



Newsletter

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We are flying through the school year here at Riverbank and already we find ourselves in the approach to Christmas. We have had a really busy start back to the new term with our highest ever intake of P1s (62) and our largest ever pupil roll of 385!

Homework

Homework will run until week ending 12th December. Please remember all of our homework is on Showbie. If you have access issues then you can request a paper copy from the office.

Staffing

As communicated to P5 parents Mrs Logan is currently absent from work.



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.

We welcome Ms Fraser to our school who will teach P5 and we wish Mrs Logan a speedy recovery.

I am delighted to share that due to our increasing pupil roll we are able to appoint an additional Depute Head Teacher. This is of huge benefit to our school. Applications open for this on 14th November and we hope to appoint a successful candidate before Christmas. I will of course keep you updated with this development.

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.

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.

Christmas Fayre

This year our Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday 4th December from 3:15-4:45. Expect the usual class crafts, local business stalls, tombola, hampers raffle and Christmas cheer. Our Christmas Tree lights switch on will be at 3:45 where we can join with our choir and some hot chocolate to step into the Christmas season. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so please bring your pennies with you!

If you have any toys/books in good condition, then you can start to bring it to the office from Monday 17th November. Thank you.

P6 Drama

Our P6 class have been taking part in a community drama workshop over the past weeks and will perform a piece of theatre called Winter Tales on Friday 5th December. They will work alongside St Anne's Primary, local mental health groups and Care Homes. We look forward to welcoming their families along to watch this performance - more information to follow.

Christmas Shows

Each year our P1-3 classes perform for families at Christmas time. This year due to our increased roll we will be putting on two performances for families – both on Thursday 11th December at 9:30am and 1:45pm. Tickets are limited to two per family and will be on sale via Parent Pay from Tuesday 11th November at £1.50 per ticket. Our P1 children will perform their version of the nativity called Wriggly Nativity. P2-3 classes will

each perform a Christmas song.

Our P4-6 children will take part in the summer show and our P7 children will perform in their own special end of school assembly.

Diary Dates

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

Tues 18th Nov – P1 Dental Inspections

Tues 18th Nov – Parent Council meeting @ 6:30pm

Mon 24th Nov – annual Christmas Card competition

Thurs 27th Nov – Eastbank Academy HT and DHT speaking to P7s

Thurs 4th Dec – Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree lights switch on 3:15-4:45

Fri 5th Dec – Winter Tales performance by P6

Thurs 11th Dec – P1-3 Christmas Shows

Fri 12th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch menu

Thurs 18th Dec – Christmas Discos

Fri 19th Dec – school closes at 1pm

Pastoral Care and Safeguarding

Due to our increased roll this session we have divided up responsibilities for classes amongst the management team. If you have a query or issue you would like to raise with one of us, then please contact the following people in the first instance:

P1a, P1b, P1/2, P2 and P2/3
Mrs Whyte

P3, P3/4, P4 and P4/5- Mr
Kenny

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

On a Weds-Fri Mrs Seaver
will have responsibility for
PP4/5, P5/6 and P6

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.

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.

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

Can we please remind
everyone that unless
specified by the class
teachers toys should not be
brought into school as they
can cause distraction and
disrupt learning and
teaching. Thank you for
your support with this.

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.

Outdoors

At Riverbank our children
will be outdoors in all
weathers. A bit of rain does
not prevent us from having
fun! Children should come
to school dressed
appropriately for Scottish
weather. A rain jacket with
a hood is essential. The only
time children will not be
outdoors is when there is a
risk to life e.g. high winds,
lightning etc. Outdoor
Learning is a priority for us
here and we have invested
in waterproofs and wellies
for children at all stages.
Thank you for your support
with this.

Fundraising

In September we held a Dress Down Day to raise money for school funds. We raised £328.50 – thank you.

With our school funds this session we have funded a bus trip for P7s, classroom resources and an owl visit for P4 pupils. We are looking forward to our big Christmas Fayre fundraiser so we can take our children's learning across the city and beyond.

A huge thank you to our Parent Council who have generously funded a new TV screen for our learning space in our library. This ensures high quality teaching and learning can continue out with traditional classroom spaces.

As always if there is anything we can help with, please get in touch at the office.

Mr Hynes