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Dear Parents/Carers

Important dates next week:

- Monday 30th September - Author Aaron Ashmore Visit
- Monday 30th September - Parents Evening bookings open at 12pm on SchoolCloud
- Tuesday 1st October - 2S & 2P Warwick Castle Trip
- Tuesday 1st October - Author PG Bell Visit for KS2
- Wednesday 2nd October - Year 5 PGL Residential
- Friday 4th October - 4P and 1S First Forest Schools
- Wednesday 2nd October - Harry Potter Themed Lunch (no more bookings can be taken)
- Thursday 3rd October

Early Bird Session

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers and grandparents in school to visit their child’s classroom for the Early Bird session today. I hope you all found it useful and enjoyable, we know how much the children love to show you all their hard work.

Parents’ Meetings with Teachers in school

Parents’ meetings are important because they give you the opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child’s teacher. Participating in parents’ meetings can help you become better involved in your child’s learning and give you ideas for what practical support you could offer at home to further help your child fulfil their potential. It helps you to give your child good, practical support and when schools and parents work together, children do better.

This term, parent consultation meetings with teachers will take place **in school** on the following days:

- Wednesday 16th October - 3:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday 23rd October - 3:30-7:00pm

Parents should book their appointments via SchoolCloud but attend in person at school on the date and time booked. This will be a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s class teacher face to face at the start of a new school year. Remote meetings are often more convenient for parents and are more time efficient for staff and families; therefore, we will continue to have a blended approach to parent consultation evenings throughout the year.

Appointments can be booked by clicking the following link [SchoolCloud - Stivichall Primary School](#). Parents will be able to book a meeting from Monday 30th September at midday. Bookings for 16th October will close at midday on Monday 14th October. Bookings for 23rd October will close at midday on Monday 21st October. Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes.

A ‘how to book’ guide will accompany this newsletter.

Chickenpox in School

This week in school we have had several chicken pox cases. We just wanted to mention this in the newsletter and ask parents to be vigilant if their child has not already had chickenpox. Here is the link to the NHS advice page [Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). Although this is a very common and non-threatening illness we would like to try and manage the outbreak in school and make those aware who may be clinically vulnerable.

Music Lessons

We now have some extra spaces available for guitar lessons on a Friday. Please email the school office if your child is interested. The lessons are for children from years 3 to 6 and they will need to provide their own guitar.

PTA News

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on Wednesday. There was a great turnout, and we are excited to start planning the Autumn Disco and the Christmas Fayre. As always, we need as many volunteers as possible for these events to be a success and if you want to volunteer any amount of time then please let us know PTA@stivichall.coventry.sch.uk.

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>

Reception Vision Screening

Reception vision screening will be taking place on Tuesday 15th October. Forms were sent home to parents last week and you only need to return the form to us if you wish to **opt out** of the screening.

4S, 4P and 3/4M Highly Sprung workshop

Children in 4S, 4P and 3/4M will be taking part in a workshop on 8th October. This will involve practical and engaging activities to help your child learn about the concepts related to digestion. An email has been sent home to parents and the payment is now available on your My Child at School App under 'Trips'.

PSQM Award

We are delighted that Stivichall Primary School has been awarded with the Primary Science Quality Mark for the second time. This mark has been awarded to our school to celebrate our commitment to excellence in science leadership, teaching and learning. Well done to everyone involved, it really is a fantastic achievement!

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.

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**.

Author PG Bell

This is a reminder that PG Bell will be in school on Tuesday for the KS2 children. Thank you to those who have placed book orders. There will be an opportunity to purchase books on the day, this will be after school and card payments will be accepted.

Yours sincerely

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