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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after what I hope you was a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break; the children and staff have returned ready for another busy and productive half term.

### Important dates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</li> <li>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' Football Vs Gosford Park away</li> <li>Netball Vs Willenhall Community away</li> <li>Parents' Online Consultation Meetings – 3:30-7pm</li> <li>Class Assembly 1S at 9:05am – Parents welcome to attend</li> <li>Year 3 Gymnastics Competition at TRIBE</li> <li>Class Assembly 5/6M at 14:40 – Parents welcome to attend</li> <li>Last day to book the World Book Day Themed Meal – no more bookings can be taken after this date</li> <li>5-Year-old Dental Survey (selected children only)</li> <li>Boys' football Vs Hollyfast away</li> </ul> |
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### Nut-Free School

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. Please make sure that the children aren't bringing in nuts or any products containing nuts to school. Please check things like chocolate bars for ingredients as it isn't always clear from the name. We have children who are severely allergic to nuts, so it is very important that we are all diligent. Thank you.



### Choking Risk

Cherry tomatoes and grapes are a potential choking risk, can we please ask parents to make sure they are cut lengthways in half (or even quarters if larger) before sending them into school.

### Music Payments

Please be aware music payments are now overdue, please can these payments be made as a priority via your My Child at School app. They are in the 'Clubs' section under 'Available Clubs'.

### Acorns

Please make sure you are booking any Acorns wrap around care 2 weeks in advance. Any dates within the 2-week window will be unavailable.

### Parents' Meetings with Teachers via SchoolCloud

The cut off for booking a Parents Meeting slot for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February is at 12pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is the last chance to book your slot for Parents Meetings if you haven't already done so.

### Junior Park Run

The Junior Park Run is a free event ran at the War Memorial Park every Sunday morning for children. It's been lovely to see some Stivichall families who regularly attend and would be great to see more of you there! Follow the link to find out further details and how to register.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/warmemorialpark-juniors/>

### Online Safety – Instagram

Instagram is one of the most used platforms among young people and adults. Over the past decade, the platform has become more powerful and influential to its users. It can be an excellent source of entertainment and information for people but can also be a cause for concern. In today's image focused society, it can be an outlet for how people wish to be

perceived physically or in regards to their personality. As a result, it actively encourages people to post about their personal lives, in a way that could be dangerous should everyone have access to it. Privacy is optional on Instagram, and there is a wide spectrum of privacy options. To understand these options better the Southwest Grid for Learning has published resources aimed at achieving this goal. Please click on the link below to find out more about how to keep yourselves and your children safe.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/instagram/>

### Improving Literacy skills and wellbeing

We have loved our Read to Nessie sessions. Fred said 'Reading to Nessie was fun; Nessie is so funny'.

Sophie said, 'Reading to Nessie was exciting'. Hamish said 'Spending time with Nessie made him feel happy'.

The children continue to benefit tremendously.

Thank you Mike and Nessie.



### Illegal Vapes

Although I wouldn't like to think this is related to primary school age children, the police have asked that we share this information due to the potential risks. It is important to know that illegal vapes containing THC, cannabis, and other substances are a national and local concern. The vapes are resulting in some youths becoming aggressive, foaming at the mouth, having seizures and becoming unconscious. If any youths have these symptoms, then please call for an ambulance. If anyone has any information regarding the sale of these vapes, please can the police be contacted in the usual manner (Live Chat or 101)

Extra information can be found on the 'TalktoFrank' website and details of support services can be found on the Coventry City Council Website.

<https://www.talktofrank.com/news/cannabisvapes>

[Drugs and alcohol – Coventry City Council](#)

### 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:** Limit showers to 2 minutes to save water – (Shreeya, 6P)

### Congratulations

We have had a lovely email from Victor's parents regarding a recent achievement and we would love to share this with you all and wish Victor all the best in the Nationals, well done!

*"I am writing to inform you about Victor Liddar from 5P, who participated in the West Midland British Youth Championships Sabre Qualifiers on 18th February in Stratford-Upon-Avon.*

*Competing against the top youth sabre fencers in the region at the 2024 West Midlands British Youth Championships, 10-year-old Victor Liddar gained the gold medal in the 10-and-under category. Despite losing to the eventual winner in the 12-and-under quarterfinals, he secured a place to represent the West Midlands region at the National Finals of the British Youth Championship from May 4th to 6th, 2024, in Sheffield.*

*As his teacher, Miss Goode, has mentioned he is quiet about his achievements, I wanted to share with the school that we, as his parents, are proud of him and hope that you will wish him well in the Nationals."*



## World Book Day Reminder

We are all looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We invite the children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. There is no expectation to purchase anything; the children could wear some token accessories that represent the character. There will not be a competition but rather celebrating our love of books together. Just a reminder that Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February is the last day to book the World Book Day Themed Meal. No more bookings can be taken after this date.

### Wellbeing Ambassadors – Celebrating Success!

Our ambassadors have been busy celebrating the children who received certificates for 'commitment' for the half term after Christmas and we have now launched our new value 'helpful.'  
An additional role for our ambassadors is to celebrate successes around the school and to capture this on a weekly basis.

#### Celebrating successes

**Reception** - The children have been exploring the book 'The Lion Inside' and have been doing a fabulous job of writing independent sentences. Congratulations to Bertie in R1 who wrote a beautiful sentence about the story independently.

**Year 1** - In 1P, Mia has been working incredibly hard with her multiples of 2, 5 and 10, whilst Vaughan in 1S wrote a very impressive journey story which was almost 2 pages long! Great job Vaughan. A big thumbs up to everyone in 1/2M for your pirate character descriptions this week. The children have really enjoyed this focus and their writing has been fabulous.

**Year 2** - Congratulations to year 2 who have put together some incredibly detailed non-chronological reports about sharks. Your new knowledge is very impressive!

**Year 3** - In 3/4M a huge congratulations to George who has shown great focus with his handwriting this week. Emily in 3S has been spotted being an incredibly supportive friend and is always checking in with others. What a superstar! A big well done to Rivan in 3P who has come back incredibly committed and has shown super engagement in class this week! Great job!

**Year 4** - Congratulations to the team in year 4 who have been exploring the book Varjak Paw. Willow in 4S produced a beautiful piece of work on rhetorical questions and we're very proud of her. It's also been great to see the children enjoying their music lessons. Those glockenspiels sound fantastic!

**Year 5** - Year 5 have settled back beautifully this week following the break and I was hugely impressed by the Dystopian stories that were written just prior to half term. Congratulations to Anna in 5S. We were amazed by your story and your presentation is just incredible!

**Year 6** - It's been great to hear the children talking enthusiastically about their work on Macbeth. The dramatic performances are certainly influencing some impressive writing and the team are certainly doing a great job of capturing atmosphere and exploring figurative language.

It's been a lovely first week back. Have a great weekend everyone!  
Mr R Gould & the well-being ambassadors

Yours sincerely

*Mrs K. Ferguson*

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