



Newsletter

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We are “march-ing” quickly through Term 3! We have had a busy term so far and have no sign of stopping before the end of the month!

Homework

The results of our homework consultation will be shared with you all soon. This will inform next steps with this.

Absence Reporting

Due to high volumes of phone calls to the school office in the mornings, if your child is unwell and cannot attend school or has a medical appointment, please call the Absence Line on **0141 287 0039**

You can also report a pupil



absence/medical appointment online by following this link <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence> (My Gov Account is required to report online)

Also, if for any reason you need to collect your child early from school please call the school office in advance and we will try our best to have him/her ready for you coming.

Staffing

Miss Sherafaty is still with us in P5b. We are delighted

that Miss Mort is returning to work on a phased basis over the next few weeks. Miss Sherafaty will stay with the class until Miss Mort is back full time.

Mrs MacMillan-Currie has returned after her maternity leave – huge welcome back to her. She will teach in P2a on a Thursday and Friday.

Miss Welsh will now be based full time in The Den. This will release Mrs Clark to undertake her Principal Teacher remit. We thank Miss Welsh for her work with P2a this year.

Mrs Perakis finished up for her maternity leave on 1st March. We hope she has a little bit of time to get settled before the arrival of her baby. To cover Mrs Perakis' post we welcome Miss Johnston to Riverbank. She will be with us until June.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we are still awaiting Miss Cartwright's vacancy being filled. Glasgow City Council are currently undertaking a review of all SFLW posts across the city. We hope to know more soon.

We are delighted to welcome Ms Dey to our staff team this term. Ms Dey is part of the English as an Additional Language Team (EAL) at Glasgow. She will be with us 3 days per week to support children.

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. 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.

Since our last newsletter I have noticed that there has been an improvement across the school in uniform standards. Thank you for your continued 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. Thank you for your support with this.

Items from Home

Can I please ask that toys, make-up, slime, Pokemon cards etc are left at home? These items are causing distraction and arguments in classes and the playground. I know some staff have highlighted this already through Showbie. Your support is greatly appreciated in this matter.

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

Please ensure you have signed up for Parent Portal. If you need help with this please contact the school office.

Parent Portal now contains our school calendar for the year ahead for your convenience.

You can also use this to apply for your child's free bus pass.

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. A Child Protection and Safeguarding overview will be shared with you next term. This will set out our procedures in a clear way for all families to understand.

Drop-Off Point

Please consider safety when dropping off your child at the school gate in the car. The drop off point is not a car park. You should drive your car in, allow your child to exit and drive off. If you need to park and walk your child to the gate then please park on one of the side streets and walk over. Thank you for your support with this.

Please note that sometimes due to icy weather the drop-off point will be closed. This is to ensure safety for all.

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. Next week 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.

We are also going to publish the attendance statistics each month for everyone to see. Every day matters. Please see below for our current attendance statistics for each class.

	Jan	Feb	Average since Aug
P1a	93.74%	94.9%	95.29%
P1b	87.75%	91.06%	90.58%
P2a	91.66%	93.77%	93.4%
P2b	94.37%	96.12%	94.41%
P3a	92.43%	91.17%	92.39%
P3b	93.27%	95.80%	93.97%
P4a	94.25%	93.7%	95.09%
P4b	93.45%	94.44%	93.3%
P5a	91.76%	90.94%	94.14%
P5b	93.58%	93.67%	93.54%
P6	92.69%	92.46%	92.54%
P7/6	90.66%	88.55%	92.17%

As you can see we are making some progress with this. We will not be complacent and will keep working hard to improve on this.

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 22nd March. Please send in any achievements for your child to the headteacher email address for inclusion in this. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Please see below for some important dates for the next few weeks

Wednesday 27th March – P1-3 Easter Bonnet parade at 2:20pm. Families welcome

Thursday 28th March - School closes for Spring Holidays at 2:30pm

Monday 15th April – School returns

Tuesday 23rd April Open Afternoon for P1-3 classes (except P2a) from 2:15pm

Wednesday 24th April - Open Afternoon for P4-7 classes

Thursday 25th April - Open Afternoon for P2a

Thursday 2nd May – Inservice Day. School closed to pupils

Monday 6th May – Holiday

Week beg 6th May – Careers Week (more info to follow)

Week beg 20th May – Health Week (more info to follow)

Wednesday 22nd May – P5a, P6 and P7/6 performance for families with Scottish Opera

Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day (P1-3 AM, P4-7 PM)

Friday 24th and Monday 27th May – Holiday Weekend

Tuesday 28th May – Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th June – Summer Performance for P4s and P5b

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June – P7 visits to Eastbank Academy

Wednesday 19th June – P7 Leaver’s Assembly at 2pm

Wednesday 19th June – Summer Discos

Friday 21st June – Report Cards sent to families

Monday 24th June – P7 Leaver’s Treat

Wednesday 26th June – School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm

As always if you need to discuss anything please just get in touch with me.

Mr Hynes