



Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new term and a new year! 2026 has been a busy year already. I hope you will find the information in this newsletter helpful.

Homework

Homework is now up and running again. Please remember all our homework is on Showbie. If you have access issues, then you can request a paper copy from the office.

Staffing

As per my previous email we were delighted when Mrs Clark was the successful candidate for our additional DHT post. She took up post on 5th January. Mrs Clark is responsible for P5-7 children and



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.

transitions to high school amongst many other areas.

In December we bid farewell to Miss Dempsey (SfLW) and Mrs Hayes (HWB Worker). This week we welcomed Ms Owens to backfill Miss Dempsey's vacancy. We will advertise for the HWB vacancy in a couple of weeks.

Due to Mrs Clark's promotion, we will also be advertising for a new Principal Teacher in the coming weeks. We will keep you updated with these changes.

Mrs Logan and Mrs Tan continue to be absent. Miss Fraser and Mr McQuillan will continue to teach P5 and P4 respectively until further notice.

Relationships

At Riverbank we pride ourselves on our positive relationships between staff and parents. Unfortunately, there have been some incidents recently where our clerical and teaching staff have been verbally abused. This is simply unacceptable and will be dealt with swiftly. All of our staff deserve to come to work in a safe and pleasant

environment. If you have a concern about your child you can come and speak to us in an appropriate manner to get things solved. We believe that discussion, empathy and good listening are key components to having a healthy environment for everyone. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking

Yet again we have a small group of parents/carers who are not considering safety of others when parking or using roads around our school – particularly on Sunnybank Street and Auckland Wynd. I have asked Police Scotland to attend to support with this, but can I ask that everyone takes responsibility for their own and other's safety? Thank you for your support with this.

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.

P7s will receive their Leaver's Hoodies this week. This becomes part of their uniform and should be worn with appropriate skirt/trousers.

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.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre this session raised an incredible £3162.20. A huge thank to our school community and our Parent Council for their support. This enables us to take the children on trips, provide resources and invite touring productions into our school!

Class Overviews

The overview for your child's class should now be available both on Showbie and on the school website. This will give you a brief overview of what learning will be taking place in class. This is one of the many ways we report to you on your child's learning. Please use this to supplement any further learning at home.

Diary Dates

Here are some important diary dates for the few weeks ahead:

Fri 30th Jan – Over and Above Club

Weds 11th Feb – Family Ceilidh from 3:15-4:15

16th-18th Feb – February Holiday

Weds 25th Feb – P2/3 and P3 class assembly – families welcome from 2:15pm

Thurs 26th Feb – Careers Fair and Tempest Photographer in for school photos

Fri 27th Feb – Cultural Celebration – all children can dress in cultural clothing and food sharing event in hall from 3pm

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day

Fri 8th March – International Women's Day – afternoon tea for our special people

Thurs 12th March – Parents Evening

Weds 18th March – P1/2 and P2 class assembly – families welcome from 2:15pm

Fri 20th March – wear odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day

Weds 25th March – P1a and P1b class assemblies – families welcome from 2:15pm

Tues 31st March – Easter Bonnet Parade for P1-3 pupils – families welcome from 2:15pm

Thurs 2nd April – Dress Down day and school closes at 2:30pm for the Spring Holidays

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:

P1a, P1b, P1/2, P2 and P2/3
Mrs Whyte

P3, P3/4, P4 and P4/5- Mr Kenny

P5, P5/6, P6, P6/7 and P7 - Mrs Clark

On a Weds-Fri Mrs Seaver will have responsibility for PP4/5, P5/6 and P6

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.

Medications

If your child has an inhaler, epi pen or other daily medication to take then this must be brought to school now and relevant paperwork completed at the office. You must have

two inhalers at school for your child – one for the classroom and one for a spare just in case.

Please note – we are an allergy aware school. This includes not having Nutella or chocolate spread based products. Thank you for your support with this.

School Attendance

As always, we keep a close eye on school attendance. At Riverbank we believe that every school day matters and we want all our children to be in school all the time. Unfortunately, our attendance figures are below our normal average and indeed below the Glasgow average for the first time. This is disappointing as we can see the impact of this on our children. We will continue to support families with low attendance and we encourage all families to engage with us and help us to ensure our children have the best possible start in their education by being in school.

Healthy Choices

Please ensure you give your child healthy options at snack time. A small packet of crisps along with some fruit or a small chocolate

bar is fine in moderation. At no point should a child have a full-size tube of crisps or full-size chocolate bars.

Please note that take away food is not a suitable option for lunch times and is not allowed for pupils.

Water is the only drink allowed in classrooms. No diluting juice or fizzy drinks should be in water bottles. Thank you for supporting your children's oral health.

Toys

Can we please remind everyone that unless specified by the class teachers toys should not be brought into school as they can cause distraction and disrupt learning and teaching. Thank you for your support with this.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone usage by children is not allowed within our school. Only children from P5-7 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school and this is only if they are walking a long distance to school by themselves. All phones must be switched off on arrival at school and given to the class teacher where they will be stored away until 3pm. If any children

are found with a mobile device that they should not have then you will be contacted to collect the device. Please help us to ensure the safety of our children by following these rules.

Outdoors

At Riverbank our children will be outdoors in all weathers. A bit of rain does not prevent us from having fun! Children should come to school dressed appropriately for Scottish weather. A rain jacket with a hood is essential. The only time children will not be outdoors is when there is a risk to life e.g. high winds, lightning etc. Outdoor Learning is a priority for us here and we have invested in waterproofs and wellies for children at all stages. Thank you for your support with this.

What's coming up?

We have lots of exciting events planner for the next few weeks. Here are some:

- Swimming sessions for P6 begin this week and run all term
- P3, P3/4, P4 and P6 classes receiving golf taster sessions
- P5/6 and P6 will continue their cooking sessions weekly for the next 4 weeks

- 20 x P6 pupils will attend Pinkston Basin over three sessions to achieve their Glasgow's Urban Adventure Award
- On Thursday 29th January we will have a performance from a touring theatre company called Donald Where's Your Troosers
- YMI (music) sessions will continue fortnightly for our P1 classes
- P6/7 and P7 will have diversity workshops from Glasgow Rangers FC
- P5, P6 and P7 taking part in the Joy of Moving sessions with Glasgow Celtic FC
- P3/4 and P4 will experience the Glasgow Tour Bus in March as part of their learning about Glasgow
- P6/7 and P7 will take part in workshops with the Royal Navy

As you can see, we have a very busy time coming up this term! As always if there is anything we can help with, please get in touch at the office.

Mr Hynes