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Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates coming up for the next 2 weeks:

- Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September - Y6 Residential to Dol-Y-Moch
- Monday 23rd September - INSET day – School closed for children
- Wednesday 25th September - Individual and Sibling School Photos
- Wednesday 25th September - Last Forest Schools for 4S and 1/2M
- Wednesday 25th September - PTA Meeting in the school staff room 6:30pm
- Friday 27th September - Parent drop-in session 8:30 – 8:50am

Seesaw

All the children should now have their new seesaw logins. If they haven't made their way home, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

This process is now open. Please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the instructions on how to apply. Your child should have brought home a leaflet last week with further information. Please note the closing date for applications is **31st October 2024**.

Rising 5 Admissions for September 2025

Applications are now open for any children due to start school in September 2025 (date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021). Please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the instructions on how to apply. **Applications must be made by 15th January 2025**.

School Visit For Prospective Parents

We will be hosting three School Visit sessions this term:

- Monday, 14th October – prompt start at 10am
- Monday, 21st October – prompt start at 1.30pm
- Tuesday, 26th November – prompt start at 9.15am

These sessions are **only** for parents whose child is due to start school in September 2025. This allows us to manage numbers and make them purposeful for all attendees. To attend one of these sessions please call or email the school office to book in. Existing parents will continue to have the opportunity to attend the Early Bird sessions once every term.

Online Safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre has designed some excellent guides for helping to keep our children safe online. They have sections that cover the use of phones, Smart speakers, Smart TV's, consoles, tablets and more! To access this information and a wealth of other useful tips, please visit their website at [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Harry Potter Themed Lunch – Thursday 3rd October

We will be holding a Harry Potter themed lunch on Thursday 3rd October 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 My Child at School. Letters were sent home this week with more details.

Forms for completion

Thank you to those of you have already returned the following forms, if you haven't, please do so by **Monday 16th September**

- School Journey Disclaimer for local studies and trips (Peach coloured)
- Dismissal of Children at the End of Day, sent out by email last week.
- ICT Acceptable User Agreements have gone out to Year 1 and 3.
- Music Contracts, payments will be available on MCAS shortly.
- Warwick Castle Trip for 2S & 2P – Please return the permission slip and make the payment on MCAS by Tuesday 17th September.
- PGL Green EDVIS form – Final Payment also needs to be made via MCAS as this is now overdue.

Help Us Save Our PTA!

You might have seen the posters your children have put up around school. These are part of a campaign from our children to save our beloved PTA, an organisation that has been a cornerstone of our school community for decades.

For many years, the PTA has been instrumental in bringing joy and enrichment to our children's lives through special events like discos, summer and Christmas fairs and movie nights. These events aren't just fun to be part of, they play a crucial role in fundraising for essential items and improvements at Stivichall.

Thanks to the PTA, we've been able to enhance our school with amazing resources like the clamberstack, trim trail, golden mile, new books and book corners, play equipment, the imagineerium, woodwork benches and so much more.

But we need your help to keep this support going. The PTA relies on active members to continue making these wonderful things happen. You don't need to commit to every event—any contribution of your time, skills or ideas would be incredibly valuable and appreciated.

We need a chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer and as big a team of volunteers as possible. Some volunteers work behind the scenes making up tombola prizes or sourcing donations, others are fabulous at face painting or BBQing and prove invaluable at key events. Whatever your skill set, your involvement can make a world of difference, not just for our school, but for your child and every child at Stivichall. Together, we can ensure that our PTA continues to be a source of joy, learning and community spirit.

Please consider stepping up and helping us keep the PTA alive.

If you or another family member are able to join, please email PTA@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk

The first meeting will be held at Stivichall Primary School at 6:30pm on Wednesday 25th September. There will be coffee and cake! Do not worry if you cannot make this meeting, you can still email to join and offer your services at another point in the year.

Thank you for your time and generosity.

Emergency Contact Information

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address or telephone numbers held on our database associated with your child, to enable us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Please update any contact information on your My Child at School app. If you feel that there is any other relevant information that requires updating that is not available on the app, then please do get in touch.

Lunchtime Supervisor/Cleaner Roles

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisor and cleaner roles within our school. To find out more and apply please visit the Coventry City Council website or come to the school office for a paper application form.

PE Homework Packs

Children will start bringing home PE Packs from today. Each year group will have a different activity, and we encourage children to use the packs at the weekend and to take pictures/videos to share via Seesaw with their class teacher. These packs need to be brought back in on a Monday. We hope these packs will motivate children to keep active on the weekends.

Wellbeing Award!

We wanted to share some incredibly positive news with you. We have just been contacted by our well-being coach as part of a pilot well-being project we took part in the last academic year.

'It is with great pleasure that we present to your school community a National Wellbeing Gold Award in acknowledgment of your participation in the Raising Attainment with the Wellbeing Programme: Putting wellbeing at the heart of learning, teaching and leadership.'

Across the academic year Stivichall Primary has continued to put well-being at the very forefront for our pupils and staff team. Our well-being coach shared our committed drive to further developing our impressive Pupil Leadership teams, our exceptional wider curriculum offer as well as a focus for developing and leading training on areas such as 'attachment, trauma and self-regulation' to seek and find effective strategies that support pupils' mental health and well-being.

