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Dear Parents/Carers

Important Dates coming up:

- Monday 29th April - First Forest Schools for R3 and 1/2M
- Monday 29th April - Year 5&6 Music Event at King Henry VIII
- Thursday 2nd May - Class Assembly for 1P at 09:05 – Parents are welcome to attend
- Thursday 2nd May - Class Assembly for 5P at 14:40 – Parents are welcome to attend
- Thursday 2nd May - Local Elections – please see below
- Friday 3rd May - INSET Day – School is closed to pupils
- Monday 6th May - BANK HOLIDAY – School is closed to pupils
- Tuesday 7th May - Forest Schools will be on for R3 and 1/2M as we were closed on Monday

Music Lessons

Music lessons will be cancelled Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May due to SATs. The Friday lessons will go ahead as normal.

Thursday, 2nd May – Local Elections

As you are all aware, local elections are taking place on Thursday, 2nd May and we want to advise you that the Art Room, at the top end of the KS1 playground, will be used as a polling station as in previous years. The area will be fenced off accordingly. The Gregory Road entrance will not be in use for access to school on this day as this will be used for voters only. Please use either Green Lane or Coat of Arms Bridge Road at the start and end of the day on this day. As is normal practice, staff will be on the playground at all times whilst children are outside during playtime, lunchtime and any outdoor lesson time during the school day between 9.00 – 3.20 pm.

ID Required: A reminder that the UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photographic ID when voting at a polling station.

Sports News:

- Last Friday a group of children from year 4 & 5 took part in a mini friendly tag rugby tournament at Grange Farm Primary school. We played three matches against Grange Farm and Finham. Having not played as a team before, I was really impressed with how quickly the children learnt to communicate and play together as a team. They made some fantastic tries, turned over the ball for getting six tags several times and continued to pull tags to slow down the attacking team from scoring a try. Scores were not kept but it was clear Stivichall played a very competitive game and have great potential for success in any future matches. There are a few action shots on X (Formally known as Twitter). Well done all! Mrs Matthews

Kit Reminder

Can we please remind parents to wash and return any borrowed sports kit they have at home. This includes the red t-shirts worn by children at the flame of friendship relay, the boys' football match and the tag rugby tops. Many Thanks!

Payment Reminders:

The following payments are live and are now due. You can pay via your My Child at School account; you will find it in 'Trips – Available Trips':

- Year 6 (current year 5) Dol-y-Moch - Deposit & slip due by Wednesday 1st May 2024
- Year 5 (current year 4) PGL Caythorpe - Deposit & slip due by Thursday 2nd May 2024
- Year 4 Camp at Rough Close - Due by Monday 13th May 2024
- Class 3P, 3S and 3/4M Botanical Gardens - Due by Friday, 17th May 2024

Superhero Themed Lunch – Thursday, 16th May

We will be holding a Superhero Themed Lunch on Thursday, 16th May and would like to invite all children to participate. As with all meal bookings, you will need to select your child's chosen meal via your My Child at School app. Please make sure you have booked by Thursday 9th May as bookings will then close and no more can be taken after this date.

A letter containing further information was sent out via MCAS earlier today.

Spring Disco Key Information

The PTA look forward to welcoming children, parents & staff to the school Discos this evening!

This is a ticketless event. Members of the PTA will have a list of names of children who have brought a ticket when they arrive. Unfortunately, we are unable to admit anyone who does not appear on the registration list.

A reminder that there will also be a number of PTA run stalls, offering glitter tattoos, face painting, glow toy stall & tuck shop items all selling at pocket money prices!

We will be using the Coat of Arms Bridge Road School entrance only for entry & exit from the event.



Children will be released from the disco in class groups, and it will take some time to ensure a safe & secure exit. We would be grateful if adults could remain patient whilst our Disco volunteers ensure children are dismissed safely.

As per school policy, this is a nut-free event, and we have endeavoured to ensure that all dietary requirements have been met when handing out snack bags on entry to the event. If your child has a specific dietary intolerance / allergy, please remind them that it's their responsibility to ensure that any additional treats or snacks they buy are safe for their consumption.

There will be a quiet zone where children can take some time away from the main disco room and enjoy a range of activities.

Key Stage One (Reception to Year 2)

- Reception parents should collect children as usual at 15:10. Please gather in the Reception playground near the Hall doors at 15:20-15:30 for registration by a PTA volunteer. Unfortunately, we are unable to admit any Reception child who is not accompanied by a designated adult.
- Year 1 & 2 children will be escorted to the disco from classrooms by school staff & PTA volunteers.
- At the end of the Disco, parents should gather by the following classrooms, ready to receive their children:
 - Year 1 parents should gather near Classroom 3S from 16:30
 - Year 2 parents should gather near Classroom 3P from 16:30

Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6)

- Registration will take place between 16:50-17:00 on the Main Playground.
- Please help us to minimise lost property by ensuring that your child only brings items which are really needed (mobile phones are not allowed)
- At the end of the Disco, parents should gather at 18:15 by the following classrooms, ready to receive their children:
 - Year 3 parents should gather near Classroom 3/4M
 - Year 4 parents should gather near Classroom 3S
 - Year 5 & 6 parents should gather near Classroom 3P

PLEASE NOTE:

All children need to be collected by an adult and will not be allowed to leave the site on their own. This especially applies to children in the older years that parents may feel able to walk unaccompanied, however, in the interests of safeguarding, this will not be allowed from this event.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who have supported the preparation of the event and/or volunteered to support on the day. We hope all the children have an excellent time this evening.

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: Try not to follow the latest fast fashion trends. If you don't, there is a high chance your friends won't either and this way we can stop buying things we don't need. (Zeynep, 5P)

Acorns Cancellations

Acorns Sessions cannot be cancelled unless sessions have been booked prior to your child being given the opportunity to attend an after-school club or a school trip. On these occasions, sessions can be cancelled and payment will be returned to your MCAS Acorns account. All other non-attended sessions will be charged.

Lateness

Please be reminded that the bell will ring at 9am and to have your children in school before this time. We do understand that on rare occasions lateness happens. May we ask that you bring your child to the school office if you are late. Thank you.

Dogs on Site

Please be aware that dogs (excluding guide dogs) are not allowed anywhere on site at any time of the day. This is a council enforced rule and we thank parents for their co-operation.

Rail Safety

Due to increasing incidents of trespass on the railway near our school, we are sharing again some safety videos for parents and children to watch at home. Please do make the time to view them.

Primary school version: Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

Internet Safety

On 30th April and 2nd May, West Midlands Police will be delivering a free online safety workshop for parents and carers living in Coventry. More information is attached to this newsletter. You can see dates and times and book via this link [Internet Safety Workshops for Parents and Carers Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Yours sincerely

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