



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 7

23rd February 2024

It has been good to see how well the children have settled back into their learning after the half term holidays. I noticed how well turned out the vast majority of children were in the assemblies on both bases on Monday and I look forward to seeing this continue. School uniform is an important part of the school and we all need to be in good habits here. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

Attendance and punctuality will continue to be a focus over the half term. Again, I would remind all parents and carers that the **gates open** on both sites at **8.40am** and that this is the time you should be aiming for. The earlier the children get into school the quicker they start their learning for the day. All of these extra minutes really do add up and help your children to be successful.

We have had another letter into the school office regarding inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving around the Park Avenue site. This letter indicated that a pedestrian had been 'bumped' by a car at drop off time. This may not involve a Riverbridge parent but I would again stress the importance of driving carefully and with due consideration for other road users and the school's neighbours. Some of you will have spotted new road signs at the end of Park Avenue. I am hopeful that the new speed limit will help all who travel down the road to do so safely.

Tonight, promises to be an interesting night for some of the children in Year 3 who will be taking part in this year's sleepover. I am sure that all the children will have a fun time and I thank the staff for volunteering to forego a good night's sleep! I am grateful to them for helping to make this memorable experience possible for the children.



2S enjoying history



Lumen Summer Camp



1H learnt about Chinese
New Year 2024

Before half term the school shared with all parents and carers the link below. This was an opportunity to reflect on how well (or otherwise) the school was addressing the themes of diversity and inclusion.

As there have been very few responses so far, the link is reshared below. The deadline for completion has been extended to next Friday (1st March). Please do find the time over the next few days to have your voice heard.

<https://forms.gle/HfFT8WEFJooDqvqJ9>

Thank you in advance

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Reception

The Reception Team are looking forward to welcoming those parents who have booked a space at a Stay, Play and Learn Session next week. There are still some spaces available via the following links for those who have not yet booked. These links will close on Sunday.

As we have limited space in our classrooms we can only accommodate one parent/carer for each child and a maximum of 10 people a day.

[RD Stay, Play & Learn 26th February](#)

[RD Stay, Play & Learn 27th February](#)

[RM Stay, Play & Learn 27th February](#)

[RD Stay, Play & Learn 28th February](#)

[RM Stay, Play & Learn 28th February](#)

[RTA Stay, Play & Learn 28th February](#)

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Nursery

A reminder to parents to book a Stay, Play and Learn Session before Sunday 3rd March when booking closes. Unfortunately, due to space in the Nursery we are only able to invite one parent per child and kindly ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements for siblings. These sessions are a great way for you to spend some time experiencing how your child is learning in the nursery and for you to join in with some fun activities. To book, please do so via one of the links below.

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn 4th March 9-10am](#)

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn 5th March 9-10am](#)

[Hedgehogs Stay, Play & Learn 6th March 9-10am](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn 6th March 1.30-2.30pm](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn 7th March 9-10am](#)

[Rabbits Stay, Play & Learn 8th March 9-10am](#)

Family Learning Sessions

Year 1

For those parents who have yet to book their space on a Family Learning Session they can still do so via one of the Eventbrite links below before they close on Sunday 10th March. Family Learning is a great opportunity for a member of the family to come in and experience a lesson in their child's classroom. As always, we ask only one parent/carer for each child to attend.

[1H Stay & Learn 12th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1H Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1L Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1R Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

Dinners

Year 3 - 6

If your child is in Year 3 - 6 and pays for school dinners, the cost for the Spring term is as follows:

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

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

History

Year 2

Year 2 are learning about seaside holidays in history this term. The children looked at a loan box of historical artefacts from Chertsey Museum, including Victorian bathing costumes, buckets and spades from the past, Punch and Judy puppets and parasols.



Clubs – walking home

Year 5 & 6

Children in Year 5 & 6 who have parental consent to walk home alone are able to do so from Enrichment Clubs going forward.

If you haven't yet given consent for your child to walk home alone from school and would like to, you can do so via the Google Form found on our website - [here for Year 5](#) and [here for Year 6](#).

Parent & Carer Entitlements Survey

Whole School

Surrey County Council are asking parents and carers to take part in [this survey](#) to gather views regarding early education and childcare for 0-4 year olds and also for out of school childcare provision for 5-11 year olds during school term time. This will ensure that Surrey County Council have enough high-quality education and childcare and wraparound places for everyone that needs them.

