

Newsletter

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Our final newsletter of the year. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the school year goes!

Homework

Homework ends this term week beginning 9th June.

Uniform

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

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







Equality

Ready

Kindness

Creativity

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.

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.

We are receiving our weekly fruit and veg from our Tesco grant and this is being enjoyed by all of our pupils. Thanks to our Parent Council for supporting this.

Staffing

In May we welcomed two new members of support staff to our school – Miss Thompson and Miss Reilly. In August we will welcome a third member of support staff Miss Cameron. We are delighted to have them all with us.

At the end of this term we will sadly bid farewell to

Miss Welsh, Miss Johnston Ms Fleming. We thank them for everything over the past two years and wish them well in their new schools.

In August we will welcome the following staff members to Riverbank:

Miss Stewart

Ms Lott

Ms McAnespie

Ms Murphy

Ms Mehaffy

Mrs Smith, who is currently with P1a and P5b will remain with us on a permanent basis.

Mr Kenny will also return to his Principal Teacher role next session.

Thanks to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Brooke for fulfilling our Acting Principal Teacher roles so well this term.

Parent Pay

Please continue to preselect your child's meal each night/morning for the day/week ahead. This will help reduce time spent in classes doing this.

Earrings

The summer holidays are an ideal time to have your child's ears pierced as the 6

week healing process can take place safely. Remember children cannot take part in PE with earrings.

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.

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. At points 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.



Please see below for our March and May attendance statistics for each class.

	Mar	May
P1a	95%	90%
P1b	91%	<mark>91%</mark>
P1/2	87%	89%
P2	88%	94%
P3a	93%	87%
P3b	93%	96%
P4a	92%	<mark>92%</mark>
P4b	94%	88%
P5a	94%	85%
P5b	93%	95%
P6a	95%	91%
P6b	90%	86%
P7	96%	91%

We are disappointed to see so many classes with a dip in attendance, particularly at P5a. Thank you to everyone who are consistently supporting children with excellent attendance.

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

Celebrating Success

Our next Celebrating
Success assembly is Friday
20th June. Please send in
any achievements for your
child to the headteacher
email address for inclusion
in this. Thank you.

Parking

I am delighted to say that after much campaigning we finally have yellow zig-zag lines outside our school on Sunnybank Street. This means it is now enforceable by police to prevent unsafe parking around our school. Huge thanks to our Parent Council and colleagues at GCC for their support with this.

Bump Up

Our Bump Up session will take place on Thursday 19th June at 2pm. Here our P1-6 children will "bump up" to meet their new class and teacher in their new classroom. Transition can be tricky for some children so this will hopefully help ease some anxieties.

Fundraising

We recently held our annual Sponsored Walk during Health Week. W raised a staggering £1274!! Thank you so much to our parents/carers for your continued support. This money will be used to fund our bus trips, fun activities and resources.

For Pyjama Day we raised £190. This money will be sent to The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice.

Celebrating Diversity

As part of our work on equalities this year we hosted our first cultural celebration for families in February. So many families brought food/drink from their cultures to share with everyone. It was a fantastic event. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to it. Our next family event will take place on Thursday 12th June at 3:15 in our hall. This will help to celebrate Eid and also other cultures within our school community. We hope you can come along and join in the celebration.

Term 4 Activities

Here are some important dates for your diary for the next three weeks:

Week beg 9th June – pupil iPads taken in

11th and 12th June – P7s to Eastbank Academy 12th June – Eid Celebration @ 3:15

17th June – P4-7 Summer Show @ 9:30

18th June – P7 Leaver's Assembly @2pm

19th June – Bump Up

19th June – Summer Discos (P1-3 6-6:50; P4-7 7-8pm)

23rd June – P7 Leaver's Treat Day (Airpark Adventure, McDonalds)

23rd June – Pupil Reports sent home

23rd June – New P1 family picnic and play at Cuningar Loop @ 3:30pm

24th June – panto in school for all children

25th June – school closes at 1pm for summer holidays

Holidays

A reminder that school closes for summer holidays on 25th June at 1pm.

Classes

Next session we will increase our pupil roll to around 385 pupils. With our numbers we will need to have multiple composite classes. A composite class just means that two year

groups will share a class.
This will make no difference to the teaching and learning as all classes have groups within them. I have attached a sheet with further explanation of composite classes for your further understanding.

I intend to share classification with you all before the end of term. Please note that due to our numbers being so tight there will be no opportunity to change your child's class.

As always if you need to discuss anything please just get in touch with me headteacher@riverbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Hynes