



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 1

6th January 2017

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to you all. The start of the term has been a relatively smooth one with the children settling back into their learning really easily. It's been good to hear about their experiences over the holidays and great to see the work they have completed this week. During the assemblies on Tuesday, Mrs Ronicle and I talked about the new year and the targets we could set for ourselves over the course of 2017. It is good to start the year with positive thoughts about what we can achieve in the next 12 months. Some of the children have been sharing their targets with me and I will look forward to looking at these over the course of the weeks to come.

This week has seen a major change to school dinners. The new caterers (abm) have settled in well and there has been some really positive feedback from the children. I am aware that there have been some minor blips over the course of the week and we have addressed these with abm as they have arisen. Please be reassured that we are keeping a very close eye on what the children are being offered. I am certain that this has been a development for the better. I would like to thank all the staff for how they have stepped up over the course of the week. They have spent extra time over lunch with their classes making sure that the children are as comfortable as possible with the new routines. Special thanks go to the office staff who have managed this change with their usual calm efficiency.

The start of the term has not been without its dramas. Our Nursery has had an intake of new children and Miss Bancroft and her team needed to carry out home visits to make sure the children's start to school was as positive as possible. This necessitated the closure of the Nursery on Tuesday which was unfortunately not communicated to all of the parents. I realise that this was problematic for many parents and Miss Bancroft has shared with me that some of the comments that she faced were very heated. To those parents that were affected by this error, please accept my sincere apologies. I would stress also that I was disappointed to hear that the nursery staff had to endure many raised voices regarding a situation that was out of their control. Whilst I appreciate that this event was unacceptable to many, reactions of this kind are unhelpful and unnecessary. Thank you for your understanding here.

School Dinners

We are seeing a significant increase in the number of children taking school dinners, and they are giving very positive feedback about both the quality and quantity of food that they are eating. Please remember that if your child is choosing the Deli bar option at Park Avenue this could be either a sandwich or a baguette.

PTA

The next **PTA** meeting is on Thursday 12th January from 6.30pm at Park Avenue base – we will be arranging events for the next half term, please do come along and share your ideas with us. The lucky PTA Lottery winner for DECEMBER was No 11 Mrs Anamika Shingadia (Krish - 4L). If you are not already a member, you can join today - a payment of £7 will include you in the monthly draw for the remainder of the school year. The PTA Lottery form is attached, payment can be made to the school office or Online via pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge or direct to Riverbridge PTA A/c 03762174 S/c 30-94-42.

Story Sack Project Information meetings Wednesday 18th January 9-9.25,2.15-2.50,6-6.25

Mrs Quinn, our Leadership Consultant is co-ordinating a Story Sack project aimed at enhancing the literacy skills of the children in the Nursery, Reception and Year 1. We have attached a flyer which gives details of the introductory parent's meetings, we very much hope as many parents as possible are able to support us and their children in this project-we need your help!

Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of the children here at Riverbridge very seriously. There are new developments in this area very frequently and the most recent initiative is explained below:

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Surrey Police. Operation Encompass will be reporting to schools, prior to 9am on the next school day, when a child has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Should you require any further information about this, Jane Wallace, the Pastoral Coordinator for the Lumen Learning Trust will be happy to talk to you. Her number is: 07974587060

Reception school applications for September 2017 start

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2017 entry is 15th January 2017. Parents with children already at Riverbridge will still need to complete an application form for any siblings starting school next year. Surrey welcome online applications wherever possible, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. Please note that applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed which may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

We have one further Open Morning on Tuesday 10th January at 9.30am for prospective families. If you would like to book a place please contact the school office on 01784 227960.

Volunteer Readers

This week we have seen the start of a new reading initiative in Year 2 and Year 3. Volunteers from a local company, Salesforce, who have completed our safeguarding training and have completed an enhanced DBS, come into school to hear children read. This has started well and the children are enjoying the opportunity.

There will be further opportunities for volunteers to come into school in the months to come and there will also be additional training for new volunteers in due course. Watch this space!

Clubs

All of the after school enrichment clubs start again next week. Payment online will be available by the end of today. Please ensure that all clubs are paid for by Friday 15th January. If this presents a problem please speak to a member of the office staff. If payment is not made by then and you have not spoken to us your child may not be able to continue to attend the club. At the end of the newsletter is a reminder of the dates of the clubs as well as information on what to wear and where to collect your child from.

Swimming Year 4

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Yr 4 Swimming Children will return to Swimming Lessons from the week beginning **Monday 16TH January**

A Time to Talk...

As mentioned above, during this week's assemblies we have been considering what targets we could set ourselves for the year ahead.

As a family, talk to each other about the resolutions you are setting:

Why have you set this target?

What do you want to achieve?

How will you get there?

What help might you need?

There is a target sheet attached to this newsletter that you might like to complete as a family and maybe display on the fridge etc.

Over the course of the weeks and months ahead – it would be good to come back to the targets you have set and for you to reflect on how well you are doing!

