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8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates:

- Monday 11th March Last Forest School for R1 and 2S
- Tuesday 12th March Year 2 Gymnastics Competition at TRIBE
- Friday 15th March Year 3 Gymnastics Final in Solihull
- Friday 15th March Reception trip to Twycross Zoo
- Thursday 21st March Class Assembly for 2P at 9:05am – parents are invited to attend
- Thursday 21st March Class Assembly for 6P at 14:40pm – parents are invited to attend

A communication has gone out to those involved but just a reminder that Kin-Ball isn't on next Friday 15th.

Important Music Information

- There is a catch up lesson for woodwind on Monday 11th March
- The woodwind lesson scheduled for Thursday 14th March will now take place on Friday 15th March
- Orchestra will not take place next week
- There will be a catch up lesson for strings on Thursday 14th March which is in addition to the lesson on Friday 15th March

School Communication

As of the 8th April, we will be using My Child at School to send out parent notifications. Depending on how you have your account set up you will still receive an email as usual, it will come from the school email address and show as 'Stivichall Primary School'. If you have your MCAS app set up to receive push notifications, then you will receive a pop-up notification on your phone and can then click on it to view the message in the app. We anticipate this will be a smooth transition and you will benefit from having messages in your MCAS app as well as via email if needed.

Early Bird Sessions

The next scheduled session will take place on Friday 22nd March. Pupils are invited to bring their parent/carer in to their classroom from 8.30 am, when the doors will be opened, to share and celebrate their learning and achievements. All parents will be requested to leave at the start of the school day at 8.50 am. 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 the visit is confined to your child's classroom for safeguarding reasons. If a parent needs to go to more than one class, they will need to go around the perimeter rather than through the school corridors. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to split your time between the different classes.

World Book Day 2024

Wow! What a wonderful day with so many fabulous outfits. Thank you to everyone who took part including our amazing staff. We hope you have put your £1 book token to good use and look forward to hearing about your new books. Check out our World Book Day photos on X (formally known as Twitter).

UniformD

Thinking ahead to spring/summer uniform? Child had a growth spurt? Don't forget to check the selection of items on the school's UniformD pages. There are some lovely knitted cardigans and jumpers as well as a good selection of trousers, shorts and summer dresses: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools>

Science Week

The 8th -17th March is British Science Week. This is a week where we are able to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science, engineering, technology and maths with people of all ages and from all walks of life.

This year, the school is joining the UK's biggest plastic investigation and taking part in The Big Plastic Count. This involves tallying the amount of plastic you throw away in one week and uploading the results at the end of the week online. All instructions about the challenge are on SeeSaw and we would love for all of you to get involved! We hope to see lots of participation to gather vital data to support scientist's investigation into the plastic pollution problem in the UK.

If you do anything else at home or in the community relating to science week or science in general, we would as always love to see pictures, videos of what you have been up to and celebrate this in school!



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: If items break, see if you can fix them at places like the repair cafes or give them away to someone who may be able to reuse them before throwing them away. (Annabelle, 4P)

Improving Literacy skills and wellbeing

Ruben and Ricky had their final read to Nessie this week.

Ricky said 'Reading to Nessie makes me feel calm, it's been fun.'

Ruben said 'Nessie is amazing! She's very well behaved and very cute. I have enjoyed reading to Nessie a lot, and Mike is an interesting man to talk to'.

Thank you so much Mike and Nessie



Red Nose Day

Although school is not actively taking part in Red Nose Day next Friday, we would love to hear of any fundraising children may do outside of school so that we may share it in our newsletter. Children are welcome to wear Red Nose accessories in school next Friday should they wish to do so.

Twycross Zoo Vouchers

The lovely team at Twycross Zoo have sent us some 25% off vouchers to share with our children and teachers. They are available to pick up at the office and are on a first come first served basis so if you would like a voucher please come and get one and enjoy 25% off a fun day out at Twycross Zoo (can be used until 1/6/24)

HAF Programme Spring 2024

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme aimed at enabling children and young people to attend activities and experiences at Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. It is free for eligible children and young people. Coventry's HAF programme is delivered by a wide range of organisations across the city.

For more information and to download the full activity brochure please click here [Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Coventry City Council](#)

Online Safety

Are you looking for ways to keep your child/ren safe online?

Go.compare are offering fantastic guidance on how to control internet use at home and monitor your child's usage. Please visit <https://www.gocompare.com/broadband/parental-controls/>

PTA NEWS

PTA events are organised to provide memorable experiences and raise funds that the school uses to improve resources available to our children. We're pleased to announce that the Christmas Fayre 2023 raised an amazing £2,900 which can now be put towards funding some exciting things for the kids in 2024! A huge thank you to all the teachers, parents and friends of Stivichall Primary School who attended and supported the event. A reminder that teaching staff and parents can suggest how money raised can be spent. This could be as little as buying some building tools for the Reception playground, new iPads to interact with the digital whiteboards, or partial funding towards a regeneration of the Clamberstack on the playground (all examples of how money raised has been spent in the recent past). If you have any thoughts on funding ideas, get in contact! ptastivichall@gmail.com

Save the date for the **Spring Disco**, which will take place on **Friday 26th April**. We received some excellent constructive feedback following the event in autumn and are hoping to incorporate much of it to make this spring's event even better for the kids! If you are able to support the event in any little way, before or on the day, please join the WhatsApp group using this link or QR code: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GeEAnosYtyNFLBaxDb52ED>. Events often rely on a diligent set of volunteers across year groups, we want to grow this, so please get involved in any small way!



Please get involved with our **PTA Family Treasure Hunt** over the Easter break! Enjoy some time as a family, hunting for clues in our local park & maybe win one of our fun family prizes. Our flyer for the event is attached with the newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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