



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 8

3rd November 2023

It has been good to come back to school after the half term holidays and great to see the children settle back into routines so swiftly. The weather has obviously been a bit changeable so it's important that the children are coming to school ready for any eventuality. Coats are a necessity – wellies are handy too. Whatever winter clothing that your child comes into school with – please make sure that it is **ALL named**. The majority of jumpers and ties are not and, more surprisingly, lots of coats are unnamed too. Thank you in advance for double checking this over the weekend.

During this week, the school held one of its monthly attendance panels. These involve myself, Mrs Lenton-Clark and Mrs Hughes (our Home School Link Workers) and Mrs Drake from the school office. We look at the attendance of children across the school and highlight any necessary actions to put in place. As you will already know – our attendance target is 95%. To put this in context:

If a child has an attendance of **90%** -

this would suggest they are having on average of **1 day off a fortnight**.

If a child has an attendance of **80%** -

this would suggest they are having on average of **1 day off a week**.

It is worth noting that being late after the register closes counts as an absence. To avoid this please aim to **get to school and through the school gates by 8.40am**. The gates on both bases close at 9.00am.



1L demonstrating teamwork



Fireworks Night is this Sunday



The Year 6 shelter has been one of the PTA's fundraising goals

Our focus on emotion coaching and wellbeing continues. There is a leaflet attached to this week's Review which might help any children that may be experiencing worries around school. There are some practical things that you can do at home to support but the most important thing that you can do is to model your expectations clearly and remain consistent with them.

Once again – a reminder about being respectful and polite to the school's neighbours. Another local resident has complained about being sworn at by a parent this week after asking them not to park over their drive. Frustrations around parking will always be present and we all need to make sure our responses in these situations are calm and reasonable.

Finally – staffing news. We have welcomed Mrs King to the staff who has re-joined our Reception team, we wish her well and look forward to her contribution to the school.

In the School Office, there have been some more significant changes. Mrs Quillish who has been School Business Manager in one way or another for over 30 years will retire at the end of the term. She has made a huge impact over the years and will be sorely missed - I will focus more on this nearer the time. Mrs Williams has been successful in taking on the new School Business Leader role and will also be supporting the Central LLT team. Replacing Mrs Williams will be Mrs Harvey who will become the new School Office Manager at the end of the month. I know that this aspect of the school continues to be in strong hands and congratulate both Mrs Williams and Mrs Harvey.

Walking Home

Year 5 & 6

As the nights are drawing in, from Monday 6th November children will not be able to walk home unattended from any after school Enrichment Club regardless of parental permission being granted. This will be reviewed next term.

Poppy Appeal

Whole School

Poppies are available to buy from the office at both bases. There will also be a Spitfire and memorabilia at Two Rivers on Sunday 12th November between 10am and 4pm for those families that would like to attend this Remembrance Day event.

Parent Consultations

4V

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November, we will be holding parent consultation meetings for 4V. These will take place at Park Avenue base with Miss Paul and Mr Toms in his role as Key Stage 2 Phase Leader. The appointments are available to book on Scopay from 6pm tonight and will close on Monday 13th November at 9am.

PSHE and Inclusion

Whole School

This half term, the children across the school will be working from Puzzle Piece 2: Celebrating Difference. It focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict. Children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and most year groups explore the concept of 'normal' and bullying – what it is and what it isn't, including cyber and homophobic bullying – is an important aspect of this Puzzle.

Festive Card Competition

Whole School



Purple Mash are holding their annual Festive Card Competition. It involves designing a Christmas card using the paint tool 2Paint-a-Picture. A winner will be picked by Purple Mash in each of the three categories (under 5s, under 8s & under 12s). The winners will receive 50 copies of their card printed, a £20 Amazon voucher and a 2Simple goody bag. Could a winner be here at Riverbridge?

Entries open on Monday 6th November and close on Friday 24th November. More information can be found here: <https://www.2simple.com/blog/enter-the-festive-card-competition/>

Children in Need

Whole School

Children are invited to wear a spotty item of clothing to school with their school uniform on Wednesday 15th November in support of Children in Need. Look out for the QR code to make it easy to donate, though cash donations on the day will also be welcome.

Volunteering – Safeguarding Training

Whole School

Our next Safeguarding Training session, open to new volunteers and any parents that have started the volunteer process and are yet to attend the Safeguarding training, is taking place next Wednesday at 9am at our Park Avenue base. If you are able to attend please complete the following Google form link stating your availability [here](#).

Football teams

Whole School

We are pleased to announce the football teams for boys and girls at Riverbridge. We would like to remind players that behaviour as well as performance, will decree their place and any movement between the teams.