Reception Parents' Coffee morning

Now your children have attended a full term at Riverbridge our pastoral team would like to invite all Reception parents to come along on Wednesday 11th January at 9 am to meet other parents and members of staff. We will be offering refreshments. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Gold Leaves

The first gold leaves of 2017 were presented in today's assembly. The children can feel rightly proud of the way they have started the year. I look forward to sharing more good news in next week's newsletter

Joshua Russel-Wood

Glory Egharevba

Kitty Langdon

Jayden Harris

Lucia Harris

Qasim Abdul Rahman

Levi Taylor

Jessica Ward

Makai Biluaya

Kayleigh Bestall

Sam Halliday

Akkshara Anujan

Thomas Macdonald

Lucy Tate

Naryan Rawal

Jake Aston Singh

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing weekend

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SPRING TERM 2017

Mon 9th Jan

Clubs begin

Tues 10th Jan

9.30 Open morning for prospective parents

Weds 11th Jan

Reception Parents' Coffee Morning

Thurs 12th Jan

PTA meeting 6.30pm at Park Avenue base

Sun 15th Jan

Deadline for applications for Primary school places starting Sept 2017

Mon 16th Jan

Swimming Lessons resume

Weds 18th Jan

**Nursery, Reception Year 1 Story Sack Project Information meeting
9-9.25am, 2.15-2.50pm or 6-6.25pm.**

Tues 24th Jan

FaceUp Theatre Year 2

Weds 25th Jan

FaceUp Theatre Reception and Year 1

Tues 31st Jan

Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00

Weds 1 st Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 8 th Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Thurs 9th Feb	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments Parents Meeting 2:15-2:45 and 6:30-7:00
Fri 10 th Feb	INSET DAY 2
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb Half Term	
Mon 20 th Feb	Living Eggs Nursery and Reception
Wk 27 th Feb	English Curriculum Week
Weds 8 th - Fri 10 th Mar	Year 5 Residential to PGL
Wk Beg 6 th Mar	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC
Mon 13 th – 14 th Mar	Pedals Yr 2
Tues 14 th Mar	Parent Consultations 1.30 – 5.00pm
Thurs 16 th Mar	Parent Consultations 5.00 – 8.00pm
Fri 17 th Mar	Yr 1 visit The Living Rainforest
Mon 20 th – 21 st Mar	Bikeability Level 1 Yr 5
Weds 22 nd Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs
Fri 24 th Mar	Clubs finish
Mon 27 th Mar	FACT Day Year 5
Mon 27 th Mar	Yr 2 visit RHS Garden Wisley
Weds 29 th Mar	Music Festival Year 2 further details to follow
Thurs 30 th Mar	Music Festival Year 2 further details to follow
Fri 31 st Mar	End of term 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB

SUMMER TERM 2017

Tues 18 th April	Children and staff return to school
Wk beg 24 th April	Special Grown Up Assembly Day TBC
Mon 24 th April	Clubs begin
Wk beg 8 th May	End of KS2 Assessments
Thurs 18 th -Fri 19 th May	Year 4 Residential Bushcraft

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June Half Term

Mon 5 th June	Children and staff return to school
Tues 6 th June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 7 th June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Wk beg 12 th June	Wider Curriculum Week
Wk beg 26 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford
June	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC Tues 20 th June
Weds 21 st June	Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)
Wk beg 26 th June	Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)
Weds 28 th June	Sports Day (Nursery)
Tues 4 th July	Move Up Day (TBC)
Fri 7 th July	Clubs finish
Tues 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Mon 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 18 th July	End of term for children 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB
Weds 19 th July	INSET DAY 3
Thurs 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 st July	INSET DAY 5



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Reception & Year 1 After School Enrichment Clubs

- We expect the same excellent standards of behaviour from the children during the clubs as we do at school. This means that any child who does not meet these high expectations will be spoken to, as will the parents and this may lead to the child being asked to leave the club.
- Children should not bring a snack or drink to any of the clubs. They will use the water bottles that they bring to school to drink from.

Day	Time	Year Groups	Club	Staff	Weeks	Dates	Cost
Monday	3.00 – 3.45	Reception and Year 1	Tennis	Tennis Focus Academy	10	09/01/2017 – 20/3/2017	£25.00
Tuesday	3.00 – 4.00	Reception and Year 1	Football	Coaching Sports Direct	9	10/01/2017 – 21/03/2017	£22.50
Wednesday	3.00 – 4.00	Reception and Year 1	Multi Sports	Miss Langder & Miss Mihelyi	10	11/01/2017 – 22/03/2017	£25.00
Thursday	3.00 – 4.00	Reception and Year 1	Performing Arts	Pindar Theatre Performers	10	12/01/2017 - 23/03/2017	£25.00
Thursday	3.00 – 4.00	Reception and Year 1	Art	Miss Shaw & Miss Snow	10	12/01/2017 - 23/03/2017	£25.00
Friday	3.00 – 4.00	Reception and Year 1	Dance Crew	Burge School of Dance	8	13/01/2017 - 24/03/2017	£20.00

On occasion staff may have to cancel a club at short notice. We will always endeavour to reschedule the session at a later date either during school time or after school on the same day. However if we cannot reschedule the session a credit for that week will be transferred to a club of your choice the following term.

