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Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates next week:

- Monday 23rd September - INSET day – School Closed to 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

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Wednesday 25th September, to photograph children in years Reception through to year 6. Sibling photos will also be taken. Please be aware that we are taking the year 6 photos as a record for school as well as offering them to parents to purchase but the year 6 class and individual photos will be taken again near the end of the academic year for you to purchase as their leavers photo.

Children should wear their normal school uniform, including sweatshirts/cardigans. If your child has PE or Forest School on this day, then they should bring a polo shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan to change into for the photograph.

Forms for completion

Thank you to those of you who have already returned the following forms but, if you haven't, please do so **promptly**

- School Journey Disclaimer for local studies and trips (Peach coloured)
- ICT Acceptable User Agreements have gone out to Year 1 and 3.
- Parental/Carer Instrument Loan Agreement for all year 3's. Until this form is returned, we will be unable to send the child home with a cornet to practice.
- Music Contracts, payments are now available on MCAS.
- Warwick Castle Trip for 2S & 2P – Please return the permission slip and make the payment on MCAS by asap as this is now overdue.
- PGL – Final Payment needs to be made via MCAS as this is now overdue.

Acceptable Use Agreements

These agreements are compulsory in order for pupils to be given access to computers, iPads and other IT equipment in school. Both year 1 and year 3 parents will have received a copy to complete and return to school. Please complete both parts of the form, where necessary, remembering to sign it and return it to school by Tuesday 24th September.

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 out via email last week and the deadline for ordering is Thursday 26th September.

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.

LBQ Workshop

On Friday 11th October at 9.05am there will be a Parent Workshop led by Mr R Gould in the main hall. This workshop will showcase a new learning platform called LBQ (Learning by questions) along with a demonstration of how the

children use it in their lessons. This academic year we will be using LBQ as a homework tool so we will also show you how to access this from home as well.

If you can attend, please fill out this form <https://forms.office.com/e/Udx1fL1td0>

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

But we need your help to keep this support going. The PTA relies on active members to continue making these wonderful things happen.

We need a chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer and as big a team of volunteers as possible. Please see this link for more information about what the roles and responsibilities of the PTA are [Quick guide to PTA roles | Parentkind](#)

If you would like to put yourself forward for an official role, please email PTA@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk

We will be meeting at Stivichall Primary School at 6:30pm on Wednesday 25th September. There will be coffee and cake! If you have any interest in an official role or being a part of the events organising team in any capacity, please come along and find out more!

We are keen to get the Autumn Disco and Christmas Fayre organised asap, so your help is much appreciated.

PE Kit

Children should come to school in their PE kit when it is their class PE day. However, we have noticed that some children are not always wearing the correct PE kit. PE has its own uniform.

A reminder that children require:

- black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms/ joggers
- plain crew neck T-shirt in their house colour (not polo shirt and not a football strip)
- plain sweatshirt in their house colour, or school jumper/cardigan (if wearing a layer on top)
- trainers for outdoor PE or black pumps for indoor PE
- Please make sure that children are only wearing trainers on PE days

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 Visits 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.

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>

Message from West Midlands Police

Recently we have noticed an increase in Burglaries in Coventry. There has been a rise in school drop off and pick up times most specifically. Our ask is for all parents to be extra vigilant and to utilise all methods they can to deter and prevent this happening to them. If you see anyone acting suspicious please call the Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if urgent. For any local alerts please look to sign up for our messaging service on the following link:

www.wmnow.co.uk

Online Safety

As our children increasingly engage with the online world, it is essential for us to stay informed about the latest risks and recommendations for online safety. Understanding these challenges helps us protect our children and guide them in navigating the digital landscape responsibly.

To support our school community in this important area, we are pleased to announce that West Midlands Police will be holding an informative online workshop specifically for parents. This session will cover key topics such as cyberbullying, privacy settings, and how to foster healthy online habits in our children. Please see the poster attached for additional information regarding dates, times and how to book a place on this online workshop.

We encourage all parents to attend this valuable workshop, as it will equip us with the knowledge we need to create a safer online environment for our children.

Thank you for your continued support!

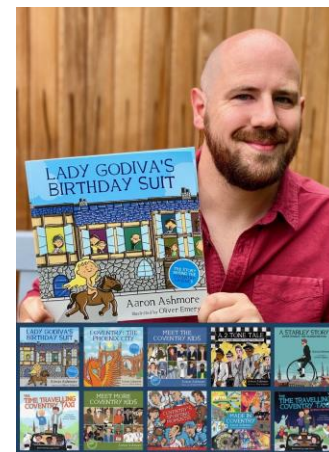
Upcoming Author Events at Stivichall

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.

Yours sincerely

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