The boys will train on Wednesday lunchtimes and the girls on Thursday lunchtimes. Please ensure that the children bring the correct kit to school on this day including trainers or moulds and shin pads. We are lucky enough to now take part in intra-trust competitions for a range of sports, therefore, there will be other opportunities for a range of children and year groups to represent Riverbridge. Congratulations to all of the below children who have successfully made the football teams.

Boys A Team

Jetson L
Alex DC
Constantin E
Finley B
Quinn M
Pranav V
Kaelem H
David R

Boys B Team

Ezra B
Haider M
Kyle K
Jacob D
Harley R
Harrison D
Sriwin V
Jasper Y

Girls A Team

Matilda C
Lina S
Chloe G
Sienna I
Ramira YS
Juno C
Pearl T
Felicity H
Harper L

Girls B Team

Kayana B
Charraine H
Dorcus D
Ivy W
Danielle H
Keira L
Valenkey F
Alvina A
Raniah YS

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Whole School

Surrey County Council have partnered with HolidayActivities to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), a scheme which offers free school holiday club places to children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). This means that we automatically distribute HAF vouchers to all our eligible families via the free HolidayActivities platform without families having to request the vouchers. Vouchers will be sent via email to the same parent who currently receives the holiday time FSM vouchers. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to check the contact details for the individual who will be receiving the vouchers please contact the school office by latest 3pm on Monday 6th November. For more information about HolidayActivities, please see their website <https://www.holidayactivities.com/>.

Vacancies

Whole School

Echelford School is recruiting: Your Community Needs You!

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and physically fit, to ensure the safety of children and parents? Do you care about your community and have a little time to spare? If the answer is yes, we have the perfect job for you!! Echelford school are recruiting for a school crossing patrol officer. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-crossing-patrol-officer-1378197>

Darley Dene School is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant . This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1378206>

We are recruiting for our Office Team

Riverbridge is recruiting for their office administration team. If you have excellent IT skills, highly effective written and verbal communication skills and the ability to manage multiple priorities then they would love to hear from you. The application deadline has been extended to Monday 13th November with interviews to take place on Thursday 16th November. To find out more about the role and to apply online please visit eteach via this link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1378706>.

PTA

Whole School

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



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Dont miss out on Robin Hood Panto tickets!

Tickets are still on sale for this year's Riverbridge panto, Robin Hood, on Sunday 26th November. It's a professional production and has been really popular for the last 2 years, so don't miss out. There will be two performances at Matthew Arnold School at 11am and 2pm. Tickets are £7.50 per person (2 years old and under free) and there will be toy and snack stalls available.

Buy your tickets now from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge. Family and friends welcome!

Can you help out on panto day?

We need volunteers to help on our toy and refreshments stalls at the Robin Hood Panto on Sunday 26th November. If you can help on the stalls at either the 11am or 2pm shows, please get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk or select the volunteer option at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge when ordering your tickets.

PTA sets £15,000 fundraising target this year

After contributing £12,000 to school projects from last year's fundraising, including the new Blue Room at KGB and the Year 6 outdoor learning area at PAB, the PTA has set a new fundraising target of £15,000 for this school year. The money we raise with your help, through events and activities throughout the year, will go towards funding things that help the children's learning, such as new reading books and chromebook laptops, enrichment visits for each class and a £100 budget for each class teacher to spend on resources.

What's happening the rest of this term?

There are plenty of PTA activities to look forward to between now and Christmas. As well as our Riverbridge panto on Sunday 26th November (see details above) we are also planning:

- Christmas raffle: look out for details of our big festive raffle in book bags later this month. We've already got plenty of prizes lined up including tickets for Bocketts Farm, Hobbledown Heath and a Brentford Stadium Tour!
- School discos: we'll be running Christmas discos for Years 1-3 on 11th December and Years 4-6 on 12th December. More details coming soon and tickets will be on sale before the end of November.
- Crazy Hazy show: instead of a disco, Nursery and Reception children will be able to buy tickets for a fun-filled show from local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy. More details coming soon.

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

Very well done to the children below who have started this half term in a really positive way. I look forward to seeing more of the same in the weeks to come – great job!

Zaynab Z	Luka M	Alfie H
Nihad C	Ivan B	Adam O
Sarah M	Evie C	Miller W
Aaliyah C	Zara W	Crew L
Arjan S	Asim A	Rowan A
Yusuf R	Shriyan T	Eymen O
Molly RW	Ava F	Kaven P
Jocelyn P	Abbey D	Harry V
Mimi M	Pranav L	Beth M
Ava W	Johnson A	Georgia L
Logan R	Aarav P	Isabelle R
Sasha S	Aditri D	Ahmad R
Frank G	Kanishka S	Samuel O
Ramira YS	Pearl L	William C
Alice B	Harley R	Kyle K
	Finley B	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to those children below for a great week of learning!

