



Newsletter

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Welcome to the seventh edition of our newsletter and to the strangest one I have ever had to write. As I write to you we find ourselves still in lockdown and separated from each other. In saying that we are still all connected – through our phone calls, texts, tweets, emails, Sumdog and Showbie. It really is amazing to see everyone working together to make this work. In this newsletter I will try to update you on a number of things that are happening in our school community.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have been working hard behind the scenes as always. They have managed to secure a sum of money to support families in crisis during this



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time. They will work alongside the school and community partners to determine what the money is used for. Thanks to them for their constant support for our families.

Online Learning

On Monday 20th April the staff set up online learning platforms for the children. On Showbie children are communicating with their teacher and getting access to Literacy and STEM tasks every day. On Sumdog teachers are setting new tasks every Monday for children to work through. Lots of children are also using Glow to communicate with their teacher and upload homework. We know that some of you are

not able to use these platforms and so we have provided Shared Home Learning grids that are available on our website. We have also posted out grids to those families we have not been able to get in touch with. If you would like more information about how to get started with online learning please contact Mr Hynes using the information above.

School Website

Mr Kenny has been busy updating our school website with lots of information and activities. There is a section for Our Learning where you will find Shared Home Learning sheets for every class. There are also lots of activities in the Home Learning section to help keep children busy during this strange time. You will

also find information about dealing with anxiety and stress during the pandemic. Please have a look at the website at www.riverbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Transitions

Right about now we would normally be preparing for our new P1s in August. Mrs Whyte is currently working her way through the list of new children and will be sending out information to them in the coming weeks. Please look out for this.

Our P7 children will also be thinking about high school. Mr Hynes is in discussion with Eastbank Academy trying to make a plan for the future. Please try not to worry – we will be in touch with you when we have a plan.

Phone Calls

Mr Hynes, Mrs Whyte and Mr Kenny have been trying to speak with all families over the past few weeks. When we phone it may come up as a withheld number so please try to answer. We just want to make sure you are ok and ask if you need anything. We also like speaking to our wonderful children as we miss them terribly! If you haven't spoken to us please

give us a call on the number at the top of the newsletter. Thank you.

Next Steps

As of today, we are still unsure of what happens next. As soon as we have a plan I will let you all know. I will write to everyone soon with regards to uniform ordering, classes etc. for August. Please continue to bear with us as we try to navigate through this.

I am continually proud of our school community: our staff for working in this new way, our parents for jumping on board and running with it, and our pupils for their willingness and positive energy. I know it's not easy. I know some days will be hard. Please remember, you choose what is best for your family. If that means no online learning then so be it. Once schools are back our teaching staff will meet your child at their level and work from there. We are here to support and help wherever we can – please just get in touch. We miss you all terribly. Keep sending in your photos and videos – we love to see them! I have copied a few opposite for everyone to see. Take care and stay safe

Mr Hynes

