



Newsletter

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Welcome to our May newsletter. We are all geared up and ready for our final term of this session – so much to look forward to!

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. Homework will run up until week beginning 5th June.

Uniform

A reminder that our uniform is navy blue jumper/cardigan, grey



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.

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.

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. We are delighted that 94% of our parents/carers are signed up already.

Parent Portal

Last term we used Parent Portal for booking of Parent Evening appointments. Thank you for your patience with this new system. It worked really well and will be what we use moving forward. We are aware of some feedback regarding different websites for meals, appointments etc but unfortunately this is centrally controlled and not a school-based decision. Parent Portal will be used in August for consent forms and Annual Data Checks so please keep login details handy. We are delighted that 72% of our families are signed up to this – we will continue to support where necessary to ensure everyone has equal access.

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

A reminder to consider safety of our children and members of our local community when parking around the school at pick up or drop off. We have had a couple of local residents complain again about unsafe parking.

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.

Parent's Evening

It was really lovely to have Parent's Evening at the end of March to share in all of your children's achievements. We had an 86% turnout of parents/carers. We hope to increase on this next session.

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. At our Dress Down day in March we raised £231.25. This money will be added to school funds for the term ahead. Some things we plan to do this term with school funds are:

- Cookery classes for P3/4 and P2
- Class trips to Stirling Castle and Science Centre
- New P1 transitions costs
- P7 Leavers events
- Many more!

Attendance

As a school we regularly review attendance in each class. We try to support individual families where we can with any barriers to attendance. We want to ensure that every child is in

school where possible – it is their right to attend school and our collective responsibility to ensure they can.

Our current school total attendance is 92.72%. Our highest was 97.4% which was in August of last year. Every day at school makes a difference. Please continue to ensure your child attends school as often as physically possible. If you need support with something then please call and let us know. Attendance letters for any pupil sitting below 85% attendance will be sent out in May for further action. We look forward to continuing to support you with this.

Latecomings

Can I please remind you that school starts at 9am each morning. It is really important that all children are in school for this time. We understand that there will be the odd morning where life just doesn't happen as quickly as you want it to and you may be running late – these things happen. School gates will close sharper in the morning and children who are late must enter through the office to ensure we are seeing them as they come in to mark them as present.

Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Feedback

You may remember in March we asked for some feedback in terms of how our school is doing. Here were the results:

Are you happy with the learning opportunities for your child? – all replied yes

What would you like to see more of?

- STEM and Art
- Outdoor activities
- Community awareness
- Parent interaction
- Communication via email
- Local history
- Child activities

Would you be interested in more family learning events/activities?

Yes – 70%

No – 30%

What types of family activities would you like?

- Family field trips
- Interactive lessons
- Courses

We will take these suggestions forward in our improvement planning for next session.

Please see below important dates for the term ahead. There will be others added and we will let you now these as we go through. I will write to everyone again towards the end of June with details regarding end of term and for class information for August including updated staffing etc. Until then if you need anything please just call in to see us.

Mr Hynes

Head Teacher

Important Diary Dates for Term 4 (May - June)

1st May – Holiday – School closed

2nd-5th May – Careers Week. Email sent about this.

3rd May – Cookery classes begin for P2 and P3/4

3rd May – CLUNK performances for whole school

4th May – Careers Fair for P4-7 pupils

5th May – Future Me Day. Pupils can dress up as the career they want to be

8th May – school closed for Coronation Weekend

10th May – Cookery classes for P2 and P3/4

11th May – Miss Hosie returning to school. Will teach P2/3 Thursday/Friday

12th May – P5/6 Assembly at 2:15. Parents/Carers welcome

Week beg 15th May – Health Week

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

17th May – P7s to Athletics event at Eastbank Academy

17th May – Cookery lessons for P2 and P3/4

17th May – Family Quiz on wellbeing at 6pm

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.

19th May – P1/2 and P2 Assembly at 2:15.
Parents/Carers welcome

24th May – Cookery lessons for P2 and P3/4

24th May – New P1 Parents/Carer visit at 9:30am

25th May – Inservice Day – school closed to pupils

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

30th May – Mrs Clark returning to school. She will teach P3/4 Wednesday-Friday.

31st May – Go Yellow Walk at Bellahouston Park – more info to follow

7th June – P4-7 school show 9:30am – tickets on sale soon

8th June – P4-7 school show 1:45pm. Tickets on sale soon

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

16th June – End of Year Reports to families

14th and 15th June – P7s visiting Eastbank Academy for transition days

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

16th June – report cards to families

20th June – P7 Leaver's Assembly at 1:45

20th June – Picnic and Play for new P1 families in Cuningar Loop at 3:30

21st June – Beatrix Potter performance for whole school

21st June – Summer Discos PM

22nd June – P7 Leaver's Treat

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