Alexander M	Freddie B	Kashika N
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House Competition**Whole School**

During the last week of the previous half term, there were PE competitions taking place within House teams. I know that these opportunities were enjoyed by the children and seen as a good way to showcase the skills that were learned last half term.

The competition was won by Fire House with 31 points. Water House came 2nd (25 points) with Air House in 3rd (18 points).

The totals are below – with all to play for and being as close as it could get!



**60
Points**



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Oracy Project – Question of the Week!**Whole School**

This week's 'Question of the Week' is...

Oracy Project – Question of the Week!

This week's talk question is:

If you had a time machine, would you go back in time or into the future?

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...**Autumn Term 2023**

Mon 6th November

Mon 6th November

Tues 7th November

Tues 7th November

Weds 8th November

Thurs 9th November

Fri 10th November

Mon 13th – Weds 15th November

Mon 13th November

Nasal Flu Immunisation Reception – Year 6

Purple Mash Festive Card Competition

Nasal Flu Immunisation Reception – Year 6

Boys football match

Volunteers Safeguarding Training Session

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

Children are welcome to wear scouting or guiding uniform for Remembrance Day

Reception Stay, Play & Learn sessions

Girls football match details to follow

Mon 13 th November	Individual and sibling school photos – more details to follow
Tues 14 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings – 4V
Weds 15 th November	Children in Need – wear a spotty item
Weds 15 th November	Deadline to order PTA Christmas cards
Weds 15 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings – 4V
Thurs 16 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Fri 17 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th November	Nursery Stay, Play & Learn sessions
Tues 21 st November	Freshwater Theatre visit – Year 2 more details to follow
Thurs 23 rd November	Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required please click here
Fri 24 th November	Boys football match details to follow
Fri 24 th November	Purple Mash Festive Card Competition deadline
Sun 26 th November	PTA pantomime
Mon 27 th – Tues 28 th November	Year 1 Stay & Learn sessions
Tues 28 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Tues 28 th November	Verulamium Trip- Year 4 - link to the letter can be found here
Weds 29 th November	Butser Farm Trip - Year 3 link to the letter can be found here
Thurs 30 th November	Toy Workshop – Year 1
Mon 11 th December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 1-3
Tues 12 th December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 4-6
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
Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024	Spring Half Term
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school
Fri 8 th March – Sun 10 th March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 link to the letter can be found here
Thurs 28 th March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Thurs 28th March

No After School Club

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15th April

Children return to school

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Mon 3rd June

Children return to school

Fri 19th July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 19th July

No After School Club

Mon 22nd July

Inset day 4

Tues 23rd July

Inset day 5



Are you feeling sad or worried about school?

Children think lots of different thoughts about school, some can be happy thoughts and some can be sad thoughts. Which of these are true for you?



Everybody might feel worried or sad about school sometimes but some children can feel so upset that they might not want to come into school at all.

When these children get so worried about going to school they may want to stay at home where they feel more comfortable and safe. However, often these feelings may happen again in the evening and morning before school and they will want to stay home the next day too. The more they stay off school, the more worried they get about going.

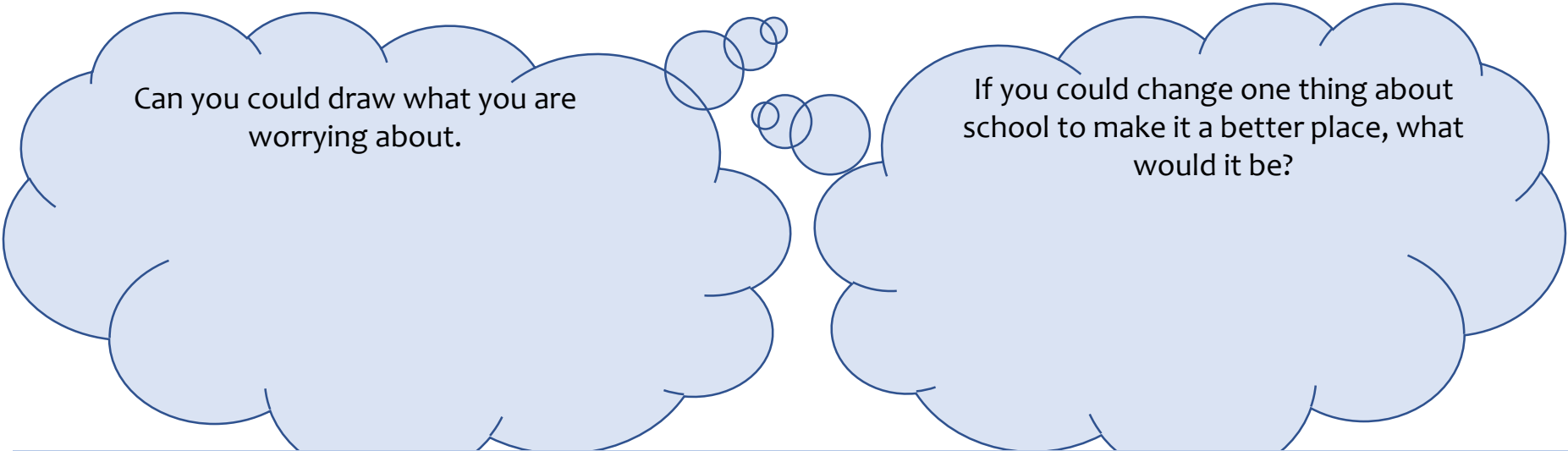
When you stay off school, you might be scared about all the work you have missed, seeing your teachers and friends again and not knowing what they have been doing or saying. This is why it is important to talk to somebody who can help you feel happy again in school.

