



Newsletter

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Here we are already into March! The year is racing by. Here is a chance to catch up with all that is happening in school and our plans for next term.

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



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.

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.

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

By now you will be aware that all appointments for Parent's Evening are to be booked on Parent Portal. Thank you to the vast majority of parents/carers who have already signed up to this. This portal is vital for the future of forms, appointments and other council initiatives. In time you will be asked to complete Annual Data Checks, Consent Forms and medical notes using this portal. Please continue to get in touch with our school office if you need any help with this.

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.

Parking

Recently we have reopened our drop-off point in the mornings. Thank you for using this correctly by driving into the parking bay before allowing your child to exit the vehicle. Remember the most important thing is safety of children. We will continue with this plan for the foreseeable future. Remember if you are parking to walk in with your child this must be done on one of the side streets and not on Sunnybank Street. Our Junior Road Safety Officers are working with Miss McMillan on a campaign to support this.

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.

We now share a new weekly overview every Friday on Twitter. This will show you all of the exciting things happening across the school. We have received positive feedback on this already.

Easter Celebrations

As we approach the Spring Holiday we will be celebrating Easter. As always we will be taking part in some art and crafts fun at home! We are setting our children a challenge as follows:

P1-P3 Pupils – design an Easter Bonnet that you can wear to school on Wednesday 29th March.

P4-P7 Pupils – design an egg (hard boiled or foam) in a creative or inventive way (see pic below)



We will have a special guest in school to choose the winners. As a result there will be no other homework from 20th March onwards to allow families to take part. Good luck!

Our Easter Discos also take place on Wednesday 29th March – P1-P3 @ 6pm-6:50pm and P4-P7 @ 7pm-8pm. Entry will be £2 each and a small drink and snack will be provided. We look forward to seeing lots of our children there.

Remember all children must be collected by a responsible adult after the disco due to the lateness of the event.

Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is on April 2nd – due to holidays we will be celebrating this on Friday 31st March. We want to educate all of our children to be understanding, tolerant and accepting of people with autism and to celebrate their achievements. If you would like to come and speak at our assembly about either your experiences of autism or your child's then please get in touch with us – together we can be the difference.

Parent's Evening

As you will be aware Parent's Evening will take place on Thursday 23rd March. All appointments will be made on Parent Portal (see above). Please note appointment times are strictly ten-minute slots so please arrive promptly for your time. If you need to speak to a staff member in depth a separate time can be arranged on another date. We look forward to sharing updates on your

children's progress with you.

Photographer

We asked our school community if you wanted to have school photos this year. Over 70% of you said that you did and so a photographer will attend the school on Thursday 23rd March to take individual, family and class photos. As always full school uniform for this day please. We will share details of how to order photos shortly afterwards.

Fundraising

Both the school and the Parent Council try to fundraise throughout the school year to allow children to experience trips, school visits and special treats. We will hold a "Dress Down Day" on Friday 31st March to raise money for school funds. We are asking families to donate what you can for this as we know cost of living is high at the moment so please donate anything you can. This funding will go towards exciting experiences for our children.

If you have any ideas for fundraising that we could take part in or want to help us by fundraising then please get in touch with us or our Parent Council.

Spring Holiday

School will close on Friday 31st March at 2:30pm for the Spring Holiday. We will return on Monday 17th April at 9am. We wish you all a pleasant break when it comes.

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

Kind regards

Mr Hynes

Important Diary Dates for Term 4 (April - June)

17th April – School returns

19th April – Autism Group meeting for parents/carers with Anne Love at 6pm

(more info to follow)

25th April – Open Afternoon for IDL P1-P3/4

26th April – P3/4 to Stirling Castle

26th April – Open Afternoon for IDL P4-P7

1st May – Holiday – School closed

2nd-5th May – Careers Week.
More info to follow

21st June – Summer Discos
PM

8th May – school closed for
Coronation Weekend

23rd June – School closes at
1pm for Summer holidays

Week beg 15th May – Health
Week

17th May – Family Quiz on
wellbeing at 6pm

16th May – Parent Council
meeting @ 6:30pm

18th May – Sports Day.P4-P7
from 9:30am on school
pitch. P1-P3/4 from 1:30pm
on school pitch
Parents/Carers welcome to
support.

25th May – Inservice Day –
school closed to pupils

26th and 29th May – school
closed for May Weekend

Week beg 5th June – school
show for P4-7 (dates and
more info to follow)

9th June – P1b assembly at
2:15pm – families welcome

14th June – P7 Leaver's
Assembly @9:30am.
Families welcome

16th June – End of Year
Reports to families

16th June – P1a assembly @
2:15pm. Families welcome

21st June – Beatrix Potter
performance for whole
school