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15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, a reminder that we break up on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at the normal home time and the children should return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

**Important Dates:**

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 parents invited to KS1 Nativity starting at 9.15 am
- " " " - Year 1 parents invited to KS1 Nativity starting at 2.15 pm
- " " " - Year 4 Dodgeball Event at Xcel Centre
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Reception parents invited to Reception Christmas Nativity at 9.30 am
- " " " - Christmas Lunch: SORRY, NO FURTHER BOOKINGS CAN BE TAKEN
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Afternoon of Christmas songs and games
- " " " - Christmas Jumper Day. No donation – school uniform with Christmas jumper
- " " " - Last day of term

**Car Parking in Gregory Road and Coat of Arms Bridge Road**

It is hugely disappointing to continue to receive a number of parking complaints from our neighbours and local drivers this week regarding parking both in Gregory Avenue and Coat of Arms Bridge Road. These include: inconsiderate, unsafe parking on the pavements, making it difficult and sometimes impossible for pedestrians to pass without stepping out in to the road; parking over driveways and then arguing with local residents when being politely asked to move so they can access their property; stopping and dropping in front of the entrance on Coat of Arms bridge Road adding to the congestion and increasing the risk of a shunt accident occurring; completing dangerous manoeuvres with no regard or awareness of adults or children.

It is worth noting that the Civil Enforcement Officers have been in attendance around school this week and will continue to carry out ad-hoc visits.

Please help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours and help set a good example for our children by not parking irresponsibly or illegally.

**Infectious diseases: Scarlett Fever**

Hopefully, you have all read the communication that has been sent out this week regarding both Scarlett Fever and Measles.

It is important to note we do have a small number of both suspected and confirmed Scarlett Fever cases in school. Please take the time to read the advice that was sent and we ask that parents remain vigilant and seek medical advice if required.

You can find more information on scarlet fever symptoms, diagnosis and treatment at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>.

**Measles**

If your child has not received two doses of MMR vaccination as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. MMR vaccination is very important when there are cases of measles in the community – as we have in Coventry now. This is because any child or adult that has not had at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 21 days after contact with the infected person. This is the time it can take for measles to develop

More information about measles and MMR vaccination can be found on the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

## Reception and Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity Performances

These take place as follows:

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 parents invited to KS1 Nativity starting at 9.15 am
- " " " - Year 1 parents invited to KS1 Nativity starting at 2.15 pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Reception parents invited to Reception Christmas Nativity at 9.30 am

Two tickets per family have been sent home with your eldest child earlier this week. Please remember to bring your tickets with you to the correct performance.

**If you know that you are unable to attend and will therefore not be using any of your tickets, please return them to the office as we may be able to redistribute them to others. Thank you.**

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:** Capture rain water to water your plants in the garden! (Jaan, 4S)

### A message from the Pupil Leadership Team

We are creating shoeboxes this year for Coventry Cyrenians charity.

A final plea for supporting the shoebox appeal. The Pupil Leadership Team will be collecting the donations on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and sending them to our chosen charity.

We are kindly asking for donations of Toothpaste - Mouthwash - Toothbrushes - Hairbrushes/combs - Soap - Nail brushes. If you would like to donate your own shoebox with the specified items, this will be hugely appreciated. However, we appreciate that we have asked for a number of charitable donations this term and so, alternatively, if an individual shoebox is too much then perhaps you could consider donating one of the items. The Pupil Leadership Team will gather the individual items and put together a shoebox.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity.

### Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Unfortunately, no further bookings can be taken. If you have not remembered to book school dinners for next week, then please send your child to school with a packed lunch from home each day.

The menu has now been uploaded onto MCAS for next term and is available to book up to February half term. All orders for the first week back must be made no later than **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### School Christmas Card Project

We are delighted to announce that the total profit from all the cards, mugs and coasters sold, is a massive £472.24. Thank you for your support. All monies will be put towards more art resources.

### Music and Extra-curricular Clubs in the last week

Mr Stott will be in to teach Drums on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Year 3 Cornet lessons will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. All other music lessons have now finished for this term. All music lessons will restart WC- 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Extra-curricular Clubs w/c 18<sup>th</sup> December

The only clubs running next week are as follows:

- Tuesday afterschool - Punjabi lessons
- Wednesday afterschool - Punjabi lessons, Bayleaf Cookery and Jam Coding
- Thursday afterschool - Netball
- Friday afterschool - Football Year 3 and 4

Leivers Dance and Taekwondo will be on as normal next week.

### Rising 5 Admissions for September 2024

A reminder that if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 (date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020), applications need to be made by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. You can do this either online or by calling **02476 975445**

### School Bags

Children have been reminded this week not to bring backpacks into school but instead to use tote bags or PE/ swimming bags that can be folded away and stored in class trays when not in use. Alternatively, the book bags they were provided with in reception are also suitable. Please do not buy large bulky backpacks to be used as school bags. If your child has a need to bring a bigger bag for example, they are attending an after-school sports club, please let their class teacher know this is the case. This is a health and safety issue as cloakroom space does not allow for backpacks and coats to be safely stored. We ask that parents support school in enforcing this rule and avoid buying backpacks for use at school.

### Lost Property

Sadly, we have another enormous collection of lost property that is currently unclaimed. I would suggest that there is at least £500 worth of uniform, water bottles and coats currently unclaimed. Please take the time in the last week of term to look through the lost property container and claim any items that belong to your child. Lost Property is located under the canopy outside the school office.

### Kids With Bricks



Each week our Kids with Bricks Club take part in an interschool competition and we would appreciate your votes.

Please remember to vote for us each week by using the link below. You will need to type in Stivichall Primary School and then click on the school name highlighted in blue. Please remember to cast your vote each week. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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