

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the last newsletter of 2023 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday.

Important Dates for first week of the new term:

- Monday 8th January - First day of Spring term – children return to school
- First week back - Music lessons all restart
- Wednesday 11th January - Last Forest School for 5S & 3S
- Friday 12th January - Sparks visit to School for 4S & 4P

School News

- The Reception and KS1 Christmas nativities took place this week and the children performed exceptionally well. We were, as always, extremely proud of them and grateful for their reminder of the first Christmas. Thank you all for attending in such large numbers and for being a great audience. A huge thank you to the staff for preparing the children so well.
- A big thank you to the kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors for all their efforts on Wednesday when both children and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch.

Sports News

- On Tuesday, eight children from Year 4 took part in a dodgeball competition which targeted their values towards competing against opposing schools. The values were: honesty, respect and teamwork. They all showed a great attitude towards the competition and represented Stivichall perfectly. Well done to the team and to Miss Lole for her training. Thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the event.

Staff News

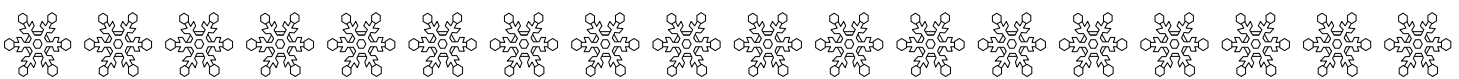
- This week we have welcomed Mrs Staincliffe into the School Office. Mrs Staincliffe has taken the position of Office Manager and I am sure you will all meet her in the New Year.
- Sadly, Mrs Lakin leaves us today. Mrs Lakin is moving on to work in the Early Years Team at Early Help. We wish her all the very best for the future, we are sure she will be amazing in her new role.
- Mr and Mrs J Gould are delighted to announce that they are expecting their second baby in April of next year. Miss Sexton will be taking over R2 when the time comes and will be spending time with the class next term to get to know the children.

Coventry Cyrenians Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who either donated items of toiletries or made up shoeboxes for the appeal this year. The Pupil Leadership team worked together over a lunchtime to create many boxes, which have been very gratefully received by the charity. Head over to the school twitter page to see the photos.

School Dinners

School meals are now available to book on ParentPay for the Spring Term. **Meals for week commencing the 8th January must be booked by Thursday 4th January 2024.** The Dinosaur themed lunch menu was sent home this week. You can log on and book now on MCAS.



Extra-curricular Activities for Spring Term

- **Athletics** will continue from Monday 8th January for those that are already attending.
- ***Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys Football** will continue from Tuesday 9th January for the team. The children have been notified if they have been selected. The team will be reviewed for the Summer term.
- **Netball** Years 5&6 – Letters have been given out today to those children that expressed an interest in signing up.
- **NEW ** Kinball Club** for year 4** will start on Friday, 12th January. Letters were sent home last week and you will have been notified via Parent mail if you child has a space.

*These clubs will run from 3.20 – 4.00 pm during the month of January.

The following external led clubs will continue to run in the New Year:

- Lunchtime Flyte Gymnastics Club
- Lunchtime Tennis Club – Year 2 – Letters will be sent out in the first week of term.
- Lunchtime German Lessons – years 3,4,5 & 6 Spaces available follow the link to sign up https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/single_class_listings_view.php?c=5E5F8512E9F91&p_id=7&t=classbiz&set=yes
- Afterschool Jam Coding – Year 3,4,5 & 6 – Spaces available follow the link to sign up <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/2540>
- Bayleaf Cookery – Year 3,4 & 5 - Full
- Afterschool Kids for Bricks – Year 2 - Full
- Afterschool Leivers Dance
- Afterschool Punjabi lessons – Spaces available, contact Mrs Bains on 07886001070

New Lunchtime Clubs for Spring Term

- Dodgeball - Tuesday Year 3 – Miss Lole
- Rowing Practice – Wednesday Year 6 – Miss Lole
- Improv Club – Thursday - Pupil led club
- Cross Country – Friday – Mrs Baynes

More Information will be available in the New Year regarding these clubs.

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: Re-cycle paper by using it as wrapping paper. You can also re-use wrapping paper for other crafts. (Lily, 6S)



Attendance

The attendance for the whole school for the **Autumn Term is 96.4%**. We hope that all children who have been poorly over the last week make a full recovery to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Pets as Therapy

The Children have all enjoyed another wonderful term of reading to Nessie.

We can see the impact Nessie and Mike are having, developing confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading.

We would like to wish Mike and Nessie a Wonderful Christmas.

With festive wishes

Mrs K Ferguson

Head Teacher

