



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 10

17th March 2017

Weeks at school are always busy but the past 5 days have been even more 'full' than usual. It was good to see how well attended the parents meetings were this week. I know that the uptake for these meetings was high and that the staff enjoyed the opportunity to share their information about the children with you. These events are an important time of the year and I am grateful for how well organized the teachers were and also how well the whole school pulled together. I hope that you also found these meetings useful. As in previous reviews, I would urge you to contact the school via the usual email address if you have feedback as to how to make the meetings even more purposeful.

You will all recall that I asked for feedback about the reading workshops that were planned a fortnight ago. This has been well received, thank you. The next event for parents is the ESafety workshop that is planned for next Thursday. The current uptake for this is poor and I wanted to reiterate how essential it is that all parents are aware of ways to keep the children safe on the internet and other mobile technologies. As a school, we are considering ways to supplement the IT we use in classes. This may include different devices that we could use in addition to the current bank of laptops. With these new technologies will come anxieties about usage and I know that many schools have not allowed children to use certain devices until the computing Code of Conduct has been signed and returned (this was shared with you this week) and a parent or carer has attended an e-safety workshop. We may go down this route in the future so I would recommend you all 'get ahead of the game' by attending the workshop next Thursday.

I am pleased to announce that a new member of the Governing Body has joined the school. Gavin Davies attended his first meeting last Friday and has made a positive contribution to this aspect of school leadership already.

During Friday's meeting, the Governors agreed a number of dates to come into school and see how things work. There will be opportunities for me to share some of these thoughts with you during the course of the Summer term I am sure.

PTA – Class Reps

Whole School

We are almost ready to share the names of those kind volunteers who have decided to take on the role of PTA class reps. These are new roles that we feel will be really useful in helping to develop this, already successful, aspect of the school.

Safety Notice

Whole School

There have been a number of children that have been reporting to me that they have seen grown-ups smoking on school premises. Having talked to them about this, it seems that they are referring to the newest craze: 'vaping'. Can I remind you all that whilst smoking on school premises is obviously not acceptable, it is also not appropriate to be using electronic cigarettes on school grounds either.

Many thanks for your understanding here.

Uniform

Whole School

We are pleased to inform you that due to parental feedback Schools Uniform Direct will soon be selling our school book bags with a removable strap. This will make them easier to carry on a bicycle

or scooter. The price will remain the same at £6.99. The new bags will be available for sale in the shop and online from Saturday 25th March.

Uniform

Boys

We have been reminding the girls regarding their uniform recently. You will recall that there have been mentions about hairbands and nail varnish recently.

This is now a reminder to the boys of Riverbridge:

Recently I have noticed that a lot of boys are coming into school with 'product' in their hair – gel, wax etc. This is obviously unnecessary and not something that needs to happen. As a general reminder also, haircuts for boys should not be 'fashion cuts'. Included in this rather vague term would be 'train-tracks' cut into hair etc.

Thank you in advance for your support here

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Ella Lyons 4C has moved up to black hats, very well done Ella.

After just 3 games playing for a second football club, Callum Little 6Mo was awarded "Man of the Match" on Saturday, and has settled in well.

Mobile Farm

Nursery

On Wednesday we had a visit from farms2ewe who brought along a selection of animals from lambs, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, a pony, a dog and a baby cow. The children and staff all enjoyed the hands on experience and learning how the farm looks after the animals.

My favourite animal was the rabbits, they are cute. We brushed the pony using a brush.

Keira Lightfoot - Hedgehogs

I liked the animals. I stroked a rabbit and it felt soft.

Ilias Ure - Rabbits

PGL

Year 5

We loved the activities on PGL and conquered our fears. We went on the giant swing, tree top trail and the trapeze. The food was delicious. The staff were so fun and made sure that we had an excellent time. Our rooms were very nice and the beds were so comfortable. We went in the shop to buy a few things too like keyrings and pencils. We had an excellent time on PGL and tried lots of new and exciting activities. Ruby Collins and Connor Bower 5R

Sports

Key Stage 2

An emphatic win! On Friday the 3rd of March, Riverbridge girls' football team played Laleham. It was a great victory winning with an astonishing 4-0 scoreline. The first goal was scored Kitty with a tremendous assist from Giselle followed by the second goal scored by Stella assisted by Rachel. Just before the half time whistle blew, Stella scored another goal by passing the goalkeeper and slotting the ball into the back of the net. To finish off the match Kitty scored the final goal in the bottom left corner. A winning end to the season!

Stella Bailey

Tag rugby v Buckland On the 10th of March, 2017, the Riverbridge tag rugby team had a match against Buckland School. We all played very well however Buckland sadly beat us 28-57. The opposition played exceptionally well and had amazingly fast runners. The match was played with excellent sportsmanship and Buckland were the worthy winners.

Fraser Ellis-Philip 6Ma and Kasey Nelson 6Ma

PTA

Whole School

It's that time of year again – as Easter approaches we see the return of the Egg Decorating Competition. Eggs to be brought into the School from Monday 27th March. Judging will take place on Friday 31st March. More details to follow.

Red Nose Day 24th March

Whole School

Please remember that we are supporting Red Nose Day on Friday. We are happy to accept donations to this very worthwhile cause. The children can come to school wearing **one** red item, along with their usual school uniform. We will of course let you know how much we raise.

Pedals**Year 2**

Year 2 really enjoyed the Pedals course that took place on Monday, the lovely weather certainly helped! Two of the children have shared their thoughts below.

I liked pedals because it helped me to improve my cycling skills. I learnt how to put my brakes on without putting my foot down. Ollie Platt 2T

I liked how they taught us how to cross the road. I learnt that when you cross the road, you look right and then left. Emily Hillman 2T

Bikeability**Year 5**

Some children in Year 5 are taking part in the Bikeability course on Monday and Tuesday. Please remember to send your child with their bike and helmet on the day. They should enter through the usual gate and park their bikes in the Year 5/6 shelter.

