additional orders can be placed.

## Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Bookings for Spring term open on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 via your My Child At School account.

Available sessions will be as follows

- Breakfast Club 7.30am to start of school day - £6
- Breakfast Club 7.50am to start of school day - £5.50
- After School Club 4.30pm collection - £6.50
- After School Club 5pm collection - £8.00
- After School Club 5.30pm collection - £9.50
- After School Club 6pm collection - £11

For further information or for booking advice please contact Sam on [acornsstaff@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:acornsstaff@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk).

### After School Clubs – Spring Term

Year 3 & 4 Football Fridays 3.20-4.20. Please find the booking link below if you wish to sign your child up for the new term. <https://forms.gle/o2Efk3KhnECVmzYf8>

### Christmas Fayre

The Stivichall PTA have worked extremely hard to plan this year's Christmas Fayre, which takes place tomorrow from 11.00am – 2.00pm. The Christmas Fayre is always a fun-filled festive treat that brings our community together in the run up to Christmas and so we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Thank you to our parent, staff and pupil volunteers who have put themselves forward to support the event.

Please use the gate in Coat of Arms of Bridge Road for access on to the school site and then make your way to the Middle Phase doors (between class 3P and 2S) for entry to the fayre. The gates will open at 10.50 to allow access. Choir members should proceed to the front of the queue and ask for permission to enter. Can we ask that all accompanying attendees wait until everything is ready for the opening.

The Fayre will open with the arrival of Father Christmas followed by a performance by the school choir.

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow. Further information is given below



### CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 11.00 – 2.00 pm



1 day to go until the CHRISTMAS FAYRE!!!

We look forward to seeing lots of you there. A few reminders for you:

- The event will run between 11am – 2pm,
- This is a cash-only event,
- Access to the school site will be via the Coat of Arms Bridge Road only,
- The fayre will be operating a 'Challenge 25' policy for alcoholic drinks, so if you are fortunate enough to look younger than 25 yrs old, be sure to bring your ID with you!
- Don't forget to bring your pre-purchased raffle tickets, and keep your fingers crossed that you win one of our amazing prizes!

And finally....

- We hope that you have lots of festive fun at the Fayre!

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs K Ferguson*

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Head Teacher

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