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Dear Parent/Carer

24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

A reminder that school breaks up today and re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We hope you enjoy the half-term break!

### Important Dates:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Dodgeball Competition at Xcel Centre
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 3/4M and 1P First Forest Schools
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Coventry Cathedral Trip
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Reception and KS1 Parent Workshop at 9:05am
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Boys Football Match away at Ernesford Grange
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Girls Football Match vs Grange Farm at home

### Music News

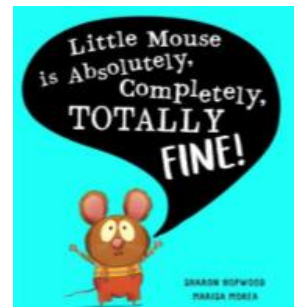
- There will catch up lessons for Friday strings/Piano on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- There will be no strings or piano lessons on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> or Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- There will be piano lessons for the Wednesday group on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, please ensure your child brings their music diary

### Warwick Arts Visit – Author Liz Pichon

On Monday morning 3S and 3P were invited to meet Liz Pichon the author of the Tom Gates series at the Warwick Arts Centre. Liz provided a valuable insight into the life of an author and where her inspiration for writing began. We listened to a chapter of her latest book 'Ha! Ha! Hilarious' and were encouraged to design and create our own monsters!

### Sharon Hopwood – Author Visit

We are very lucky to have author Sharon Hopwood visiting our school to speak to our Reception and KS1 children. This is part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities. Sharon Hopwood is an award-winning martial artist and anti-bullying coach, who has facilitated workshops with children across the UK. Her debut book Little Mouse is Absolutely, Completely, Totally Fine! was published earlier this year.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have brought home a letter this week about the event and given information on how to order a book signed by the author!

### Year 6 SATS Study and Practice Books

These books are available to purchase through school at a discounted price. Please log on to your MCAS account to view the five books that are available to order and pay accordingly. A letter was available on parents evening with all details. The last date for any orders is Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Eco Tip

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 X (Twitter) updated with what the Eco team have been up to.

**This week's top eco tip:** Leave your pumpkins outside for the foxes to eat. (Scarlett, 3S)



## Mastering Number. A Reception and KS1 Parents Workshop

We have an exciting new development at Stivichall with a Maths programme called **Mastering Number** aimed at children in Reception and Key Stage 1. We would love to be able to share more information with you in a Parents Workshop on **Friday 8th November at 9.05am** in our main hall. We envisage this lasting no longer than 30 minutes. This project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and 2. The aim is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with numbers. Attention will be given to key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through KS1 to support success in the future.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by Wednesday 6th November. We hope you can make it.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sjenKsTUgt>

Mr R Gould  
Deputy Head Teacher

## Extra-Curricular Activities

- **Boys Football:** On Tuesday evening a group of year 5 and 6 boys played a friendly at Moseley Primary. We lost 1-0 but demonstrated a wonderful attitude towards the game. With some children playing their first games for the school, it was wonderful to see those with experience provide a high level of support and encouragement. We have a busy year ahead with fixtures and we look forward to building on this experience over the year.
- **Girls Football:** On Monday a group of year 3 and 4 girls attended a football competition at the AT7 centre. It was an amazing opportunity for the girls to meet female Olympians and to play some amazing games of football. We came out with 2 wins and 1 loss. The girls really benefitted from the event. Well done!
- **Year 4 Dodgeball:** On Wednesday a group of year 4's attended a Values Dodgeball competition. The values were honesty, teamwork and respect. They played 5 games of dodgeball all while displaying these important values. Great Work Team!

## Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that both children and parents **must** dismount their bikes and scooters at the school gates and push them whilst on site. This applies to any time of the day and all areas of the site, due to health and safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

## It's Christmas Panto Time!

Emails have been sent out today with all the information you need to know about this year's panto trips

**Reception & Year 1** will be visiting the Warwick Arts Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December for 'The Smeds and The Smoos'  
**Years 2 – 6** will be visiting the Belgrade Theatre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for Dick Whittington

Payments for both are available on your My Child at School account under 'trips – available trips'

## 500 Words Competition

As you may be aware BBC Radio 2 run a writing competition each year.

The 500 words competition is a creative writing competition open to primary school children. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All you need to do is write a story you would love to read in **500 Words or less**. This story must be written in your own words, and you do not need to worry about SPAG! The story must be **typed**.

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities and their stories illustrated by famous illustrators.

There are also lots of [prizes to be won](#) - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

To enter, submit your story on the **500 words website** or send to Miss Bereza who can enter on your behalf.

### Stivichall 500 Words Competition

All entries will also be judged in our Stivichall 500 words competition. 5 winners will be chosen and will receive a prize. All stories must be submitted by **7<sup>th</sup> November** to ensure they can be judged and uploaded in time.

### PTA News

Attached to this newsletter you will find a flyer about an exciting rainbow raffle and the PTA Newsletter with some great information about PTA events, please do take the time to have a read. The pumpkin competition winners are also announced in the PTA newsletter.

**AGM** – The annual AGM is to be held in the school staff room on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. We are also accepting nominations for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – please contact the PTA prior to this event if you want to put yourself forward. I have attached a helpful guide to this newsletter with all the information you need to know about the roles of the PTA and what you need to do to be nominated.

### School Gates

For a number of years, we have had a member of staff on the Coat of Arms Bridge entrance to school to welcome children in the morning and see them off with a cheery farewell at the end of the day. This has such a positive impact and also has the added benefit of ensuring there is a visible staff presence which improves our site security too. We are now going to trial having a member of staff on the gate at the Green Lane entrance too. Whilst we hope to be able to sustain this on most days on both gates, we recognise that it will not be possible over three gates. Therefore, we are considering closing the Gregory Road entrance completely at the start of the new calendar year. I am happy to listen to views around this but make no promises that it will influence the decision.

### Bewise Nasal Flu Immunisation for whole school

The Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Vaccination Team will be in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Information has been sent out via email. Parents are requested to click on the link, complete the form and submit. This gives you the option to consent or to withdraw consent if you wish. ***This link will close on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024***

### Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisor and cleaner roles. Please visit the Coventry City Council Jobs website for more information and to apply. [Lunchtime Supervisor - Stivichall Primary School | 06 November, 2024 | Jobs and careers with Coventry City Council](#)

### British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school after the half-term break, and we ask for a minimum donation of 20p. Thank you for your support. There is a limited supply of the following that will also be for sale:  
Wristbands / Reflectors / Zip pulls.

### Harvest collection

A huge thank you for all the donations to the Harvest Festival collection this year. All items have now been collected and will be distributed by the Coventry Foodbank to many families in need in Coventry over the autumn and winter period.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Ferguson

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Head Teacher

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