What do I do if I feel like this?

Talk to somebody; this could be your parents, an adult at school, other family members or a friend. Use these questions to help start a conversation with somebody who can help.

What are three things you most like about school?

What are three things that you most dislike about school?



Can you could draw what you are worrying about.

If you could change one thing about school to make it a better place, what would it be?

The adults in your life can help you with your worries and help you take little steps to help you feel happy in school.

When you are feeling worried or scared there are things that you could do to help you feel better:

Try slow deep breathing:

- Take a deep breath in through your nose for 4 seconds
- Hold it for 1 or 2 seconds
- Slowly let it out through your mouth for about 4 seconds
- Wait 2-3 seconds before taking another breath
- Repeat 5-10 times

Try physical exercise:

- Running in the garden
- Play a game such as football or Frisbee

Try relaxing your body:

- Sit or lie somewhere quiet and comfortable.
- Stretch out your arms and make a fist, then relax
- Push your legs out, wiggle your toes and then relax
- Shut your eyes tight and pull a scrunched up face, and then relax

Try to keep a gratitude journal:

- This is a special book
- In this book you should write or draw each day about something good that happened to you or something in your life that makes you happy.

Christmas Disco



Facepainting

Golden Bucket

Tuck Shop

Raffle

Friday 1st December - 7:00pm till Late

Kempton Cricket Club, Sunbury

TW16 5NG

Tickets - £2 Adult Kids go free

Ticket are purchased on the door

All Welcome

Please ensure you bring CASH for the Raffle, GoldenBucket and Facepainting





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**Preloved uniform
- can you help?**

Our **volunteer team** needs **more members** to help sort, wash, iron and package uniform to sell and raise funds for the PTA.

We all take **what we can, when we can**, with **no deadline to return**.

Everyone is busy (with their own washing piles!) so it **does not need to be a huge commitment**; even just once a term would be a huge help.

Speak to the office to be included in the Whatsapp group.

Thank you!

Riverbridge Primary School

Office Assistant (term time) vacancies

We are looking to recruit two professional, motivated individuals to join our school office administration team. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a school which enjoys a diverse catchment, a vibrant community and a strong team spirit committed to ensuring the provision is right for every child.

Role 1: Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

Role 2: Thursday and Friday only 8.30am - 4.30pm

If you have excellent IT skills, highly effective written and verbal communication skills and the ability to manage multiple priorities then we would love to hear from you. Ideally you will have experience of working in a school environment but more crucially, are professional in your approach and tenacious both in your desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives and to forge collaborative relationships with colleagues.

Closing date for applications: 6.00pm, Monday 13th November **Interviews:** Thursday 16th November

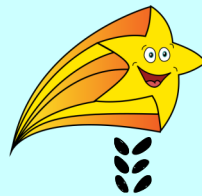
For more information and to apply
please follow the link below:
<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1378706>



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PERSON**

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

by Shooting Star Entertainments

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023

SHOW 1: 1100 - 1230*

SHOW 2: 1400 - 1530*

*Doors open at 1015 & 1330. Shows start promptly.
Seating is first come, first served and you will be asked to
use all seats/spaces.

There will be 50 sitting spaces for children on mats.



**HELD AT:
MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL
KINGSTON ROAD, STAINES, TW18 1PF**

Tickets on sale 13/10/2023, 1800
until 24/11/2023 (or earlier if sold out).



This event is open to all
(children, adults, friends & family)

Tickets are **LIMITED**. Buy your panto tickets now at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

- CHILDREN 2 YEARS OLD & UNDER ARE FREE
BUT **MUST BE SEATED ON LAPS** (AGES 3+ MUST PURCHASE A
TICKET) -

- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT -

- VOLUNTEERS WILL NEED A TICKET TO SEE THE PANTO -

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