



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 1

8th September 2023

Welcome back!

I hope that the summer holidays were positive for you all and that the term has started well for your child. The six weeks are always quite busy despite there being no children on site and this year was no exception. There have been a number of additions to the school site, particularly at Park Avenue. Some of you will have noticed a canopy that has been added to the back of the Year 6 block. This not only enables opportunities for Year 6 to learn outside from time to time but it will also give some additional shade in the hot weather (very useful this week!) to all children during break times. We have also had some outdoor gym equipment fitted to enhance the playground experience for the older children. Some new playground markings have replaced the old tired ones and these are being enjoyed by all. It is good to note that last year's school council helped select these – they can be proud of the influence that they have had here.

I am grateful that the above works were able to take place over the summer despite not having a caretaker. Thank you to Mrs Quillish and Mrs Williams for their dedication here. I am pleased to say that we have recruited a new caretaker who will be starting later in the half term. The final recruitment checks are taking place and I hope to share more details next week.



The new shelters outside Year 6 have been put to good use this week



The Sensory Garden looking lovely in the sunshine



Year 5 & 6 have enjoyed the new outside gym despite the heat

The new Reception children joined us this week. I have been enjoying spending time in each of the classes over the past three days and have seen how well the children have settled into school life. This is an important milestone, so well done to them all for making it successful. The children will be in full time from Monday onwards and I look forward to the positive start continuing.

There have also been a few changes in our Wraparound Care provision. Mrs Bhagalia, our new Manager of this area of the school, has been working hard with the team to ensure that this remains a strength. She is joined by three new members of staff: Miss Baluyut, Miss Essed-Grujicic and Mrs Sheath.

There are also new members of staff joining the teaching and support team. Miss Ramesh is the new teacher in 1R and Mrs Howell, Mrs Abbas, Mr Kyle and Mr Seez have joined our teaching assistant team. They are making a positive impression with the children and we welcome them all to the Riverbridge family.

Here's to a successful year ahead!

PE

Whole School

PE will start next week on the following days. Please can we draw your attention to the correct PE uniform found here on our website: [here](#).

We'd also like to remind parents that all earrings must be removed for PE, they cannot be covered. This is a Surrey protocol that has to be followed. Any child who has earrings in, or who cannot remove them by themselves will have to sit out of their lesson that week. PE is part of the National Curriculum and every child is expected to take part.

Monday	1H, Year 3
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	RTA, 1R, Year 5
Thursday	RD, Year 6
Friday	RM, 1L, Year 4

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 21st Sept

KGB

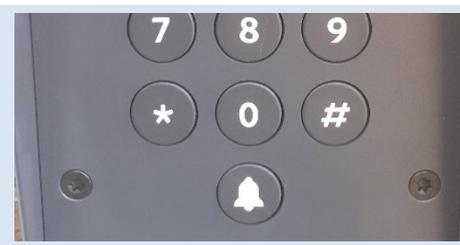
Please come and join with us as we take part in 'Macmillan's biggest Coffee Morning' to help raise money, enabling support for many families in our local area. We would especially like to invite our new families to the school as it is a great way to meet other parents /carers from our school community on Thursday 21st September 8.45am – 10.15am at Knowle Green Base. If any of you would like to share your baking skills by donating a cake they will be gratefully received, just bring them on the day or drop into the office the day before.

Door Entry

Knowle Green Base

For easy access to the office at Knowle Green office we have attached images below of the three-step process:

1. Press an arrow on the key pad
2. Select with arrows which you require – School Office/ASC
3. Press the bell on the pad to connect you



Parenting Puzzle

Whole School

Lyn and Jane the Home School Link workers will be running a 10-week parenting course to support you with all those tricky questions. We look at challenging behaviours, routines, consequences, understanding why children behave the way they do. We hope to be able to support each other, share experiences, help you realise you are not alone and a chance to make new friends. Please see the flyer attached at the end of the newsletter for dates and more information.

Enrichment Clubs

Year 1-6

A letter has been sent to parents of children in Years 1 – 6 with details of this term's Enrichment Clubs on offer. If your child would like to take part in an Enrichment Club please complete the Google Form by 9am on Monday 11th September.

Year 1 via the following link: [KGB Clubs](#)

Years 2 – 6 via the following link: [PAB Clubs](#)

We will aim to let you know as soon as possible but a text will be sent by Friday 15th September at the very latest advising of the club allocation.

