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Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the final two weeks of term, the school is still very busy. Please note the forthcoming dates:

- Tuesday 9th July - Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting
- Wednesday 10th July - Year 5 & 6 Performance - Doors Open 5:30pm for a 6pm start
- Thursday 11th July - Year 5 & 6 Performance - Doors Open 5:30pm for a 6pm start
- Friday 12th July - Year 3 Music Extravaganza 9:15am – Parents are invited to attend
- Friday 12th July - Reports Issued Electronically via MCAS
- Monday 15th July - Last Forest School for 6P
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Trip
- Tuesday 16th July - Dol-Y-Moch Parents Meeting 4:45pm
- Wednesday 17th July - Parents drop-in session 15:30-16:15
- Friday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
- Friday 19th July - Last Day of Term

Sports News

- On Monday evening, our boys' football team competed in a semi-final tournament of the Harry Shaw cup. We played against a range of schools from over the city, including Finham, Stoke Heath and Templars which proved to be a tricky group of teams. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for the final of the competition. However, it was extremely pleasing to see the togetherness of our squad and the plethora of Stivichall Values on show as we were determined to give our best right until the very end. The growth in teamwork, determination and tactical awareness has been brilliant to observe this year and the boys should all be so proud of themselves. Mr Hartopp
- Junior Park Run & Go Parks Challenge - It's been lovely to see more children enjoying the park run on a Sunday! It's not on this weekend due to the Godiva festival but if you are over at the park, it's the last weekend to get points for our school on the Go Parks challenge. Double points on Sunday! Thank you to everyone who has taken part this month, we hope you have enjoyed exploring our local parks. Mrs Matthews

PTA Summer Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's Summer Fayre. The weather turned out to be wonderful and it was great to see so many of you here enjoying the day. A special thank you to all those that gave up their time to help including: The PTA and the children of PTA members who help tirelessly and patiently during these events, to parents or family members and staff who helped with setting up, manning stalls and clearing away. Everyone's help makes these events run more smoothly.

Please consider offering your time and skills to the PTA to ensure these much-loved events are able to continue.

Reports

Reports will be available to view on your child's 'My Child at School' account from Friday 12th July. A letter will be sent home on Friday 12th July with the information on how to access the report and some further information on what the report entails. We anticipate that having these reports digitally within your app will be more convenient for you as well as saving paper usage within the school. If you have not yet set up your 'My Child at School' app then please log in to ensure you get access to the reports come Friday. Should you require a paper copy of the report, please contact the school office.

Year 5 Enterprise

A huge thank you to all the Stivichall community for supporting our year 5 children with their enterprise projects at this year's 2024 Summer Fayre. Outstandingly, the children have raised well over £800, which could increase to over £1000 once the auction prizes have been collected and paid for. On that note, we are really excited to announce the auction prize winners below. Please can all winners report to the main office to collect and pay for their respective items, using exact cash only. Thank you.

Thuhel Abul	Warwick Sports Centre Family Day Pass
Mathew Satchwell	Football Boots
Erdem Kansoy	Liverpool Football
Mrs K. Ferguson	Hearsall Golf Round x 4 people
Narya Menon	Kenilworth Signed Books x 3
Glenn Keilloh	BMW Garage Car Valet & MOT
Steve MacDonald	Bird Feeder
Musab Abdalraman	Village Day pass x 2
Matt Hogan	Village Day pass x 2
Fiona Franklin	Village Day pass x 2

Year 5 and 6 Mary Poppins Performance

Tickets have been sent home with children this week to those that have placed an order. Tickets have been limited to 2 per family in the first instance. Any spare tickets will be available from the school office on Monday, 8th July at 8.50 am. Only 1 extra ticket per family will be issued. If, on the day, you are unable to make any of the performances, please inform the school office so that your ticket can be passed on to someone else; there is always a high demand.

The staff and children have been working hard and are really looking forward to the performances next week. Children are of course expected to attend and perform on both nights irrespective of when parents are coming to watch.

Children should return to school at 5.30 pm when parents will also be invited in to take their seats. The PTA will be providing light refreshments for you to purchase upon arrival should you wish.

Transition Day

Transition day was successful, laying great foundations for the new academic year. Thank you to parents and staff who have helped our pupils to manage the change positively and embrace the challenges of new learning and building new relationships.

School Meal Charges

Please remember to check your MCAS account for any outstanding balances. Please settle all outstanding payments by Monday, 15th July.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE to Year 2 Parents

A reminder that as your child will be moving into Year 3, then any school meals ordered will need to be paid for.

Price Increase

There will be a small price increase to school lunches which will come into effect from 3rd September. The new price will be £2.65 per day.

Music Lessons

Music lessons for guitar, strings and woodwind lessons have now finished and will resume in September. **If your child is not carrying on with music lessons into the next academic year and you have loaned an instrument from school then please make sure it is returned by Wednesday, 17th July.**

There will be no piano lesson next Wednesday 10th July, but Mr Homes-Wilson will teach his last piano lesson with us on Wednesday 17th July. Piano lessons next year will be taught by Mrs Mohan. We wish Mr Holmes-Wilson all the best and thank him for his commitment and dedication to our children. We are pleased to say he will be staying with us as a school governor and to run a school band for year 6 pupils!

Drumming lessons will carry on until the end of term, the last lesson will be on Monday 15th July.

Letters went out on Thursday for children who have been put on a waiting list for music lessons as we have had so many lesson requests.

Children who are starting guitar lessons next term will need to have their own guitar, clearly named. Mr Oswin, the guitar tutor, has advised that they should have a **1/2 size classical guitar**. These can be bought from Amazon or any music shop. The school uses Normans Musical Instruments online or Express Music based in Leamington. The children will be taught how to tune their own guitar and would benefit from having a guitar tuner, so they can hear the pitch at home, but this is not a necessity.

It is wonderful that over 140 children would like to learn an instrument in September and the lessons are still being organised, if we are unable to accommodate your request, you will be contacted.

We thank all of our wonderful music teachers for the opportunities they provide and the joy they bring to our school through music.

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.



Eco-Tip of the Week: Think before you print, this will save on paper and reduce waste! (Office Staff)

Library Books

Please could KS2 children return all library books to the library before the end of term. It is especially important to encourage Year 6 children to check bedrooms and bags for any school-owned books. Returned books can be put on the library desk or posted in the box just outside the library door. KS1 children should bring library books into school to be returned on their next class library visit.

Spark – Young Writers

An exciting opportunity has arisen for aspiring authors in Coventry. Spark Young Writers is a creative writing group which meets once a month on Saturdays at either The Belgrade Theatre (school years 3 -5) from 2 – 4pm, or Coventry Library (school years 5 – 8) from 1.30 – 3.30pm. The sessions are a fun, relaxed way to explore a range of writing styles, led by a professional writer.

Prices are £9 per two-hour session (£10 for a taster session), and there are bursary places for students eligible for pupil premium or free school meals. To book you young writers on visit: www.sparkwriters.org

Kind regards

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