Volunteering with Riverbridge

Whole School

Our next Safeguarding Training session is taking place on Wednesday 6th March at 9am at our Park Avenue base and will last approximately 90 minutes. The session is open to new volunteers and any parents that

have started the volunteer process and are yet to attend the Safeguarding training. Please register by completing the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/1zuceMRCKWZ2AhUE8>

20mph Speed Limit

Whole School

Last year, our school council put up posters on Park Avenue to encourage drivers to slow down on the road. This has been seen by people in the community and Surrey County Council, who have recently proposed a new 20mph speed limit on Park Avenue to improve the safety of our children when travelling to and from school. We're hopeful to see this come to fruition soon and hope that this encourages our families to safely walk, scoot or cycle to school more regularly.

Lumen Summer Camp 2024 is coming

Whole School

For those families looking ahead to the summer break we are delighted to share that we will be operating a Lumen Summer Camp from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th August at our Echelford Primary School site in Ashford. Staffed by teachers and teaching assistants drawn from our school staff teams - as well as trusted Lumen partners - families can be confident about the quality care their children will receive. More information will be featured in school newsletters, on our Camp website and Facebook page later in March with our booking site going live after the Easter break. We look forward to sharing more detail with you in the coming weeks.

Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the After School Club (Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm to 6pm). For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1405065>

We are looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am) For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1405047>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>

PTA

Whole School

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



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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Get ready for a Sponsored Leap next week!

To celebrate leap year, we're running a Sponsored Leap throughout next week that every child can take part in during PE lessons. The children will be able to complete challenges like hopscotch, jumping like a frog or hopping on one leg.

It will be lots of fun - and if every child raises £5 in sponsorship, we would raise almost £3000 towards our £15,000 fundraising target. The money gets spent on extra resources, educational enrichment events for every single school year and additional IT equipment.

Details and sponsor forms came home in book bags before half term - or you can find them at the end of this newsletter. You can also submit sponsor money at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QI9CV104>. We're grateful for any contributions you can raise among friends and family.



Run the Staines 10K for Riverbridge School

Do you love to run? Registration is now open for this year's Staines 10K, which takes place on Sunday 12th May.



Every year, amazing members of our school community like Komala (parent of Medha in RM) and Simon (parent of Emil in 3H and Lotta in 1L) - both pictured, run the Staines 10K to raise money for Riverbridge.

To raise money, simply select 'Riverbridge PTA' when you register at www.staines10k.co.uk. Let us know you've registered by emailing pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and we'll help you to raise money by promotion on our channels including Facebook and this newsletter.

And if you can't run but would still like to support, you can sponsor our runners like Komala at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVAOA3HE>.

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies now on sale

The PTA, as always, is giving Year 6 children the opportunity to purchase a Riverbridge 2024 Leavers Hoodie as a unique souvenir of their time at the school. Hoodies will be on sale at a discounted rate of £11 each, with the PTA subsidising the rest of the cost (£7).

You can order a hoodie for your Year 6 child from <https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/riverbridge24> - simply follow the instructions on screen.

The online shop will close on Monday 1st April at 6pm. Please note this deadline cannot be extended.

What's coming up?

Here's a look ahead at the main events your PTA is organising over the rest of this school year – Easter Trail (look out for details in book bags very soon); Hot Dog Nights; Bingo Night; Summer Fair and School Discos – all dates are in the Dates for your Diary section below, so get your calendar to hand!

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

The children below have made a very positive start to the half term.

They can all be rightly proud of themselves for getting to gold this week. Well done!

Isobel S	Hareshna K	Jovana J
Kenzie R	Amelia I	Annelise W
Chloe W	Gio J	Cristina B
Sophie W	Indie C	Aaliyah C
Anwen RH	Zara W	Alan M
Crew L	Aviran T	João BC
Adam Q	Sabrina H	Erin D
Mimi M	Sapphire D	Olive Y
Igor R	Bertie L	Kira P
Emily R	Lara M	William W
Leo C	Bella N	Delylah SM
Miguel DS	Aarav P	Asenat N
Sofia B	Gracie B	Alice O
Thomas D	Veronika J	Irfan A
Laila S	Noah F	Kanishka S
Leo B (4V)	Ronnie S	Vihan K
Mia H	Mason M	Jetson L
	Reece D	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done is also needed for the children below who have reached the rainbow this week.