Please be aware that if your child has a regular ASC booking, they will not be able to attend both an Enrichment Club and ASC on the same day. If you would like to suspend ASC bookings for the duration of the Club, please email the school office to avoid a late notice penalty.

Walking Home Permission

Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 children have the opportunity to walk home alone from school if you would like them to. Class teachers will only release your child from the classroom to walk home alone if they have your written permission. To give this please complete the below Google Forms:

[Year 5 Permission to Walk Home](#)

[Year 6 Permission to Walk Home](#)

Please note children will be unable to collect siblings and any changes of meeting places etc will need to be arranged between you and your child prior to the school day. Completing the Google Form gives teachers permission to release your child from the classroom unattended and are therefore not responsible for where they meet you.

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child from the classroom, please ensure they know your child's collection password which you have set with the office.

Child's Absence

Whole School

Please ensure you use our online form found on our website under the 'Parent's Section' and 'Online Forms', or [found here](#) to inform us of your child's absence by 9am. Alternatively you can call and leave a message on the absence line. It is imperative to our safeguarding measures that we know why a child is not at school and we rely on you. Thank you for your help with this.

ADHD Group – Three Week Course

SEND

Surrey Care Trust are running a three-week ADHD parent and carer group from September 26th 2023. The group will be held in Stanwell. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Sessions can be booked by emailing: joanne.hernandez@surreycaretrust.org.uk

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Whole School

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carer personal data. This document can be found via this

link: <https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/about-us/lumen-learning-trust-policies/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr>.

Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Whole School

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum > Remote Learning Offer.

Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

CCTV

Whole School

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to <http://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk>. <https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Library Days

Year 2 - 6

The children at PAB will have access to the library from next week. Each year groups day is listed below as a reminder for the children to return books this term. Children at KGB have already used the library and teachers will be in touch directly with their class' library day.

Monday – Year 2
Thursday – Year 5

Tuesday – Year 4
Friday – Year 6

Wednesday – Year 3

Packed lunch

Whole School

A number of our children have nut allergies, please can we remind parents that we have a no nut policy at school. Please double check any spreads and shop brought snacks do not contain nuts in the ingredients. Thank you for your conscientiousness with this.

Parking

Whole School

Both Knowle Green and Park Avenue bases are located in busy areas. Please can we ask you to show consideration when driving and parking around both bases to not only the school community but to also the surrounding community. The safety of our children is paramount.

Preloved Uniform – volunteers needed

Whole School

We have had lots of parents coming in to benefit from our preloved uniform. We have gratefully received lots of donations at the start of term, with new stock which needs washing and sorting. If you are able to help, please could you pop in to the office at Park Avenue to collect. Many thanks in advance.

Curriculum Meetings

Year 1 - 6

On Wednesday 13th September we will be holding curriculum meetings for parents in Years 1-6 to attend. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about the learning for the year ahead. For Year 1, these will take place at 2.40pm and 6pm. For Years 2-6 these will take place at 2:50pm and 6pm. For the meetings during school time the children will be out of the classroom with other members of the staff team so that these can take place, however for the evening meetings there will not be staff available to supervise the children so please avoid bringing children along to the 6pm meetings where possible.

We look forward to seeing you all and sharing information about the exciting year ahead.

Hair

Whole School

It is lovely to see how smart the children have looked coming back to school. We encourage our children to take pride in their appearance by following our school uniform policy which can be found here (<https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=65>).

Children are allowed to wear small stud earrings to school. If these are worn on PE days the children must be able to remove these independently. If they are unable to do this please remove these before your child comes to school. No hoop or long earrings or any other jewellery should be worn.

Children are expected to have their hair styled off of their faces and it is recommended that this is tied up. Hair must be tied up for PE lessons. Any accessories worn in children's hair should be small and blue or neutral in colour. Any Alice bands that are worn should be in royal blue. Children are asked not to have any high fashion haircuts. e.g. 'train-tracks' or 'Mohicans'

If you have any questions about this please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

Dinner Payment

Year 3 - 6

If your child is in Year 3 - 6 and pays for school dinners, costs for this term are as follows:

£13.75 per week or £93.50 until October half term.

