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. Lots to get through in the next few weeks, some of which we will tell you about here.



Homework

Homework will run until week ending 11th 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 Lovick is currently absent from work. Miss Murphy is covering the class until her return.

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 3rd 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. Remember this year we are only looking for one small bag per family. Thank you.

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 Wednesday 9th December, at 9:30am and 1:45pm. Tickets are limited to two per family and will be on sale via Parent Pay from Tuesday 17th November at £2 per ticket. Our P1 children will perform their version of the nativity called Bethlehem Bake Off. P2-3/4 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.

Crazy Hair/Christmas Jumper Day

This year for Christmas Jumper Day we are adding in a Crazy Hair Day! This is because one of our P7 pupils Ariane is raising money for the Little Princess Trust by donating at least 12 inches of her hair to help provide real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to medical conditions or treatments. We ask that on this day you donate what you can via Parent Pay to this cause. We are very proud of Ariane and we look forward to the "big chop" at assembly on 16th December.

Diary Dates

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

Friday 20th Nov – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 23rd Nov – Christmas Card competition begins

Week beginning 23rd Nov – Attendance Checks

Tuesday 24th Nov – P7s to SOS at St Michaels

Tuesday 24th – Parent Council meeting online at 6:30pm

Wednesday 25th November – P2/3 and P3 class assembly at 2:15pm

Wek beginning 30th Nov – Book Fair in school

Thursday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre/Christmas lights switch on

Tuesday 8th December – Family Digital Session at 3:15

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Shows at 9:30am and 1:45pm

Thursday 10th December – Aladdin panto in school

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper and Crazy Hair Day

Friday 11th December – Christmas Lunch in dinner hall

Week beginning 14th December – special visitor for P1s! (Ho Ho Ho!)

Week beginning 14th December – class Christmas parties

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Discos

Friday 18th December – school closes for holidays at 2:30pm

Pastoral Care and Safeguarding

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 and P2 - Mrs Whyte

P2/3, P3 and P3/4 - Mr Kenny

P4, P4/5, P5 and P5/6 – Mrs Clark

P6, P7a and P7b - Mrs Bennett

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.

Care Experienced Children

If children are in kinship care, have been adopted or are looked after by a local authority they are Care Experienced. Mr Hynes in the Designated Manage for all Care Experienced Learners. Please speak with him if you have any queries or concerns regarding this.

Allergies

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 child is 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 £267.50 – thank you.

In October we held a visit from Jonny Paterson, a Team Scotland Paralympic footballer. He ran a series of workshops with P2-P6 classes and then gave them an inspirational talk. Our children received sponsorship for this visit and raised a staggering £2000!! Half of this goes to paying for the event and VAT which means we have just over £1000 to spend on sports equipment for our school. Over the coming weeks our Junior Leadership Team will look at how to best spend this.

On Friday 13th November our P7s raised a total of £112 for Children in Need by face painting for the whole school.

Bank on Us

Every year we take part in the Glasgow Times Bank on Us campaign. This is where we fill up bags with goods for foodbanks in our local area to help people over Christmas. We will aim to give the bags out at the Christmas Fayre and ask you to return them filled the following week. Thank you as always for your support with this.

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

Mr Hynes