



## Newsletter



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Welcome back to a brand new year and a new term here at Riverbank. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break!

### Showbie

As usual all homework will be carried out via our online learning app Showbie. In response to a parent suggestion we will now also be sharing some of our learning through pictures and videos via Showbie. We hope you enjoy getting a glimpse into our daily learning.

### Uniform

A reminder that our uniform is navy blue jumper/cardigan, grey trousers/shorts/skirt, white shirt, school tie and black



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.

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](http://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.

### New Baby!

Huge congratulations go to Mrs MacMillan-Currie and her family on the safe arrival of baby Tiernan. We are delighted for them all and we cannot wait for a cuddle with him!

### 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 Feedback**

Last week we held open afternoons where we invited you in to support your child with target setting this term. It was really nice to welcome many of you to work with your child. As part of the visit we asked you for some feedback so that we can continue to improve. Please see results below:

79% of you said our learning environment was excellent

74% of you said we were excellent at engaging our learners

74% of you said we were excellent at communicating with families

72% said our learning resources were excellent

There was also some general feedback given for further supports around literacy and numeracy. We will work on this and let you know our plans to support very soon. Thank you for your valuable feedback.

### **YMI (Youth Music Initiative) Sessions**

As part of their music lessons our P1-P3/4 classes will have a music teacher every Thursday for this term. Mrs Wilkinson will support classes up the school after the Easter break. We welcome her to our team.

Some of our upper school children are being supported by a Music teacher from Eastbank Academy – Ms White – who is teaching woodwind and brass instruments every Wednesday afternoon. We welcome her to our school too.

### **Clyde River Foundation**

This year our P5/6 children are working with Clyde River Foundation to nurture a school of fish (brown trout) within their classroom. They will learn about what it takes to look after living animals and the part they have to play in keeping our waterways pollution free before releasing the fish into the Clyde. This is a very exciting project to be part of. 'Mon the fish!

### **Scotland**

This term our whole school focus is on Scotland. Each

class will be focussing on different aspects of our country – from food to geography and social issues. We are also looking forward to seeing you at our family ceilidh night on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Get practising!

### **Energy Drinks**

A reminder that energy drinks are not allowed to be brought into school. These drinks usually contain caffeine which is not appropriate for children. We have had a couple of instances where PRIME energy drink has been seen in the school. Please help us to support children in making healthy choices for their body.

### **Communication**

All communication in school will be sent via email or text. Please ensure the school has your most up to date contact details. Information will also be shared via our Twitter channel and through the Parent Council Facebook page.

As always please get in touch with us at the school if you have concerns.

Kind regards

Mr Hynes

## **Important Diary Dates for Term 3 (January-March)**

**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** –  
Chinese New Year

**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Autism Parent  
Support Group at 9:30am

**24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parent Council  
Meeting at 6:30pm

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Robert Burns Day

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan** – swimming lessons  
start for P7s

**1<sup>st</sup> February** – P7s to  
Lockerbie Manor for  
residential

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Mr Hynes and Mrs  
Whyte meeting Eastbank  
Academy staff for transition

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – P4 assembly at  
2:15pm – parents welcome

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Race Equality  
Week

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Theatre  
performance on Robert  
Burns for P2-P7 children

**9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Family Ceilidh at  
3:30pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – P4/5 and P5/6  
attending panto at Theatre  
Royal – more info to follow

**13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** –  
School closed for mid term  
break and inservice day

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Netball festival  
for P5-7 pupils

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – P6s to  
Pinkston Watersports –  
more info to follow

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Parent's  
Evening

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – school closes  
at 2:30pm for Spring  
Holidays