Daniel A
Alex R

Freddie Bl
Lucas L

Richmond A

House Competition

Whole School

The 'scores on the doors' remain the same:



137.5
Points



135
Points



177.5
Points

Riverbridge's Reading Recommendations

Whole School

This week's 'Riverbridge Reading Recommendation' comes from Harry V in 3H

The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross

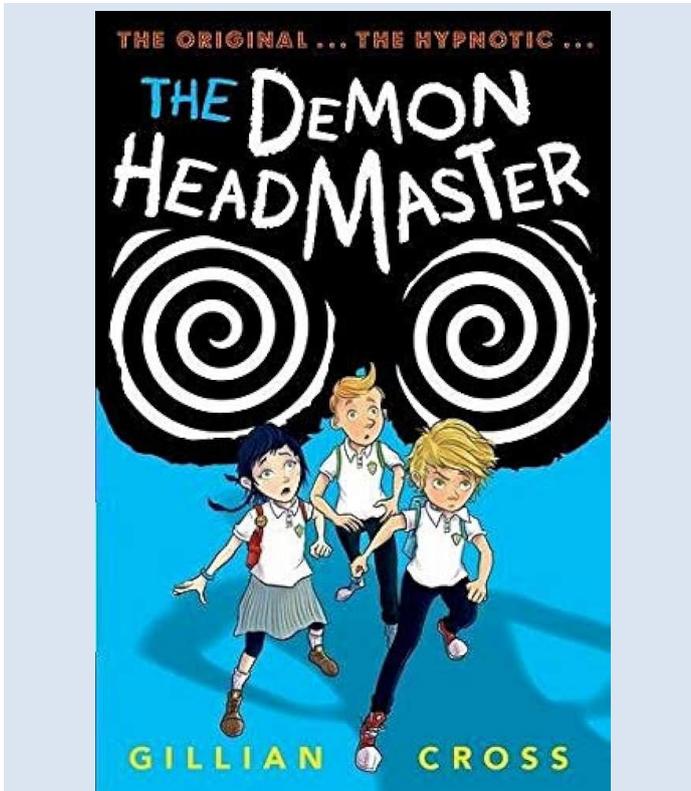
Harry's Review:

This book is about a scary headmaster called the Demon Headmaster.

Stare into his eyes without his glasses on and you will feel a bit tired.

While you are sleeping you will be listening to the headmaster's words and you will obey him!

There are eight books, so if you dare, start reading now and come on some epic adventures with Lloyd, Dinah and Harvey and the group S.P.L.A.T.!



Age group: 6-14

Star Rating: 4 out of 5

Do you want to share your reading recommendations with the rest of the school?
If so – use the link below!

<https://forms.gle/aN6636mBDtkTpSdt5>

Have a lovely weekend

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2024

w/c Mon 26 th February	PTA Sponsored Leap during PE lessons
Mon 26 th February	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Reception
Tues 27 th February	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Reception
Weds 28 th February	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Reception
w/c Mon 4 th March	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Nursery
Mon 4 th March	World Book Day Hedgehogs – more details to follow
Tues 5 th March	Duck eggs arrive Reception & Nursery – more details to follow
Weds 6 th March	Pastoral Coffee Morning at KGB 8.45am – 10am
Weds 6 th March	Volunteer Safeguarding training 9am - PAB
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day – more details to follow
Fri 8 th March – Sun 10 th March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 link to the letter can be found here
w/c Mon 11 th March	Family Learning Year 1
Weds 13 th March	'The Children at War' exhibition visit – Year 6 link to the letter here
Fri 8 th – 17 th March	British Science Week
Sun 17 th March	PTA Easter Trail 1-3pm – more details to follow
Weds 20 th March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – link to the letter here
Thurs 21 st March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – link to the letter here
Fri 22 nd March	Enrichment Clubs end
Mon 25 th March	Freshwater Theatre Ancient Egypt workshop Year 3 – more details to follow
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
Tues 16 th April	PTA Hot Dog Night: Reception & Year 1 – more details to follow
Thurs 18 th April	PTA Hot Dog Night: Year 2 - 6 – more details to follow
Sun 12 th May	Staines 10K – select Riverbridge PTA for sponsorship
Fri 17 th May	PTA Bingo Night – more details to follow
Weds 22 nd – Fri 24 th May	Rise Up Residential – Year 4 link to the letter

