



Newsletter



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Welcome back to a busy Term 3. I hope that everyone had a great break and is refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Homework

Homework will continue on Showbie for the time being. We are still undertaking a review on this and will share the results as soon as we can.

Staffing

Mrs Clark officially started her new role as Principal Teacher just before the Christmas break. Mrs Clark will be responsible for P4 and P5 classes' pastoral care needs. She will also support The Den on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Clark will lead on Literacy

and Modern Languages, Equalities and Rights, Dyslexia support and Health and Wellbeing.

Miss Sherafaty continues to teach in P5b and will remain for the next few weeks at least.

Before Christmas we bid farewell to Miss Cartwright, one of our support staff. She has taken up a new post outwith education. We will miss her and wish her all the very best. We are advertising her post next week and will let you know when we have a successful candidate.

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.

Please remember that branded uniform is not compulsory. Uniform items bought in supermarkets is perfectly acceptable as long as it is school colours.

I have noticed a dip in uniform standards in a couple of classes in the upper school. I will be contacting individual families to offer support with this.

Healthy Snacks

Can I please remind you that we encourage children to eat a healthy snack at playtimes? We have seen an increase in the amount of children who are bringing in chocolate bars, sweets and crisps. These are fine in moderation however we have children coming in with full size Pringles tubs, share size sweet bags and big bars of chocolate.

We also do not allow fizzy juice, energy drinks or fruit juice in bottles. We ask that only water be sent in to school in water bottles. Thank you for your support with this.

Toys

We understand that some children wanted to show their friends their new toys after Christmas. However they are now becoming a distraction and already we have had some toys broken or lost. Please do not allow your child to bring any toys to school. I hate to see children upset due to their favourite toys being broken or go missing.

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. If you need help with this please contact the school office.

Parent Portal now contains our school calendar for the year ahead for your convenience.

You can also use this to apply for your child's free bus pass.

Appointments for Parent's Evening (14th March) will be available to book on this app too.

P.E.

As per Scottish Government guidelines each child will receive 2 hours of P.E. each week. 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.**

Child Protection and Safeguarding

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.

Drop-Off Point

Please consider safety when dropping off your child at the school gate in the car. The drop off point is not a car park. You should drive your car in, allow your child to exit and drive off. If you need to park and walk your child to the gate then please park on one of the side streets and walk over. Thank you for your support with this.

Please note that sometimes due to icy weather the drop-off point will be closed. This is to ensure safety for all.

Attendance

At Riverbank we try to ensure we support families with attending school. We monitor attendance closely and keep in contact to see if there is anything we can do to help. Coming to school is very important. The routine and structure is vital for their progress and development. This week we will be sending letters home to anyone whose attendance has fallen under 90%. We will do this every 6 weeks to ensure we keep

good communication with those who may find this difficult.

We are also going to publish the attendance statistics each month for everyone to see. Every day matters. Please see below for our current attendance statistics for each class.

	Nov	Dec	Avg Aug-Dec
P1a	97%	91%	96%
P1b	89%	85%	91%
P2a	92%	91%	94%
P2b	98%	88%	94%
P3a	94%	89%	91%
P3b	94%	88%	94%
P4a	96%	94%	96%
P4b	95%	87%	92%
P5a	95%	94%	95%
P5b	93%	90%	93%
P6	96%	86%	92%
P7/6	92%	90%	93%

As you can see all classes have seen a decrease in attendance over the past few weeks. This is something we are monitoring closely and we will work to support families to improve on this.

Thankfully the overall averages from Aug-Dec look slightly better. The Glasgow average is 93% so most classes are in line with this.

Please note that children should only be absent from school with illness. Family holidays taken during term

time will count as an absence, even with advance notice to the school. Every school day counts and we want to ensure all children have the best possible start. Attendance is an area of education that the Scottish and Local Governments are looking at to try and support and improve. We will do our bit to aid this.

As always if there is anything we can help with please let us know.

Christmas Fayre

Huge thanks to our school community for your support at the Christmas Fayre in December. We raised just over £1700 for our school funds!! This will be used to support learning through trips, resources, guest speakers and much more. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £163 for Save The Children on Christmas Jumper Day. Thanks to all who supported this.

Parent Future Talk

Thanks to one of our parents and Miss McGaritty we have organised for a rep from Parent Future Scotland to come and speak to families regarding air pollution. This is part of our Eco Schools targets this

session as well as a way of informing our school community of important information. This will take place on 29th February at 3:15pm. There will be an option on Parent Pay for you to sign up.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 26th February in school. Please note that family photographs are only for siblings.

On Tuesday 27th February whole class photographs will take place. Please ensure that full school uniform is worn on both days. You will have an opportunity to purchase photos shortly after this.

Celebrating Success

Our next Celebrating Success assembly is Friday 26th January. Please send in any achievements for your child to the headteacher email address for inclusion in this. Thank you.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 30th January at 6:30pm online. Please let us know if you would like to join. There are two further meetings scheduled this

session on 19th March and 28th May. If you would like to join please just ask at the office.

Stay and Play

Stay and Play sessions are being offered to P1 families every Monday after school. Please pop along and meet our new Family Support Worker Vincent. Here families can play with their children and enjoy some snacks. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Diary Dates

Please see below for some important dates for the next few weeks

7th Feb – P2a Class assembly

12th and 13th Feb – Mid Term Break

14th Feb – Inservice Day

15th Feb – Family Ceilidh
3:15-4:15

22nd Feb – P2b Class
Assembly

As always if you need to discuss anything please just get in touch with me.

Mr Hynes