This does not apply to those children that receive benefit related Free School Meals. Payments can be made via your child's Scopay account. Dinners need to be paid for in advance. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wraparound Care Payment

Whole School

We would like to clarify the payment system for Breakfast Club and After School Club. On your child's Scopay account you will see the codes we use for booking your child's place on the calendar. Future bookings are shown as the following: Breakfast Club 'P's; After School Club 'Y' (half sessions), 'Z' (whole sessions). At the end of the week before any sessions, bookings become payable, the codes then change to the following: Breakfast Club bookings 'B' and After School Club bookings 'H' (half sessions), 'W' (whole sessions).

All bookings must be paid for in advance before the Monday of the week of your sessions.

Breakfast Club

After School Club

Future bookings	P	Y (half session) / Z (whole session)
Payable bookings	B	H (half session) / W (whole session)

If your child is absent from school, your wraparound booking will be automatically removed.

Any other cancellations must be email to the office at the latest by 12pm on the Friday of the week before, otherwise you will still be charged for your booking.

School Nurse Team School Readiness Sessions

Reception & Year 1

The school nurses are running two virtual school readiness sessions aimed at parents who have children in Reception and Year 1. 14th Sept: 9.30am-10.15am and 18th Sept: 4pm-4.45pm.

If you would like to book a place then please email the team: csh.schoolnurseadminneg@nhs.net. Please see the School Nurse website to read more about how the team supports young people: www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk and search 'school nursing'.

Vacancies

Reception

Saxon Primary School is looking to recruit a 1:1 Teaching Assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and has a high expectation of themselves and every child.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-11-1366495>

PTA

Whole School

Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community.
Everyone's welcome to get involved.



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a great summer holiday and you're ready for another fantastic school year. If you're new to Riverbridge, don't forget to check this newsletter every week and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with our events and activities.

Come to your AGM - Thursday 21st September

Riverbridge PTA belongs to you, the school community: you're automatically a member by being a parent or carer. So why not come and find out more about what we do at our AGM at Park Avenue base at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st September? We'll be starting to plan out our fundraising and activities for this term and also electing a new committee. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Can you lead Riverbridge PTA?

At the AGM we are looking to elect a new Chair or Co-Chairs.

The role is a really rewarding one - you get to make a difference to the whole school community and work with support from our other amazing volunteers to plan and organise the year's fundraising activities. The only qualification you need is to be a parent or carer at Riverbridge school, with some enthusiasm thrown in for good measure! It's also a flexible role - you could stand on your own, as Co-chairs, or the role can be split between a Chair and Vice-chair.

You don't have to already be a committee member, or even to have been involved in the PTA at all before now, to put yourself forward.

If you are interested, then please email our current co-Chairs Tajinder and Gurchuran at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and they would be happy to talk to you about the role.



Bag2School collection - Friday 22nd September

Please start checking through your cupboards for any unwanted clothes and keep them aside, so you can bring them to school our Bag2School collection on Friday 22nd September at 9am.

Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. They pay the total weight collected - with the money going towards the PTA's fundraising target.

Bags can include clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. But please no uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

You will be able to drop off your bags outside either office at KGB or PAB. Thank you, every donation helps!

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Despite it being a short week, there have been a positive number of Gold Leaves shared with members of SLT. Well done to everyone below who have certainly started the year in a positive way. They can be very proud of themselves!

Lennon M
Yeswanth K
Nefeli G
Laurence D
Mara H

Larson C
Emily R
Alisa H
Sanjit M
Matina G

Molly G
Kridhaya VK
Conor R
Mikael H
Lina S

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

No rainbows this week but it's been great to see the children have all settled back into nursery really well.

House Competition

Whole School

This year's competition will start in earnest next week. I wonder who will gain the first 20 points of the school year?



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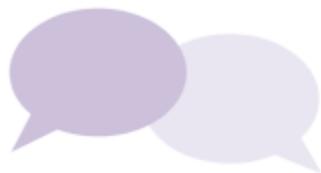
Oracy Project – Question of the Week!

Whole School

The school is continuing to work on the development of oracy in each classroom. This is such an important life skill for children to acquire – the ability to talk confidently and also listen well to others when having a conversation or discussion.

Each week, the Review will include a 'question of the week' for you to have a discussion with your child over the weekend.

This week's is below:



This week's talk question is:
What's your favourite time of the day?



Make sure that you encourage your child to give a good reason for their answer!

