



Newsletter

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Here we are almost at the end of Term 3 already! We have had a busy few weeks here at Riverbank filled with trips, visitors, chicks, fish and so much more!

Homework

Our homework policy has been recently updated and shared with you. Homework will run until week ending 28th March. It will then re-start week beginning 28th April.

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



Creativity

Kindness



Love

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.

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.

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

We are lucky to be joined by student teachers this term. Miss McMinimee will support teaching in P3b until the end of March. We will welcome back Miss Ryan who will be working in P5b for a few weeks.

We recently said farewell to Miss Bulloch, one of our original SfLW staff, who has left to take up a new post in a nurse's. We thank her for supporting our children over the past few years and wish her all the best in her new post.

We currently have two SfLW vacancies and we will

be interviewing for them in the coming weeks.

Mr Kenny will be taking some time away from school in Term 4. Due to his absence we have held interviews and I am delighted to say that both Mrs Brooke and Mrs Bennett will take on his Principal Teacher remit. This means that Mrs Brooke will be PT Mon-Weds and Mrs Bennett will be PT Weds-Fri. We will be allocated a supply teacher to backfill both teacher's time out of classes. A separate email will be sent to these classes to explain in more detail. From after the spring holidays both Mrs Brooke and Mrs Bennett will be the link member of SMT for P3 and P4 classes.

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.

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.

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 January and February attendance statistics for each class.

	Jan	Feb
P1a	95.15	92
P1b	92.21	94.58
P1/2	87.36	90.58
P2	95.86	96.85
P3a	90.32	93.48
P3b	93.62	93.31
P4a	92.38	88.24
P4b	92.98	94.11
P5a	94.53	92.76
P5b	91.74	95.33
P6a	92.91	90.61
P6b	87.62	89.10
P7	93.75	93.49

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.

Celebrating Success

Our next Celebrating Success assembly is Friday 4th April. 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 13th May at 6:30pm online. Please let us know if you would like to join. The Parent Council are particularly interested in new members joining from our P1-3 classes. This is to ensure fair representation and to allow members a chance to stay in the role through their child's school journey. If you are interested please email the PC on riverbankparentcouncil@gmail.com

Parking

You will have seen our new parking buddies which were launched a couple of weeks ago. They are now on Sunnybank Street at the end of each day to remind people not to park along that stretch of the road. We have noted some positive difference however some

parents/carers continue to park along here impacting on safety of children. May I remind you again that there are alternative places to park and walk. Please try to plan ahead.



Achievements

We have been busy over the last couple of weeks with our achievements! Our staff team have been awarded our Keep The Promise award as a result of our commitment to supporting our Care Experienced Learners.



More recently we have been accredited as a Silver Rights Respecting school from UNICEF! This is because of lots of work from Mrs Clark and our staff/pupil steering groups. Huge well done to all involved. Next stop – Gold!

To this email I have also attached our updates from our School Improvement Plan this session. In June I will share our Standards

and Quality Report for a fuller update on our progress.

Fundraising

As part of their awareness raising for World Wildlife Day P1s undertook a sponsored walk. They raised over £600 for the wildcats at the Highland Wildlife Park! Thanks so much to all who supported this. Miss Gamble is organising a video call with the park for the children.

Thanks also to our parents/carers who shopped at Asda before Christmas and contributed to our cashpot. Our Parent Council just transferred us the £364.99! This will go towards paying for resources for our school.

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. We received very positive

feedback and we plan to run this again next term.

Spring Activities

Our Parent Council have organised Spring Discos for the children at the following times/date:

Wednesday 2nd April

P1-3 6pm-6:50

P4-7 7pm-8pm

Please remember no mobile phones allowed and all children must be collected by an adult at the end.

On Tuesday 1st April we will have an Easter Bonnet parade in our hall for parents/carers to attend. This will be at 2:15. Bonnets must be made at home as part of a homework task sent out week beginning 24th March on Showbie.

For our P4-7 children we will run our annual Easter Egg design challenge. Again details will be shared on Showbie. We are looking forward to seeing some egg-cellent designs!

Assembly

A reminder that our P1 class assembly will be on Thursday 27th March at 2:15. All P1 parent/carers are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

I have updated the Parent Calendar available on our school website. Please see the link below

[Dates For Your Diary](#)

Holidays

A reminder that school closes for Spring holidays on Friday 4th April at 2:30pm. We reopen again on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am.

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

Mr Hynes