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Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates:

- Tuesday 5th March Netball match Vs Cannon Park
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day Themed Lunch (no more bookings can be made for this)
Children are invited to dress up for this event!
- Thursday 7th March Reception and Year 6 Heights & Weights

Sports News:

- **Girls Football** - On Monday afterschool the girls' football team travelled to Gosford Park for a cup match. The pitch was heavy due to the rain and the conditions were cold and very muddy! This didn't phase our girls who each demonstrated our Stivichall Values and wore their hearts on their sleeves. The girls worked hard and carefully executed weeks of training to ensure they defended strongly and passed the ball quickly and accurately. The game was very fast paced and end to end which kept our defenders and strikers very busy! As a unit we defended very well and scored 2 well worked goals with Texas scoring both. Gosford had some chances to equalise but the girls comfortably fought till the end to ensure that we booked our place in the next round of the cup! Well done girls! The hard work is paying off and we look forward to seeing you keep progressing this year! - Mr Hartopp
- **Netball** – The year 5 & 6 Netball team played against Willenhall Community on Monday. We showed up with a great attitude and all the training paid off with a 13-3 win for us. Well Done! - Miss Lole
- **Gymnastics** – The year 3 gymnastics team competed at TRIBE on Thursday. They showed great determination and teamwork and we are awaiting the results of their great efforts. - Miss Lole

Driving around school locality and parking

We have received reports of inconsiderate parking in and around the school locality at both drop off and pick up times. Drivers are parking on the grass verges, double parking making it difficult to pass, and in this case, impossible for a wheelchair user to pass as well as blocking the cycle lane. Please be respectful to our neighbours and think before you park!

Smart Watches and Stationery

Just a reminder that smart watches are not allowed in school. Other than them being quite expensive to have in school they do pose a distraction to the children. Thank you for your understanding. A kindly reminder too, that pencil cases are not allowed in school as all resources (pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners etc.) are available to use in every classroom.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Spring Walk and Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country

These annual events will take place, **weather permitting**, on Wednesday 20th March at the War Memorial Park at the following times:

- EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk - 2.00 pm

Parental help is needed with the spring walk so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany the class during this event. If it is agreed you are needed then parents should arrive no earlier than 1.55 pm and proceed to wait just outside their child's class on the playground. Reception parents should wait on the main playground near to the Clamberstack until the reception classes come out.

- Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country - 2.30 pm

Parents are invited to come and watch the event by the opening to the park. The start line is in the park opposite the school entrance.

1S and 1P Firefighter Visit

A big thank you to the firefighters from Binley Fire station who came to talk to 1S and 1P about fire safety. The children had lots of questions for the firefighters and loved exploring the fire engine.



New Catering Company



We are delighted to announce that from 8th April we have a new catering company, 'ABM Catering Ltd'. Attached to this newsletter are some information sheets introducing ABM with more information about their values and the service they provide.

ABM pride themselves on providing healthy, nutritionally balanced and freshly prepared lunches. They only use red tractor farm assured meats, lion stamped free range eggs, locally supplied fresh ingredients and MSC certified fish.

ABM are very conscious of varying dietary requirements and the needs of the young people they serve food to. If you have a child with special dietary requirements, it is very important that you fill out the dietary procedure form (or digitally via the QR code) in order for ABM to provide menus for your child. This letter has been sent home to those parents today.

We hope you will have a read through these documents and join our enthusiasm in welcoming this exciting new service.

PE Kit

A reminder that children should be wearing their correct PE kit for their lessons, including appropriate trainers. A reminder that converse trainers should not be worn as these are not suitable for physical exercise. Below is a reminder of our PE kit requirements:

- black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms/ joggers
- crew neck T-shirt in their house colour (not polo shirt)
- sweatshirt in their house colour, or school jumper/cardigan (if wearing a layer on top of their house colour T-shirt)
- trainers for outdoor PE or black pumps for indoor PE

Please make sure that children are only wearing trainers on PE days

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 electric blankets at night instead of the heating (Lily, 6S)

Eco News

This week the Eco Warrior team have been busy sorting through all the unclaimed lost property from last term. Anything re-sellable has been sent to the school shop and the rest to textile recycling or charity shops. We ask that you please remember to name your child's school uniform and PE kit; this will help us to re-unite more children with their lost items, encourage them to take better care of their belongings and have less make its way to the lost property box this term.



Online Vulnerability Awareness Resources - Internet Watch Foundation

The internet is a wonderful facet of modern life. People have never had as much access to information as they do today, at the touch of a keyboard all knowledge can be acquired largely for free. But it has also made us contactable at all times, in a manner that goes far beyond the voicemails that used to typify telephonic communications. Now photographs, voice notes, and videos can be exchanged to any device at will. This has made young people more vulnerable than ever to unwanted messages and images. Awareness of how to mitigate this issue is vital to securing the young people of tomorrow, and to help in that endeavour the Internet Watch Foundation has created a resource pack. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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