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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to say farewell and an enormous thank you to Mr Mike Ballinger, as he steps down from his role as a Governor after an incredible **30 years' service** to spend more time with his family.

Mr Ballinger first joined the school as a parent before getting involved in the PTA, and then being elected as Parent Governor in 1994. Over his 30-year tenure, he has been an instrumental part of the school's Governing Body overseeing changes such as: demolition of the old school and the construction of our current buildings; the introduction of computing systems; the appointment of Mrs Ferguson; the creation of the Imagineerium; and an unwavering commitment to high quality learning outside the classroom. This is not to mention the countless school plays, music recitals, fetes, and fundraising activities he has kindly given his time to.

We are incredibly grateful for his enormous contribution to our school, and we wish him well in his retirement.

#### Important dates:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October - Book Fair in school (more information below)
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Vision Screening
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Consultation Meetings 3:30-7pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Show Racism the Red Card Day – Non-Uniform
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Autumn Disco
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Class Assembly for 2S at 9:05 – Parents are welcome to attend
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Class Assembly for 6P at 14:40 – Parents are welcome to attend

#### Catch up and Teams/Clubs Photographs

If your child missed the school photo day on 25<sup>th</sup> September there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (this has been moved from 6<sup>th</sup> November as indicated in a previous communication). We will also be taking the club and team group photos. More information on this will be in the newsletter nearer the time.

#### Parents' Meetings with Teachers in school

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

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 3:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 3:30-7:00pm

These meetings are available to be booked via SchoolCloud. Appointments can be booked by clicking the following link [SchoolCloud - Stivichall Primary School](#).

Bookings for 16<sup>th</sup> October will close at midday on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings for 23<sup>rd</sup> October will close at midday on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Each meeting will be scheduled for 10 minutes.

For the autumn meetings, 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. Please note, spring meetings will continue to be online.

#### School Nursing

Please find attached to this newsletter the Coventry Primary School Nursing Newsletter for 2024.

### **Wear Red Day for Show Racism the Red Card & Non-Uniform**

We will be celebrating Wear Red Day 2024 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October to show our support for the charity Show Racism the Red Card. Your child will be having a lesson on this day using educational resources provided by this charity, aimed at raising awareness about racism and accepting differences. Please wear non-uniform on this day which also coincides with the school disco but just give it a spark of RED to show your support! This may be as simple as a pair of red socks or a red hair band – or go all out with the red theme for your school disco outfit, the choice is yours. There is no donation required for this non-uniform event.

### **Harvest Festival**

As part of harvest festival celebrations at school we will be doing our annual collection for the food bank. Next week black bins will be placed outside the school office and by the art room for food to be placed in. We will empty these daily and display the items in the school hall. Please can we ask that there are no items with nuts as we are a nut free school and no perishable foods. Thank you in advance for donations.

### **PTA News**

Just a reminder of the information for both the **Autumn Disco** and the **Pumpkin Competition** which will be running.

#### Disco Information

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Tickets £3.50

Key Stage 1 – Registration 3:20-3:30pm  
Disco 3:30-4:30  
Depart 4:30-4:45

Key Stage 2 – Registration 4:50 – 5pm  
Disco 5:00 – 6:15pm  
Depart 6:15-6:30pm

Reception children require parent/carer supervision and can make their way to registration straight after school.

Please book tickets via this link [Autumn Disco \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)  
The deadline for both events is midnight on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**



### **Coventry Young Ambassadors**

A huge well done to our newly recruited Coventry Young Ambassadors from Year 5. The following children will aim to represent Stivichall by embodying and enthusing our Stivichall Values at key events around the city! Orlina, Liam, Rishika, Raya, Willow, Poppy, Annabelle, Sienna, Alannah, Evie & Bhavneet.

Welcome on board!

Mr Hartopp

## Maths Updates

### Knights of the Timestables

I would just like to notify you of a couple of the changes to Knights of The Timetable moving forwards. When children are tested on their timestables (x2 up to x12) we of course work to a pass mark of 40/40. However, we are making a small change. If a child scores 38 or 39 (1 or 2 incorrect) for 2 consecutive weeks, we will ask staff to complete a verbal test later that day and if successful, the timetable will be awarded (this excludes the x10).

Also, when the children take the test, we now have 3 versions of each test which will ensure there is variation when the children access the tests.

Finally, we wanted to share that in Reception and KS1 we are now using an approach called 'Mastering Number' which is a supplement to our maths lessons with the aim of supporting the fundamentals and fluency in Maths.

A workshop on Mastering Number along with supportive videos will be shared on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.05am.

### LBQ Workshop

Many thanks to those that attended the workshop today. It was great to see so many of you. We always appreciate your feedback, and we are particularly excited about LBQ as a fantastic learning platform but also as a great tool for homework. LBQ has now taken the place of Mathletics in KS2 for homework. If your child is in Reception and KS1, we are continuing to use Mathletics.

As always, please come and see me if you have any questions or require support with LBQ. Your child should have an access code and their own password. If they don't, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to help.

I've attached 2 videos that shows how LBQ works and how to access homework.

What is LBQ? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e\\_5rMJFqcrq&t=19s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_5rMJFqcrq&t=19s)

Accessing homework: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5erc-TU65gs>

Thanks again.

**Mr R Gould**

### Fire Safety

A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year. Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames.

National College have put together this free guide, offering expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night to lighting a few scented candles.

[Top Tips for Teaching Children Fire Safety | Free Guide \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/10-top-tips-for-teaching-children-fire-safety)



### Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be back in school for you to visit with your child during the week commencing Monday, 14th October and will be open before and after school with a late-night opening Wednesday 16th October to coincide with Parents Evening. The Book Fair will be set up in the small hall and the opening times will be as follows:

#### Monday to Thursday inclusive

- mornings: 8.30 – 8.50 am
- afternoons: 3.20 – 4.00 pm (Wednesday 3.20-6.45pm)

Payments will be via a card machine on the day.



Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

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