



## Newsletter

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Welcome to our February newsletter. It has been a very busy term so far and we hope that this newsletter gives you a flavour of what has been happening.

### Covid 19 Advice

It is very encouraging that restrictions are beginning to ease in schools. We are now back to a normal school day from 9am-3pm. Classes are allowed to mix and from 28<sup>th</sup> February we are allowed to have whole school assemblies in person again! Our water fountains are back on and are available for children to use so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school. Certain mitigations such as adults wearing face



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.

coverings, social distancing of staff, and good ventilation will continue. As usual, if your child displays symptoms of Covid then please use an LFD to test. If your child is negative they can return to school, if positive they must isolate for a least 7 days, but can only return if they return a negative test. If you as a family member test positive then children can come to school as long as they test negative daily on an LFD. Thank you for continuing to keep everyone safe.

### Homework

Please try to take part in homework activities that are available weekly on Showbie. If you need support with this you can check out our help-sheet on our website or call Mr Kenny. Homework will be given on a Monday and collected on a Friday.

### Parent Council

Our Parent Council meet monthly to look at ways in which to support the school community. We are very lucky to have a proactive Parent Council. If

you would like to join please email [riverbankprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:riverbankprimarypc@gmail.com) . Please get in touch with us if you would like to join the next meeting.

### **Staffing**

We are delighted to announce that Mr Silver and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy a couple of weeks ago. Mr Silver will be taking some time to spend with his new family and we look forward to welcoming him back at the end of March.

After welcoming back Miss Hosie last month from maternity leave we must say farewell to her again but for a lovely reason. Miss Hosie will finish up with us on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March for maternity leave. We look forward to hearing some more happy news soon! We are awaiting confirmation of a supply teacher to cover her absence.

### **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.

Can I also take this chance to remind you to please label everything your child brings to school? This will make it easier to find if misplaced. All of our previously lost property has been donated to clothing banks and charities and this is something we will continue to do.

### **Reporting to Parents**

We are still awaiting guidance from the Scottish Government on our next Parent Meetings in March – we will update you as soon as we know.

In the meantime – check out our school website under the tab “Our Learning”. Here you will find a snapshot of what our classes are working on this term.

### **Parent Pay**

Huge thanks to the 80% of our families who have signed up to our new online payment system. All Glasgow schools will be using this from now on so please try to activate your

account soon. If you need any support with this please get in touch with Karen or Ashleigh at the school office who will be more than happy to help.

Our meal selection feature is going very well so thank you for your support with this. 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.

### **Walk and Talk**

Mrs Whyte is organising a series of “Walk and Talk” sessions. The next session is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. If you fancy having a walk in the park with some others, grabbing a coffee/tea/hot chocolate and having a chat then please just come along to the school on this date. Feel free to bring along a baby or a toddler if you need to – this is about having a wee bit of time to unwind and chat while having a healthy walk in the fresh air. We look forward to seeing some you then.



## RSHP

We are continuing with our Relationship and Sexual Health Programme this term. To help your child understand the more sensitive topics please have a look at the website and its resources on

[www.rshp.scot](http://www.rshp.scot) Here you will find all of the lessons being covered in classes.



## Fairtrade Fortnight

Over the next two weeks we will be celebrating all things Fairtrade. If you buy items that are Fairtrade why not share with us on Twitter (@RiverbankPri) to promote discussion with children. Fairtrade helps us to address Global Goal 10 – Reduced Inequalities – by paying farmers a fair price for their crops.

## World Book Day

World Book Day will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> march. We will celebrate this in school with

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**BOOK**  
**DAY**

some activities (TBC). All children will receive a Book Token to spend in their local bookshop too. On this day children can bring their favourite book from home to school to share with their class.

## Eco School Update

Our Eco Committee have been working hard to make our school more environmentally friendly. They have set up recycling bins in all areas of the school and empty these weekly. They have been monitoring litter in our playground and have helped to order in more litter bins. They are hoping to achieve our Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland in the coming months. We hope to have a community litter pick soon – more information to come about this.

## Junior Leadership Team Update

Our JLT meet monthly to discuss ways in which to improve our school. They are currently working on an anti-bullying policy and looking at ways in which the playground can be better managed. They have also requested outdoor seating

from our Parent Council which will hopefully be ordered soon for the sunny days ahead. They also have a few inventive ideas for sharing our school value of creativity amongst our classes – more info to follow soon!

We hope that, as the term progresses more restrictions will be relaxed and we can have parents/carers in our buildings again. We will keep you updated with any changes that happen. As always, if there is anything we can help with then please just let us know.

Mr Hynes