



## Newsletter

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Here we are at the end of another busy term! Lots happening and lots more to come in the final term of the year.

### Homework

Please note that homework is available weekly on Showbie. Paper copies of homework can be requested from the school office. Homework has now stopped for the term and will resume in the first week of May.

### Staffing

As previously emailed Mrs Bennett is our new Principal Teacher, taking Mrs Clark's previous post. Mrs Bennett will officially begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Bennett will have



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.

responsibility for Digital Learning, Numeracy and Raising Attainment.

Last week we appointed a new Health and Wellbeing Worker – Miss Kennedy. She will hopefully take up her post after the Spring Holiday.

Unfortunately, Mrs Logan will not be returning to teach in P5. Miss Fraser will continue to teach P5 until the end of June.

After the Spring Holiday Miss Stewart will teach P1/2 full time. Mrs Fisher will provide some learning

support to some of our P2 and P3 children.

Miss Mehaffy and Miss Murphy will take on their respective classes on a full-time basis.

### 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? The sometimes-triple parking at the drop off point in the morning is becoming dangerous. If this continues, we will have no option but to close off this access point. 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](http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com) All school ties will also be available to purchase from here too.

Please ensure all school clothing have names on them.

### **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 next term will be shared with you soon and will be placed 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.

### **Diary Dates**

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

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

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

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – School returns

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – Holiday Monday

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> May – Soccer 4 sessions begin for P3/4 and P4

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May – school closed for elections

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May – P1-3/4 Open Afternoon at 2pm

Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May – P4-7 Open Afternoon at 2pm

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May – Dress as Future Me Day

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May – Holiday weekend

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May – new P1 Induction meetings

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fun Day

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June – P7s transition visits to Eastbank

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June – P4-6 School Show

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wear Yellow Day for CF

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June – school closed due to extra Bank Holiday

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leaver's Assembly

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June – Bump Up afternoon

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June - Discos

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June – P7s to Blairvadach

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June – New P1s Picnic in the Park

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June – reports sent to families

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June – school closes at 1pm

### **Fundraising**

Recently we held an awareness and fundraising day for Down Syndrome Scotland. Thanks to your donations we raised £121.50! This will be sent to them this week.

### **Parents Evening**

We held our second Parent's Evening a couple of weeks ago. Our turnout was 87.5%. Huge thanks to those of you who attended to support your children. Some of you have been in touch to arrange an appointment which we are working on at the moment.

During this event you had an opportunity to share feedback. Almost all feedback was very positive with a couple of action points to take forward:

- Share our Anti-Bullying procedures more widely
- Share the work of the Parent Council more frequently.

There was a prize draw for the survey and the winner was Luca's Dad (P3/4) who

will receive a £25 Tesco voucher.

### **Pastoral Care and Safeguarding**

Due to the increase in our management structure, we have changed pastoral care for classes for next term. If you have any issues about your child you wish to discuss please

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

P2/3, P3, P3/4 and P4 – Mrs Bennett

P4/5 and P5 – Mr Kenny

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

On a Weds-Fri Mrs Seaver will have responsibility for P2, P2/3 and P5/6.

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. It is currently at 91.2%. 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. If you would like to find out your child's attendance percentage, please get in touch with us

and we can discuss supports.

### **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.

We are continuing to provide fresh fruit and veg daily for pupils from our partnership with Tesco.

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**

We are still finding toys and teddies making their way into school. This can cause upset between children. Please remember to keep these items at home.

### **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.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter when it comes. Enjoy the break.

Mr Hynes