As you can imagine, we are incredibly proud of our children and our staff team, and we are thrilled to have received this recognition.

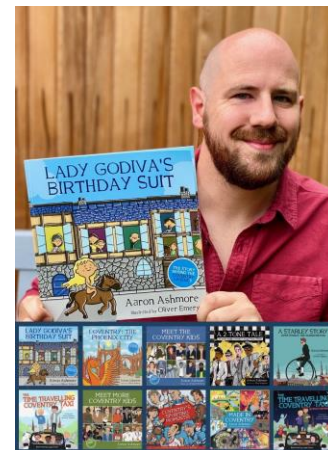
Upcoming Author Events at Stivichall

We are very pleased to be welcoming not one but two authors to visit our school in the first week of October!

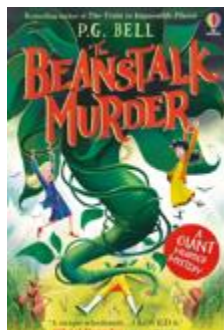
On **Monday 30th September**, local author Aaron Ashmore will be visiting Stivichall Primary School to talk to the pupils about his love for Coventry, being an author and sharing some tips for the budding writers!

To celebrate the visit, Aaron has kindly offered a discounted rate of £5 for signed copies of his Coventry books (normally £8) which he will bring with him on the day of the visit.

If you would like to order books, please send the correct money in an envelope detailing the books you would like to order, including the name/class of your child, so we can ensure the correct books are given to the children. Please do so by Wednesday 25th September at the latest.



You can see the Coventry books that Aaron has available to order here: <https://etchandpin.co.uk/books>



On **Tuesday 1st October** author P.G. Bell will be visiting the Key Stage 2 children.

P.G. Bell is the bestselling and award-winning author of The Train to Impossible Places adventure series, and the first book in the series was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Branford Boase and the Indie Book Awards.

Copies of The Beanstalk Murder by PG Bell will be available to buy. A letter will follow for all KS2 children with a slip to fill in and return. If you would like to order a book, please fill out the form and return it to school with the correct money in a named envelope. Books will also be available to buy after school also where card payments will be accepted.

Extra-curricular Activities

Most of the extra-curricular clubs started this week, with some to follow in the next week or two. If your child does decide a club is no longer for them, please do ask them to inform the member of staff running the club and please email the school office so the place can be offered to someone on the waiting list. Repeated non-attendance is likely to result in a place being withdrawn and offered to someone on the waiting list.

For all lunchtime gymnastic enquiries, please email: info@flytegymnastics.co.uk

For afterschool Punjabi enquiries, please contact Mrs Bains direct on: 0788600107

For all Leivers Dance enquiries please follow this link: <https://leiversdance.co.uk/>

School Choir:

- The KS1 Choir takes place for years 1 and 2 on a Tuesday Lunchtime, all attendees should go to the small school hall at 12:30.
- The KS2 choir club takes place during Wednesday lunchtimes. Everyone in Year 3 to Year 6 are welcome to join. All attendees should go to the main school hall at 12:45.

Reception Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday 1st October 9:15 - 10:15am, we will be holding a phonics workshop for parents of reception children, where you will be shown some of the strategies children use in a phonics lesson to support them in the reading and writing process. Please complete and return the form below, indicating how many seats are required, if you are able to attend. <https://forms.office.com/e/AbisbwhDU4>

Celebrating Success

We like to share our pupil's success stories outside of school – please email the school if you have something you want to share. Please see the message below from Victor Liddar's parents...

First, we are thrilled to announce that Victor Liddar (now in Year 6) participated in the national competition in London on 31st August and achieved an incredible result, winning a silver medal! This follows his success in Manchester, where his ranking moved up to third nationally, reflecting his ongoing dedication to fencing. We are immensely proud of his hard work and perseverance. Thank you to the school and parents for your continued support and words of encouragement throughout Victor's journey.

Secondly, we will soon be saying goodbye to Frankie, the wonderful puppy we have been raising for Guide Dogs, who we believe will go on to be an amazing service dog. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the school staff and parents for their kindness, patience, and support in allowing Frankie within the school grounds. Your encouragement has meant a great deal to us during this experience.

We appreciate the school's ongoing support of Victor's endeavours and the opportunity to share these milestones with you.

Family Learning

Coventry Adult Education Centre offer Positive Family Foundations (PFF) which is free for all parents – if you want help to cope with challenging behaviour, or to just understand more about children's development. They use ideas around brain development, attachment theory, sensory needs, and emotional regulation to help parents / carers understand and support their children's development. Techniques such as Emotion Coaching are covered to encourage parents to understand how they can calmly and positively influence behaviour. They base the course on the principles of PACE - Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy.

They also have two curriculum based pre-recorded online courses. These programmes give parents information about the British Primary School curriculum, along with lots of fun activities you can do at home with your children. One is '**English in the Primary School**,' looking at phonics, reading and grammar. The other, '**Maths in the Primary School**' covers modern maths methods and vocabulary.

Enrol on any of the courses here: [Adult education – Coventry City Council](#)

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

You can now select Stivichall Primary School within your ASDA Rewards app to help raise money for our school! Simply opt-in to the cashpot for schools' option on your app and ASDA will donate to our school every time you shop!

More information is attached to this newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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