- It is not possible to watch the clubs as it is distracting for the children. Please do not arrive to collect the children more than five minutes before the end of the club.

Below is some more information about the clubs available

Tennis

This takes place in the hall. The children do not need to have their own racquet. They should bring in comfortable sportswear and trainers. They are not able to use their school PE Kit as this needs to stay in school. Please note that this club finishes at 3.45pm and not at 4pm like the other clubs. Please come to the office to collect your child.

Football

This club can take place either inside or outside depending on the weather. This means that the children need to have trainers which can be worn inside and football boots for outside. These do not need to be expensive boots.



The children do not have to have football kit but they do need to have shin pads. They should bring comfortable sportswear and warm clothing (track suit). The children should be collected from the double doors which lead onto the playground. Please note there will be no football on Tuesday 14th March due to Parent Consultation Evening.

Multisports

This club will take place in the hall. Children should bring in comfortable sportswear and trainers. They are not able to use their school PE Kit as this needs to stay in school. The children should be collected from the school office.

Performing Arts

This club takes place in the hall. Children should bring in comfortable clothing that they can move around easily in. Please do not send dressing up/party clothes as these are not appropriate. The children should be collected from the school office.

Art Club

Children do not need to bring a change of clothes; they will use the school aprons. The children should be collected from outside Miss Shaw's classroom.

Dance Crew

This club takes place in the hall. Children should bring in comfortable clothing that they can move around easily in. Please do not send dressing up/party clothes as these are not appropriate. The children should be collected from the school office. Please note there will be no Dance Crew on Friday 10th (Inset Day) or 24th February.



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Monday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls & Boys	Tag Rugby	Premier Sports	10	09/01/2017 – 20/3/2017	£25.00
Tuesday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 2,3,4,5 & 6	Street Dance	Urban Dance School	9	10/01/2017 – 21/3/2017	£22.50
Wednesday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 5 & 6	Netball	Miss Moxon	10	11/01/2017 – 22/3/2017	£25.00
Wednesday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 4, 5 & 6	Archery & Fencing	Premier Sports	10	11/01/2017 – 22/3/2017	£25.00
Thursday	8.00am – 8.45am	Years 3,4,5 & 6	Choir	Miss Cudmore & Miss Gage	10	12/01/2017 – 23/3/2017	£25.00
Thursday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 5 & 6	Girls Football	Premier Sports	10	12/01/2017 – 23/3/2017	£25.00
Thursday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 2 & 3	Football	Coaching Sports Direct	10	12/01/2017 – 23/3/2017	£25.00
Thursday	3.20 – 4.20	Years 2, 3 & 4	Board Games	Mr Toms	10	12/01/2017 – 23/3/2017	£25.00
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TAG Rugby

This is open to boys and girls and takes place on the field. Appropriate warm clothing is needed. Please collect your child from the Year 5/6 playground.

Street Dance

This club takes place in the hall. Children should bring in comfortable clothing that they can move around easily in. Please do not send dressing up/party clothes as these are not appropriate. The children should be collected from the hall.

Netball

This is open to boys and girls and takes place on the main playground . Appropriate warm clothing is needed. Please collect your child from the Year 5/6 playground.

Archery & Fencing

This exciting addition to our clubs will take place in the hall. There will be 5 weeks of archery and 5 weeks of fencing. No special equipment is needed, everything is supplied. Children should bring in comfortable clothing that they can move around easily in. Children should be collected from the hall.

Football

This takes place on the field. Appropriate warm clothing is needed. Shin pads must be worn. Please collect your child from the gazebo.

Girls Football (Years 5 & 6)

This term there is a charge for this club. This takes place on the field. Appropriate warm clothing is needed. Shin pads must be worn. Please collect your child from the Year 5/6 playground.

Choir

This takes place before school in the hall. Year 2 will be rehearsing for their own concert later in the term and therefore Choir is not available to them.

Board Games

Mr Toms will be introducing the children to board games old and new. Please collect your children from Mr Toms' classroom.

Performing Arts

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Riverbridge Primary School
**Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Parents**

'Story Sack Project'

Would You Like To Be Involved?

We would like **you** to help us make 90 story sacks for your children to take home and share with you.

We will provide the resources and the 'know how'.

The PTA is funding this project to a value of £1000

Now we need **your** help!

Please come along to an information meeting

On: Wednesday 18th January 2017

In: KGB Hall

**There will be three different times to
choose from-:**

At: 9.00am -9.25pm or 2.15pm -2.50pm

or 6pm-6.25pm

