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Dear Parents/Carers

Important Dates next week:

- Monday 22nd January - St Martins Church visiting Year 1
- Wednesday 24th January - Young Voices at Resorts World Arena
- Thursday 25th January - Girls' Football vs Hollyfast away
- Thursday 25th January - Class 1/2M assembly at 9:05am – Parents welcome to attend
- Thursday 25th January - Class 6S assembly at 2:40pm – Parents welcome to attend

Important Music Information

There will be no strings lesson next Friday 26th January.

Staff News

After 12 years of working at our school, Mrs Ensor has made the difficult decision to use her Stivichall Passport for life in order to experience a new professional adventure by transferring her considerable skills to a new role at the Department for Education. She is looking forward to being able to take on new challenges and having the flexibility to choose to travel outside of school holidays. Mrs Ensor has had a significant impact on the lives of many children at Stivichall through supporting Speech, Language and Communication development; we wish her every success in her new career.

Early Bird Drop in Sessions

We will be running this term's session on Friday 2nd February 8:30 – 8:50am. Pupils are invited to bring their parent/carer into their classroom before school to share and celebrate their learning and achievements so far this year. All parents will be requested to leave at 8:50am so that lessons can start promptly. It can be to look at work, to look at the displays, to read a book – whatever you and your child want to do together. Please note that the visit is confined to your child's classroom for safeguarding reasons. Parents who need to visit more than one classroom are asked to do so via the external doors rather than using the school corridors.

Music Invoices:

Payment for your child's Spring Term music lessons are now available to pay via the My Child at School app. Invoices will not be sent separately.

Choir Members attending Young Voices Event at Resorts World Arena

The children have been busy practising for this event which takes place on Wednesday 24th January. Just a reminder that if you have ordered tickets for the concert through school, then they are ready to collect from the school office. Unfortunately, we are unable to send them home with your child as the tickets will need to be signed for. A letter has been sent home with the children this week with all the final details for the day.

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 compostable bin bags (Arya, 2S)

UniformD

Thank you for donations received, we have built up a good amount of stock and the UniformD web pages are updated should you require any items of school uniform, both branded and unbranded. <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools>

Drop off and Pick Up

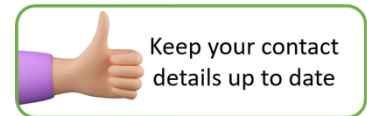
It is always lovely to see our families socialising together, with the start and end of the school day often being the time when parents have time to catch up. However, for safeguarding reasons, we would kindly ask that you vacate the playground promptly after drop off and pick up as lessons, afterschool clubs and Stivichall Acorns use the playground space.

The school gates are closed at 9.05 in the morning and at 3.30 pm in the afternoon.

Please do not think that we are being anti-social but we still need to be aware of our safeguarding procedures at all times of the day when children are on site; perhaps you could continue your conversations on a walk around the Memorial Park as I know many of you do. We thank you for your understanding.

Emergency Contact Information

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address, email or telephone numbers held on our database. This enables us to keep our records accurate and up to date and to contact you if needed. Please update the My Child at School app with any changes.



The Young Active Citizen Award

For some time, the Lord-Lieutenant has wanted to recognise young people who truly make a difference to their local communities. Until 2020 there had not been a special award for young people going the “extra mile” to help others. The Young Active Citizen Award was launched to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of young people, to reward their effort and hard work, and to celebrate people doing extraordinary things.

The deadline to nominate is midnight on 9th February 2024. To find out more or to nominate please use the following link [Nomination Form Young Active Citizen Award 2023 | West Midlands Lieutenancy \(wmlieutenancy.org\)](https://www.wmlieutenancy.org)

Eco Warriors Recycling Scheme

Our Eco Warriors already do a fantastic job of making sure our school recycles empty crisp packets and pens and now they have a new challenge for you!

From Monday, we will be collecting the following 'tricky to recycle' items (from all brands). All you need to do is send them into school with your child and the Eco Team will do the rest of the work.

- **Dental care products** - manual toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads and cover, flossing sticks and interdental brushes, electric flosser nozzles and dental floss containers
- **Make up** - empty eye / face / lip make up packaging
- **Plastic food storage containers and lids**
- **Reusable plastic water bottles and caps**
- **Batteries**

Thank you for helping our school and community achieve greater environmental responsibility and awareness.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. Ferguson

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