



Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone! It has been a pleasure to see everyone back at school with lots of smiles and looking super smart. A huge welcome to all of our new parents/carers too.

Homework

As usual all homework will be carried out via our online learning app Showbie. Codes for this will be sent out next week so please contact the school if you don't receive them. We will be offering a support session with this on Monday 28th August at 3:10pm. Please come along if you need help. Homework will start week beginning 4th September.



Let's all try to live our school values of

Creativity

Kindness



Equality

Ready

Our Vision is to create a welcoming, happy ethos where all of our children feel safe and nurtured. Riverbank should be a place where everyone is respected for who they are and where they are from. We will offer learning opportunities that are creative, uses our outdoor spaces and that are inclusive to all in order to raise attainment at every level. We truly believe that our school community - staff, pupils and parents - are one big family and we aim to support each other and build each other up at every opportunity.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome some new staff members to our team for the year ahead.

Miss Cameron – P3b

Miss Leckie – P5a

Miss Welsh – P2a

Ms Fleming – P5a and
Teacher support

Uniform

A reminder that our uniform is navy blue jumper/cardigan, grey

trousers/shorts/skirt, white shirt, school tie and black shoes. On gym days a white polo shirt may be worn.

Tartan dresses, grey jumpers and white trainers are not part of the uniform and should not be worn to school.

Please help us to uphold our uniform policy and show how proud we are to belong to the Riverbank family.

Remember you can order uniform from www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com All school ties will also be available to purchase from here too.

Please ensure all school clothing have names on

them. We already have a collection of un-named clothing built up in the school.

Parent Pay

Please continue to pre-select your child's meal each night/morning for the day/week ahead. This will help reduce time spent in classes doing this. The new menus for meal selection are also available on our website.

Please ensure you have signed up to parent pay as all monies needed for school will be paid via here – as well as registration for after school clubs.

Parent Portal

Please ensure you have signed up for Parent Portal. This is the online platform where you will register

Diary Dates

You will find a list of diary dates for the year ahead attached to this newsletter. These will hopefully help you to plan out the year and enable you to attend various events. These dates can be subject to change and we will aim to give you as much warning as possible. We know from feedback that families

found this diary very useful last session.

Communication

Involving our families in our learning is hugely important to us. Class assemblies, open afternoons, report cards, Twitter, homework etc are all part of our school calendar.

This newsletter will be printed out for each family. From now on all newsletters will be emailed to families to save on paper. Please ensure we have your up to date email address at the office and sign up to Xpressions in order to receive any important information. All newsletters can be viewed on the school website.

Online Safety

We have had a few concerns from parents over inappropriate materials being accessed through social media or chat rooms. We ask that you please regularly check phones/devices to ensure they are being used correctly. We are hoping to have a parent information evening with Police Scotland around online safety in the coming weeks. We will let you know when this is happening.

P.E.

As per Scottish Government guidelines each child will receive 2 hours of P.E. each week. P.E. days for classes are as follows:

P1a	Tues & Fri
P1b	Mon & Weds
P2a	Tues & Weds
P2b	Mon & Thurs
P3a	Tues & Fri
P3b	Mon & Thurs
P4a	Mon & Fri
P4b	Weds & Thurs
P5a	Mon & Thurs
P5b	Weds & Fri
P6	Tues & Thurs
P7/6	Tues & Fri

Please note that for P.E. children should bring appropriate kit for that day. No jewellery is permitted to be worn during P.E. as per Glasgow City Council guidelines. All earrings must be removed. If you child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks then they will not be permitted to take part.

School Improvement Plan

Each year we have a set of targets we work on for school improvement. This follows on from evaluation from last session in consultation with our

families, staff and pupils.
The main areas for improvement this session are:

- Teachers will work on improving our learning experiences for children
- Ensure our school is language and communication friendly in order to support and include all learners
- Ensure that all children have access to high quality outdoor learning

We will be asking for your support/feedback with these over the coming year.

Pastoral Care and Safeguarding

Due to our increased roll this session we have divided up responsibilities for classes amongst the management team. If you have a query or issue you would like to raise with one of us then please contact the following people in the first instance:

P1-P3 Mrs Whyte

P4-P5 Mr Kenny

P6-P7 Mr Hynes

For all Child Protection concerns Mr Hynes remains

the Child Protection Coordinator so please contact him if you have a concern. In his absence please contact Mrs Whyte.

Pick Up/Drop Off

Our school roll is ever increasing and at the time of writing is at 311 children. This is a long way from the 160 we had when we opened 4 years ago. With this comes an increase in traffic and people at drop-off and pick-up times. Please follow these steps below to ensure safety for our pupils.

- If possible do not drive down Auckland Wynd. Park your car elsewhere and walk if you are picking up at this gate. If you must drive down it please drive at 5mph and be courteous to families.
- When standing at gates for pick up please stand well back so class teachers can see who children are going to. This is especially important for P1 families as we get to know you better.
- If you have more than one child please ensure they know which gate they are leaving from

to alleviate any stress at the end of the day.

At Riverbank we ask that parents/carers do not enter the school playground. This is to ensure our children's safety. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have more than one child at the school please arrange with the older sibling about which gate you will collect them both from. This means the older sibling can collect the younger sibling and then go to the gate you are waiting at.

Open Afternoons

On the diary dates list you will see we are having open afternoons in classes. Here you will get to visit your child's classroom and hear from the class teacher on the plan for the year ahead. You will also have a chance to work with your child on a task. We hope you enjoy these visits and we plan to have more of these over the year.

Cost of the School Day

As a school we are looking at ways in which to address the cost of the school day. We try our best not to ask for too much money at once and look to support

families when necessary.
With that in mind the staff team here kindly request that no gifts are given at Christmas or Summer. We appreciate everything you do give but we are conscious of the cost of these items. A card or an email to express thanks is more than enough for us. We hope you understand our thinking behind this. We will be sending you a survey soon to gather your views on this and see where support is needed.

As always if there is anything we can help with please get in touch at the office.

Mr Hynes