Have a great weekend and make the most of the lovely weather if you can!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2023

Mon 11 th September	Deadline to complete Enrichment Club Application Form by 9am
Weds 13 th September	Curriculum Meetings. Year 1 at 2.40pm or 6pm KGB; Years 2 – 6 at 2.50pm or 6pm at PAB
Weds 13 th September	Boys' football trials during lunchtime – Years 5/6
Mon 18 th September	Enrichment Clubs start – Years 1 -6
Mon 18 th September	Year 4 swimming starts - more details to follow
Thurs 21 st September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.45 – 10.15am KGB Hall
Thurs 21 st September	PTA AGM Meeting 6.30pm at PAB
Friday 22 nd September	PTA Bags2School Collection – 9am donations outside school offices
Tues 3 rd October – Fri 6 th October	Bristol Residential Trip – Year 6
Tues 17 th Oct	Parent Consultations – more details to follow
Weds 18 th Oct	Parent Consultations – more details to follow
Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent Consultations – more details to follow

Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct 2023

Autumn Half Term

Mon 30 th October	Inset day 3
Tues 31 st October	Children return to school
Tues 19 th December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Tues 19 th December	No After School Club

Weds 20th Dec – Weds 3rd Jan 2024

Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2024

Thurs 4 th January	Children return to school
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Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Spring Half Term

Mon 19 th February	Children return to school
Thurs 28 th March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Thurs 28 th March	No After School Club

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Children return to school
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Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,

Fri 19th July

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

No After School Club

Inset day 4

Inset day 5

Riverbridge Primary School



The Headteacher and staff would like to invite prospective parents (Reception 2024 intake) to come and view the school.

Riverbridge Primary School is proud to serve the local community and we would like to share all that is good about the school with you.

Please come and see our exceptional learning environments and our spacious school grounds. Children will be able to try out different activities whilst grown-ups can talk to school leaders about developments within the school.

We very much look forward to seeing you!

Thurs 21st Sept
Fri 22nd Sept
Thurs 28th Sept
Fri 29th Sept
Thurs 5th Oct
Fri 6th Oct
Thurs 12th Oct
Fri 13th Oct
Thurs 19th Oct
Fri 20th Oct

To book a place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/riverbridge-primary-school-68850693623>

Knowle Green Base, Staines Upon Thames, TW18 1AJ

Telephone: 01784 227960 Email: office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk



SCAN ME

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH ADHD



Come and share experiences with other parents/carers and learn more about ADHD over a coffee. Primary school aged children (newly diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis). 3- week course with professionals plus the opportunity to continue peer support after the group finishes.

Please be aware that there is no childcare available during the group.

ADHD PARENTS GROUP

10.30-12.30

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

THE LOCAL CONVERSATION, 112 HIGH ST, STANWELL, STAINES, TW19 7JS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT JO HERNANDEZ
JOANNE.HERNANDEZ@SURREYCARETRUST.ORG.UK**



FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?

These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School

Let's talk about Life Online

How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code





Dads & Autism

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

As a part of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion drive we have designed this course specifically for Dads and Male-presenting relatives that want to learn, as we want to be inclusive and we have identified that:

- Dads often miss out on other training being offered as Mums are so keen to go.
- Dads often open up less if attending with their partners
- Previous feedback on specific Dads training has been hugely positive
- The Understanding Autism course will cover the same content and will be open to all.

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 10 th October 2023	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 12 th October 2023	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 23 th April 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNLZ>



Understanding Autism

for parents

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 12 th September	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 19 th September	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 26 th September	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 7 th May 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 21 st May 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNMA>

Come and find out how to get the best out of family life

Over the 10-week Parenting Puzzle Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning the importance of looking after ourselves



To find out more about the Parenting Puzzle course and book yourself a place contact

Jane Hughes (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07766 385113

Linda Lenton-Clark (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07825 742508

Course will be run at our Knowle Green Base from 9.15am-11.15am on Thursday mornings on the following dates

September 28th, October, 12th, 19th November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th, 14th





THOMAS KNYVETT COLLEGE

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
5PM TO 8PM**

- Student-led tours of the school with opportunities to participate in activities.
- Presentation from the Principal throughout the evening - at 5:15pm and 6:30pm.
- An insight into our broad and balanced curriculum and excellent extra-curricular opportunities.
- Meet our students and staff.
- Speak to the SENDCo and Inclusion Department.
- Explore how we “Bring out the Best” in all of our students, regardless of their ability or background.
- Understand more about our PROUD Values: Proud, Respectful, Open-Minded, Unified and Determined.



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