



## Newsletter



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We can't believe that the first term back is almost at an end. Things have been very busy here at Riverbank. It was lovely to welcome you all for our open afternoons and see you working with your children.

### Homework

As usual all homework will be carried out via our online learning app Showbie. We are currently looking at the uptake of homework tasks and will soon ask you for your thoughts on the homework we set. We want to ensure it's right for everyone.

### Staffing

We are delighted to share that Miss McCue, one of

Let's all try to live our school values of

Creativity Love Equality  
Kindness 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.

our support staff, welcomed a beautiful baby boy in August. Huge congratulations to her and her family.

We have said farewell for now to Miss Hosie who is leaving for maternity leave. We hope she has a relaxing time before her baby arrives. Ms Knight will be joining our team to cover her post and we look forward to welcoming her.

### 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.

### **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. This is the online platform where you will register for Parent's Night appointments which are coming up soon. 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.

### **Online Safety**

We have had a few concerns from parents over inappropriate materials being accessed through social media or chat rooms. We ask that you please regularly check phones/devices to ensure they are being used correctly. In light of this we will run a Parent/Carer information session around online safety on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. Please prioritise this meeting and send one adult per household. It is essential to our children's safety and wellbeing that we all have the same information. A sign-up option will be available on Parent Pay. Thank you.

### **P.E.**

As per Scottish Government guidelines each child will receive 2 hours of P.E. each week. P.E. days for classes are as follows:

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.

### **Pick Up/Drop Off**

At Riverbank we ask that parents/carers do not enter the school playground. This is to ensure our children's safety. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have more than one child at the school please arrange with the older sibling about which gate you will collect them both from. This means the older sibling can collect the younger sibling and then go to the gate you are waiting at.

If you need to bring your dog to the school please ensure you keep well back from the gate and from other people. This is for your safety and everyone else's.

For Health and Safety reasons parents/carers wishing to use toilet facilities in the school at these times may be asked to wait until children are settled in class or have left the building. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### **Cost of the School Day**

As a school we are looking at ways in which to address the cost of the school day. We try our best not to ask for too much money at once and look to support families when necessary. We have recently emailed a survey out to parents about this and we will be analysing the results soon. We will share the results with our parent council to see what we can do going forward.

### **Road Safety**

As you may be aware we have a new lollipop person helping with the crossings outside the school. He has highlighted that there are many families using other stretches of Springfield Road to cross at. This is not safe and he is very concerned that someone will be hurt. There are some trip hazards at the end of the footpaths which are also a danger. Please ensure as adults we are setting the

good example for our children with regards to safe crossing practices.

We have also had another complaint from local residents around parking at the end of the school day. Please be mindful of access points and rights of way when parking cars. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be highlighting these issues in their next campaign.

Just to note, Sunnybank Street will be closed between Springfield Road and Garvald Street from 9<sup>th</sup> October for 4 weeks. Surrounding roads will be busier so please plan ahead.

### **Halloween**

As you will be aware Halloween will be coming up at the end of this month. Our Parent Council have organised a disco at the school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Times will be as follows:

P1-3 6pm-6:45pm

P4-7 7pm-8pm

Entry will be £2 on the door if you can.

### **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. Last week we sent letters home to anyone whose attendance had 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.

**P1a – 97%**

**P1b – 95%**

**P2a – 95%**

**P2b – 96%**

**P3a – 95%**

**P3b – 96%**

**P4a – 97%**

**P4b – 94%**

**P5a – 96%**

**P5b – 95%**

**P6 – 94%**

**P7/6 – 95%**

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

Mr Hynes