Headlice**Whole School**

As Spring arrives there have been a few cases of head lice reported by parents. Please find attached an information sheet of how to treat head lice; we would appreciate it if you would check your child regularly and follow the treatment instructions. Thank you for your support.

Visit to Matthew Arnold**Year 5**

This week, Year 5 went to Matthew Arnold School. We did a range of activities that included maths, science and PE. First of all, we went to the new fitness gym and went on the fitness machines like the stair climber, treadmills and exercise bikes. As we did this, we tested how our pulses changed to learn about how our body recovers after exercise. We then went into the dance studio and learnt a routine to a song from High School Musical. It was great fun and the year 9s that helped us were very friendly.

Oliver Foskett Gonzalez and Teodor Hobjila 5F

Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal**Whole School**

Please remember we have the daffodil badges for 'sale'. If you and your child would like to support this valuable cause they are available at the offices.

A Time to Talk**Whole School**

After last week's 'Rhyming Riddles' activity, this week the activity is still to do with rhyme.

Rhyming Clues

Give clues about different things that rhyme. There might be more than one right answer though!

- It's a part of your body, it rhymes with bed
- It's something you ride in, it rhymes with throat
 - It's an animal, it rhymes with peep
 - It's an insect, it rhymes with wider

As with other challenges, have fun creating your own rhyming clues!

Gold Leaves**Whole School**

Once again, there were a host of children receiving a Gold Leaf this week. The following children can feel rightly proud of their efforts. I am sure that they will continue to show exceptional learning behaviours for the rest of the year too!

Jack Felce
Grace Enoch
James Shaw
Adam Szczesny
Tsetsi Stanchev
Billy Russell
Sam Doherty
Nicola Bartczak

Kasey Nelson
Liam Wai
Keira Taylor
Ben Howick
Sophie Gilmore
Jack Langdon
Callum Little
Krish Shingadia

Emma Robinson
Joel Taylor
Oliver Mallus
Liam Harrington
Jack Bayley
Tommy Bower
Bartosz Szczesny
Max Bartlett

Leah Bolding
Bentley Pocock
Leyton Farrelly

Natalie Wrangmore
Mahathi Prabhu
Yuvraj Thohan

Mason Barham
Sofia Mallus

With all best wishes

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SPRING TERM 2017

Mon 20 th – 21 st Mar	Bikeability Level 1 Yr 5
Tues 21 st Mar	Year 5 Careers Fair Echelford Primary School 12.45-2.45pm
Tues 21st Mar	Year 3 (team of 10) Rugby Tournament -Bishopsgate
Weds 22 nd Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs RT and RSh
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Story sack make and create 9-10 am and 2-4 pm KGB
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs RSn
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Parents' E-Safety Awareness Workshop 6.30-7.30 PAB
Fri 24 th Mar	Clubs finish
Fri 24 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 27 th -Thurs 30 th Mar	Stay, Play and Learn in Nursery 8.45-9.30
Mon 27 th Mar	FACT Day Year 5
Mon 27 th Mar	Yr 2 visit RHS Garden Wisley
Tues 28 th Mar	PTA hot-dog event
Weds 29 th Mar	Music Festival Year 2
Weds 29th Mar	Netball Tournament 2 teams to Matthew Arnold 3.30-6 pm
Thurs 30 th Mar	Music Festival Year 2
Fri 31 st Mar	Story sack make and create 8.30-10.30am KGB
Fri 31 st Mar	End of term 1.20pm KGB 1.40pm Nursery 1.30pm PAB-Please note new times

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
Thurs 4 th May	Polling Day
Fri 5 th May	Class Photos
Wk beg 8 th May	End of KS2 Assessments
Mon 8 th May	Hedgehogs Class Photos
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 trip 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
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 7th July

Tues 11th July

Mon 17th July

Tues 18th July

Weds 19th July

Thurs 20th July

Fri 21st July

Clubs finish

Year 6 Leavers' Performance

Year 6 Leavers' Party

End of term for children 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB

INSET DAY 3

INSET DAY 4

INSET DAY 5



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Parent Information Sheet

How to treat nits

Head lice, sometimes called nits, are common in children. Find out how to get rid of them if your child is affected. You can treat the lice at home by wet combing the hair using a head lice comb or by using medicated lotion (see below).

Wet combing

This involves removing the head lice by systematically combing the hair using a special fine-toothed comb with a spacing of less than 0.3mm. Combs are available from pharmacies or you can order them online from the [Community Hygiene Concern](#).

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and 13 so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

The length of time it will take to comb your child's hair will depend on the type of hair your child has and how long it is. For example, short, straight hair can be quickly prepared and can be fine-toothed combed in a few minutes, whereas longer, curlier hair will take longer to comb.

Medicated lotion or spray

Using medicated lotion or spray is an alternative method of treating head lice. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray. Medicated treatments should only be used if a living (moving) head louse is found.

Afro hair

Afro hair or tightly curled hair can make treating a head lice infestation particularly difficult. If your child has afro hair and they develop head lice, keeping their hair short will make treating it easier. Alternatively, you could try plaiting or braiding their hair as this can make it difficult for head lice to attach themselves to the bottom of the hair strand.

Using a medicated lotion, such as dimeticone, and methodically combing small sections of hair at a time with a lice comb, will usually prove effective.

Head lice and clothing

There is no need to wash or fumigate clothing or bedding that comes into contact with head lice.

Head lice can only survive on humans and they die after a day or two of being away from the human scalp. Head lice that fall off the scalp are likely to be close to death (their life span is about three weeks).

For more information please logon to the NHS website at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

