



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 3

20th January 2017

Once again, this has been an interesting week of learning and activities at school. The children have been learning in assemblies about how normal it is to make mistakes and that we all need to show resilience when faced with difficulties. Children can get very anxious about doing the wrong thing in class and in the playground. The more they worry and fret about getting calculations wrong in maths or spelling words incorrectly, the more likely they are to continue to make these mistakes. As grown-ups, we probably have had a lifetime of making errors and then learning from them. Do remind your children of this and that you will always make mistakes when you are truly learning.

One of our most important jobs in school is to ensure that all children are safe and secure. We work really hard to make sure that we keep the building safe and that all the children know that they have a trusted adult to talk to when there are things that are troubling them. We also work hard in class to teach children about keeping safe on the internet and what to do if they are being picked on. Whilst we do also talk about road safety at various points in the year, we have no control over how drivers act approaching the school. It was upsetting to hear that there was a near miss recently as a pupil left the school, in Duncan Gardens though hopefully it will encourage you all to remind the children about the need to be careful around roads. We also had an accident in the playground at Park Avenue when a child riding a bike knocked into another pupil. This is of course avoidable and I would request that all parents of children who ride scooters and bikes to school remind their children that it is not appropriate to do so across the playground at either end of the day. This is something that that I recall mentioning in a previous newsletter and I look forward to your full support in addressing this.

Year 1 Church Visit

Year 1 are busy planning their walk to St Peter's Church which is due to take place on Wednesday 8th February. They do still need parent volunteers to accompany the children. If you are willing to take part on this walk to and from the church, please let the Year 1 teachers know. They will be leaving school at around 9.10 and will return back to school by 11.00 am.

Story Sacks

A big **thank you** to everyone who attended the meetings and offered to make a story sack. Today you should have received a letter asking you to choose your book, if you have not received anything then please let the school office know. Please return the list to your class teacher and we will be in touch again very soon. Once again thank you very much for your support with this exciting project.

Stay, Play and Learn-Reception

We look forward to seeing lots of parents at our Stay, Play and Learn sessions on Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February or Wednesday 8th February at 9am. These are an opportunity for you to learn alongside your children for an hour. Your children will take you around their classrooms and outside learning space, showing what learning they choose each day. After half an hour we will go into the hall to play some fun phonics games with each other, which will hopefully give you some ideas of how to support reading and writing at home. If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please sign up. The sign-up sheets will be available from Monday morning outside the Reception classrooms. We look forward to seeing you all!

Year 1 Phonics Information Evening

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, there is an important set of meetings for our Year 1 parents regarding the phonics being taught and assessed in this year group.

Please make a note of the date and times below so that you are able to attend one of the two sessions.

As also mentioned last week – this is for all Year 1 parents and also the parents of any Year 2 child who needs to retake the test.

Date: Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Venue: KGB hall

Dinners

We would just like to remind parents again that dinner money should be paid in advance. When paying via the online payment system please enter manually the weekly amount of £11.00 or more if you wish to pay monthly or half termly. For this half term the total cost of dinners will be £61.60. If your child currently has packed lunches but would now like to swap to school dinners please let the school office know and also take the opportunity to discuss the menu choices with your child. As before, a child can swap to packed lunches only at half term breaks.

Riverbridge Staff and Visitors Car Park-Monday 23rd January

Please be aware that on Monday morning the section of the car park nearest the field gate will be cordoned off. We recommend that if you are driving to Park Avenue that you park further away and walk a short distance. Thank you for your support.

Face up Theatre

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a visit from Face Up Theatre next week – they will enjoy a visual and puppet performance based on Catherine Rayner's picture book **Augustus and His Smile**. This has been funded by Spelthorne Schools Confederation and is part of our PSHE curriculum.

Safety around the school gates and in the playground

Although I mentioned it in the introduction – it's so important that we consider the children's safety at all times – it is worth mentioning it again!

Please talk to your children about being safe on their bikes and scooters. Accidents can happen so easily and if the children are not able to be safe on their two wheels – we will have to ask them to refrain from using them. This is not our aim but may be our only option!

A Time to Play...

As part of the school's development of communication, we are asking the teachers across the school to think more carefully about the use of vocabulary and language in lessons. These sections in the Review are a way of continuing this work at home. We hope you are enjoying playing and talking as a family!

Sentence Starters

You begin a sentence and someone else finishes it off. Decide whether the sentence is silly or sensible:

- Chicken is my favourite...
- One day I ate an enormous...
- In the garden I saw a ...
 - I won an amazing ...
- The clown I saw was juggling...

You could then talk about which was the funniest sentence and why!

Local Clubs

We have been given a number of flyers to advertise a local youth club that is run on Friday evenings. This is based at Staines Congregational Church and runs fortnightly. These flyers are available from the PAB office should any of your children want to take part.

Many of you will also be aware of Freedom Juniors that runs a similar club on Friday evenings in the PAB hall.

It is obvious that we are spoilt for choice with local opportunities for our children. How fortunate!

Gold Leaves

Once again – there are a large number of children who have shown real resilience with their learning this week. These children can feel rightly proud of being able to stick to their learning with such dedication. Well done to them all!

Rachel Bennett	Karina Bailey	Ryan Jafari
Glory Eghaverba	Megan Sewell	Emilia Maroti
Abigail Walls	James Thwaite	Aaron Foskett Gonzales
Charlie Miller	Jessica Young	Keenan O'Reilly
Alex Westwood	Neha Antari	Ayesha Chaudrey
Connor Bower	Charlie Buttigieg	Samiksha Arunasalam
Holly Miller	Callie Thomson	Jasmine Aston-Kaur
Sudeeptha Parameswaran	Mawgan Crocker	Yana Stancheva
Eslem Onemli	Luna Fagundez-Fraga	Hannah Rowles
Harry Burr	Kemi Peduru Hewage	Sofia Mallus
Shannon Kennedy	Logan Glazier	

With best wishes

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SPRING TERM 2017

Tues 24 th Jan	FaceUp Theatre Year 2
Weds 25 th Jan	FaceUp Theatre Reception and Year 1
Tues 31 st Jan	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 1 st Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 1 st Feb	Phonics Information meetings 2.30pm or 6.00pm.
Weds 8 th Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 8th Feb	Yr 1 visit to St Peters Church
Thurs 9 th 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
Tues 28th Feb	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1st March	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1st March	Scholastic Book Fair further details to follow
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
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
Weds 15th Mar	Mobile Farm visit to Nursery
Thurs 16 th Mar	Parent Consultations 5.00 – 8.00pm
Fri 17 th Mar	Yr 1 visit The Living Rainforest
Mon 20 th – 21st 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
Weds 24 th May	Yr 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

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
Weds 7 th June	Year 5 visit River and Rowing Museum
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