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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 6th February Year 4 trip to Coombe Abbey
- Tuesday 6th February Rowing Competition at AT7 Centre
- Wednesday 7th February Rowing Competition at AT7 Centre
- Wednesday 7th February Last Forest Schools for 3P and 5/6M
- Thursday 8th February Class Assembly for 4S at 14:40 – Parents are welcome to attend
- Friday 9th February KS2 Maths Workshop 9:05am

Important Music Information:

Unfortunately the woodwind catch up lesson on the 6th February is now cancelled. We will provide more information on further catch up lessons once we have it.

Music Payments

Just a reminder that all music payments should be paid this week. You can find the payment allocated to your My Child at School Account.

Sports News

- Stivichall take the win!! Our Athletics team competed in the Coventry west final this week in what was a tight nail-biting competition. Despite some nerves, we dominated the track events coming away with lots of 1st/2nd places; some races were extremely close as we competed against some tough competitors. With only 4 points between us and Grange Farm, we were ecstatic to come away as the winners! We are extremely proud of the team’s outstanding performance and sportsmanship, well done all. We are now through to the county final! -Mrs Matthews
- After school Tuesday Football and Thursday Netball continue to finish at 4pm until half term. They will return to a 4:20pm finish once we return after the half term, week commencing 19th February.

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that the bookings for parents’ evenings open on SchoolCloud this Monday 5th February at 12pm.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. As in previous years, we will be inviting children to come into school dressed as a character from a book. There is no expectation to purchase anything; the children could wear some token accessories that represent the character. This is not a competition but rather celebrating our love of books together.

We will also be holding a themed meal on the day, more details of this will follow.

Reception Phonics Screening

Stivichall is in the top 4% of all primary schools in the country for pupils meeting the standard in the 2023 phonics screening check. Please see a letter of congratulations from the Minister for Schools attached to this week’s newsletter.

School Dinners

You are now able to book your meal choice selections on My Child at School right up to the Easter Holidays.

Head Lice

Following a single case of head lice in school (although now treated) I wanted to take the opportunity to share some guidance around checking for and treating head lice.

Persistent grooming is essential to remove head lice before they have the chance to lay their eggs. By making a regular habit of combing both morning and evening, will help to solve this problem. We have free combs available from the school office.

We have been advised by the school nurse that hair conditioner, and shampoos containing conditioner, should not be used prior to treatment with the recommended head lice lotions or shampoos. Hair should be washed before treatment with an ordinary shampoo to remove traces of conditioner.

A website you may wish to refer to for further information is www.headliceadvice.net

Eco Warrior Recycling Scheme

The Eco Warriors would like to thank everyone so far who has been sending their tricky to recycle items into school. Below is a reminder of the products we ask that you send in with your child to be recycled:

- **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**

Eco Tip

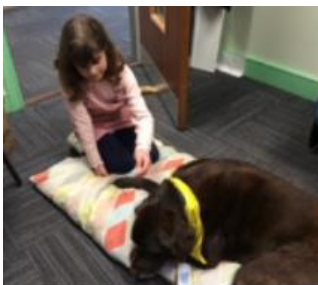
Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.



This week's top eco tip: Have a meatless Monday next week! (Rosa, 1S)

Reading to Nessie

Our children continue to gain confidence and fluency reading to Nessie. Ella met Nessie for the first time this week. Ella said 'It was wonderful meeting Nessie she was very calm and soft'. All the children benefit tremendously spending time with Nessie, the special relationship she has with the children enhances their sense of well-being. Thank you Mike and Nessie!



Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

As you have probably seen in the media, the government is currently driving a campaign called 'Moments Matter - Attendance Counts'. This has been designed to not only remind parents and carers of the importance of attending school, but also to support families to ensure this can happen.

Here at Stivichall, we understand the importance of regular school attendance and we are proud of the fact that our attendance is amongst the highest nationally. However, there are still too many children missing too many school sessions. Research shows that not only do those pupils who attend regularly achieve at higher levels than those who don't, but it is also important to help develop friendships, social skills, life skills and career pathways.

As a school we are required to meet with the Local Authority attendance officer who reviews individual attendance and lateness, and so whilst we understand that there are many reasons for absence, those whose attendance falls below 90% will be notified. 90% may not sound too bad statistically but 90% attendance means that your child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over a five year period, this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year.

We are here to support you and will make contact to offer help where we feel it may benefit. Likewise, if you are experiencing problems with getting your child into school and would like support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Below are some articles that the government have asked us to share with you and that may help with your decision to send them to school. At the end of each term, we will be sharing our current attendance as a school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk)

Safer Internet Day 6th February

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year they cover an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online.

Here are some Top Tips for Parents:

- Having regular and open conversations with your child about their use of technology and the internet is the best way to stay up to date, not only with changes in the online world, but also with what they are doing and seeing online. Starting these conversations can sometimes feel daunting, but they can help you feel more informed and show your child that you are taking an interest in their online life.
- Giving young people the opportunity to talk about their online life, and enjoying online content together, can be a great way to gain an insight into the content they are viewing.
- Just like in their offline lives, children need role models online too. Set clear and fair expectations about how the whole family should use the internet and technology and demonstrate these yourself.

Safer
Internet
Day 2024 | Tuesday
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

An attachment will accompany this newsletter for information regarding a parent's online safety workshop organised by West Midlands Police.

For more information on Safer Internet Day see [Safer Internet Day 2024 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

Lost Property

After several attempts to reunite items with their owners, we still have a lot of unclaimed lost property in the box outside the office. Please can everyone take the opportunity next week to have a look and see if anything belongs to you? We will have tables set up at drop off and pick up all week to enable you to have a proper look.

This overflowing box represents £100s worth of lost items collected since October 2023.



Unfortunately, we will need to suitably dispose of any unclaimed items after this time.

Yours sincerely

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