[can be found here](#)

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Mon 3rd June

Children return to school

Fri 28th June

PTA Summer Fair – more details to follow

Weds 17th July

PTA Summer Discos – more details to follow

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

Weds 24th July – Fri 31st August 2024

Summer Holiday

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 2nd September

Inset day 1

Tues 3rd September

Inset day 2

Weds 4th September

Children return to school

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st November 2024

Autumn Half Term

Mon 4th November

Inset day 3

Tues 5th November

Children return to school

Fri 20th December

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

Fri 20th December

No After School Club

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th January

Children return to school

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025

Spring Half Term

Mon 24th February

Children return to school

Fri 4th April

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

Fri 4th April

No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April

Children return to school

Mon 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Fri 18th July

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

Fri 18th July

No After School Club

Mon 21st July

Inset day 4

Tues 22rd July

Inset day 5



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SPONSORED LEAP 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate it being a Leap Year, we are holding a Sponsored Leap the week of the 26th February – 1st March 2024. This will take place during school time (PE lessons) and will not only be lots of fun but a good opportunity to raise funds for our school.

Each child will complete a series of challenges which will include but not be limited to:

- Hopscotch
- Leaping like a frog
- Bouncing like a bunny
- Hopping on one leg



As the Sponsored Leap will take place during PE lessons, there is nothing additional you need to do, just send them in on their usual PE day, wearing their PE clothes and let them leap into action!

You can sponsor your child by completing the sponsorship form attached (the form and sponsorship money should be returned to school by **Friday 8 March 2024**). Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on the bottom of this form and pay your sponsorship money online.

We would be grateful for any contribution you can make. Feel free to pass on to family and friends too.

If each child could raise £5 in sponsorship, we could raise almost £3000 towards our £15,000 fundraising target for this school year. The money we raise gets spent on extra resources, specific educational enrichment events for every single school year, and additional IT equipment.

Thanks for your continued support.

Riverbridge PTA



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February 2024

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your PTA over the years. As a small token of thanks from the PTA, we would like to give you the opportunity to purchase a Riverbridge 2024 Leavers Hoodie, for your child, at a discounted rate of **£11** per hoodie, with the PTA subsidising the rest of the cost (**£7**). Please proceed to the following website and follow the on screen instructions:

<https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/riverbridge24>

The online shop will close on Monday 1st April 2024 at 6pm. Please note this deadline cannot be extended.

Your child's name will be printed within the 24 on the back of the Hoodie as first name and initial of surname (e.g. Jack B). Only those who purchase a hoodie will have their name printed on the back, due to permission restrictions. When you place your booking you will see the following field that needs to be completed:

STUDENT FULL NAME (FOR REFERENCE)

In this field please only enter your child's first name and initial. By adding your child's name here you are confirming your permission for their name to be printed as it appears within the '24' on the back of the hoodie. If you do not wish for your child's name to be included on the back please add a note under order notes on the next page to confirm this. **Please add your child's class to the order notes to assist us with distribution when the hoodies are delivered to the school.**



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Hoodies will be distributed via your child's classroom in May 2024. We hope that your child enjoys wearing their Riverbridge hoodie. Please feel free to share photos of your child wearing their hoodies, when received, on the Riverbridge PTA Facebook page.

Wishing you all the best for the start of your child's journey into secondary school life.

Yours faithfully,

Robyn Russell-Hughes

Mrs Robyn Russell-Hughes

PTA Chairperson

Riverbridge PTA

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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



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- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



SPORTS ELITE

MULTI SPORTS EASTER CAMP 2024

RECEPTION-YEAR 6

MON TO FRI | 9.00-3.00

FOOTBALL & TAG RUGBY

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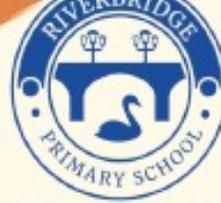
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8TH APRIL TO 12TH APRIL



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Run for Riverbridge PTA in the...

STAINES 10K RUN

12 MAY 2024

Are you up for the challenge?

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