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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to another busy Spring Term.

Important Dates Next Week:

- Wednesday 17th January – First Forest School session for 5/6M and 3P
- Thursday 18th January – Dinosaur Themed Lunch (Sorry, no more bookings can be taken)
- Thursday 18th January - Boys football match at home

Teacher Training Dates Reminder for rest of the Academic Year:

- Friday 3rd May 2024

Important Music Dates

There will be additional music lessons for woodwind on the following dates:

- Tuesday 16th January
- Tuesday 6th February

The Strings lesson is cancelled on Friday 26th January

Car Parking in Green Lane North & Local Petition for War Memorial Park

We have received some complaints about the car parking along Green Lane North at drop off times. In particular people manoeuvring dangerously in the street, reversing into the school drive and unlawful parking on the zig-zag lines. It seems the road is getting increasingly busy and the congestion is building up. Please help ease this by being mindful when using this area for drop off.

Along the same theme, there is a current petition with Coventry City Council to try to stop the planned parking charge changes at War Memorial Park. The plans are to charge for parking at the park thus encouraging people to park their vehicles in neighbouring roads adding to the traffic and congestion. You can sign the petition for the War Memorial car parking to remain free for the first 3 hours here: [ePetition - Memorial Park Free Parking -](#)

Parents' Consultation Meetings

As previously shared, these meetings will be remote meetings through SchoolCloud. Details for booking meeting slots will follow later in this half term. In the interim, please note the dates and times of these meetings.

Wednesday 21 st February	-	3.30 – 7.30 pm	Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 28 th February	-	3.30 – 7.30 pm	Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Congratulations Mrs Lee!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Lee has been appointed as a Deputy Headteacher and will work alongside Mr Gould to support Mrs Ferguson in leading the school. Mrs Lee has done a tremendous job as an Assistant Headteacher; this change of job title more accurately reflects the demands of her role and the needs of our school.

Choir Members attending Young Voices Event at Genting Arena

The children have been busy practising for this event which takes place on **Wednesday 24th January**. If you have ordered tickets for the concert through school, then they will be ready to collect from the school office from Monday 15th January. Unfortunately, we are unable to send them home with your child as the tickets will need to be signed for. Anyone who has ordered a T-Shirt, these will be given to your child on the day of the event. You will receive a further information letter next week.

Medical Tracker

We are now using a new system called Medical Tracker to log first-aid given to children at school. As a parent, you will now receive an email if your child has a bumped head, and the child will still wear a bumped head wristband. There is a section of the email whereby you can acknowledge this notification. This will eliminate the need to send slips home and have them returned to us. Parents will still be contacted by telephone for more serious injuries or concerns that may require a conversation. We will continue to review how and when these messages are sent to parents, this is just to make you aware in case you see an email you don't recognise. Thank you,
Vikki Staincliffe (Office Manager)

Bike Shed

Could everyone please be mindful of moving items in the bike shed. If for any reason you need to move another bike or scooter out of the way, then this should be done as carefully as possible and in the manner you would like someone else to move your property. Many Thanks

Timings of the School Day

May I remind you that children in years 1 to 6 *must* be in class **no later than 9.00 am**. The gates open at 8.50 am to allow for a 10-minute window for arrival in school. Reception children *must* be in class **no later than 9.05am**. Gates will be closed at 9.05 am.

If your child arrives after the start time, then they should report to the school office to be signed in as late as registration will have closed. Persistent lateness is regularly monitored and discussed with the school's attendance officer.

Please read the following link on [Working together to improve attendance](#).

'The Big Ambition'



The children's commissioner is asking children, young people, parents and carers to participate in a national survey to help share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election. More than 300,000 people have already had their say and there is still time to have yours! Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition **Survey closes on 19th January**

Keeping Children Safe near the Railway

'The tragic death of Harrison in 2017, when he was in Year 7 at Guilsborough Academy, brought home to our community the importance of teaching our children about safety on the railways. Schools play a vital role in keeping our children safe.' - Simon Frazer, Principal at Guilsborough Academy.

The videos below on railway safety have been watched by children in school, you are welcome to watch them at home with other children or view them yourselves if you wish.

Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

Forest School 5S and 3S

5S pupils started their sessions with shelter building, sharing ideas about the best locations and methods to use. They worked in pairs to design and build a raft (using only natural materials) to float on the pond. They also cut wood to make Christmas decorations and spent a morning helping to maintain the Forest School area by tidying growth and making cosy areas for creatures over winter. They relished playing team games with guttering and balls, progressing to transporting water!

In 3S, bowsaws were used to make 'wood biscuits' which were later turned into lovely Christmas decorations. The class were interested in learning the names of native trees found on our site and how to identify them in winter. Which tree had sticky buds?! Pupils also used wood biscuits to create new games. This week, they helped to make habitats for creatures in the dell and also played team games with guttering. Fred and Maya commented that although fun, it was really hard to control the tennis ball in the game!
Mrs Cribdon and Mr Thompson


Digital Devices

Listening to conversations around school, it is clear that children have received lots of lovely presents over Christmas. Some children have been lucky enough to receive new digital devices and are understandably very excited about what they can do with them. Whilst digital devices are wonderful, they can bring with them risks when children are online.


Please spend some time looking at the guidance provided on keeping your child/ren safe when using digital devices and being online including parental controls.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>


Upcoming Parent Courses with outside agencies



Talking Teens:
your Guide to
Understanding
Teenagers



Newest research shows that the period of adolescence can begin around at 10 years old. If you would like to know more about how best to support your teenager then take a look at this programme, there may still be time to sign up!



FAMILY LINKS
The Centre for Family Relationships

New 4-week programme available for ALL parents and carers of teenagers in Coventry

Beginning Wednesday 10th January 2024

Weekly 9:30-11:30

Aspire Family Hub


Humber Avenue, Coventry

To book visit: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting>

Sleep Tight Workshop for parents/carers of children aged 1 year and over

Monday 4th March 1-2:30p.m.

This session will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams



Sleep issues are common for children and young people and this workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

For further information or to book your place on the workshop please email: parenting@coventry.gov.uk

Please include the following details in your email:
Preferred workshop date, Your name, address, postcode, parents email
age of child and child's name

Safeguarding Reminder – 'Nut-Free' School

A reminder that due to a child who has an extremely sensitive allergy to nuts, we would like to ask **ALL** parents for their support in making Stivichall a 'nut-free' school. This will mean that no nuts can be brought to school by any children, parents or staff, in packed lunches or snacks, including in nut 'spreads' such as Nutella and Peanut Butter/paste and bars such as Buenos. We really do appreciate your full support on this – even close contact with another child who has consumed nuts that day can result in a severe reaction (potentially life threatening) for this child. Thank you.

Sparks Visit from Canley Fire Station for Year 4

4P and 4S had a visit from the Sparks fire brigade. "We learnt about hazards, safety rules and hoax calls. They told us about the equipment they use and why. It was an amazing visit and everyone enjoyed it!

Top Tip: If you get caught on fire, STOP, DROP and ROLL!"

Support your well-being

To support your well-being why not try the following:

1. Try and keep active and explore the outdoors (dog walks, dancing, yoga, socialising with friends)
2. Try a new skill or hobby like playing chess or board games with a friend. Could you try a new sport or turn your hands to arts & crafts? Remember, trying a new skill can create new opportunities and lead you down a new path
3. Remember to give yourself time and space. You could read a book/magazine or perhaps turn your hand to observational drawing

Well-being ambassadors

Eco Tip –

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 bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic ones (Archie, 3S)



Yours sincerely

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