



## Newsletter

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Welcome to the final newsletter of the session! Term 4 is well and truly in full swing and we are busier than ever.

### Homework

A couple of weeks ago I wrote to you to inform you of the results of our homework consultation. We have a very low uptake of homework across the school and so we have decided to stop giving set homework this term. This allows us to look at other options for homework moving forward. We will be in touch soon with an example for you to feedback on. Thank you for your understanding 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

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Perakis and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby boy last month. We send them all our love and congratulations!

We said goodbye to Miss Sherafaty last week and thanked her for her hard work over the past few months.

Miss Dey, who joined us to support our English as an Additional Language pupils, has taken up a new post. This post will be re-advertised and we will hopefully have a replacement for August.

### **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. 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.

### **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 shortly. This will set out our procedures in a clear way for all families to understand.

### **Medicines**

We have emailed you recently about changes to the way we handle medicines. New forms have been sent home for you to complete and return as soon as possible. All children with an inhaler in school must have two inhalers – one for them and one as a spare just in case. P1-3 pupils will have their inhalers in the class and P4-7 children will have their inhalers on them. It is very

important that you show your child how to self-administer their inhaler from an early age.

Any prescribed medication from a GP must be given by you the parent/carer. If dosage is 3 times per day this can be before school, after school and at bed time. If the prescription says 4 times per day then please contact the school to discuss this. We will not keep medication for a child without a prescription.

When you are bringing in any new medication you must meet with a member of the senior management team to discuss the medication and complete the appropriate paperwork. Your child's safety and wellbeing is paramount and so these procedures must be followed. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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.

### **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.

	March	April	Average since Aug
P1a	93.95	97.57	95.39
P1b	89.82	88.40	90.26
P2a	93.03	90.62	92.87
P2b	93.58	95	94.38
P3a	91.87	92.41	92.33
P3b	92.40	92.59	93.55
P4a	93.27	92.77	94.63
P4b	90.17	92.38	92.49
P5a	90.57	94.55	93.74
P5b	91.46	92.52	93.19
P6	92.69	98.36	93.20
P7/6	86.6	91.66	91.49

I am pleased to see that almost all classes increased slightly in attendance in their average figures since August however there were some dips particularly in P1b, P2a and P3b. Well done to all in P6 for increased attendance for April!

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 31<sup>st</sup> May. 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

**Week beg 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Health Week (more info to follow)

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Sports Day (P1-3 AM, P4-7 PM)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Holiday Weekend

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent Council Meeting

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Go Yellow Walk (selected P5-7 pupils)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – P1 Induction Meetings (9:15 and 1:45)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – P1s trip to The Burrell Collection

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – P7s to Athletics Event at Eastbank Academy

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Performance for P4s and P5b at 1:45pm (tickets on sale soon)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – P7 visits to Eastbank Academy

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leaver's Assembly at 2pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Discos

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – school choir performing at City Halls (more info to follow)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Report Cards sent to families

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leaver's Treat

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Bump Up day (where children meet their new teachers)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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