



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 5

3rd February 2017

I mentioned in a Riverbridge Review a couple of weeks ago about the importance of attendance in school. Children being in school and ready to learn on time is an essential part of a successful learning environment. Whilst we do a lot to manage attendance effectively at Riverbridge, it is worth considering that members of staff get sick too! None of the teachers at Riverbridge enjoy missing school and as a leadership team, we try really hard to cover classes in a way that causes the least amount of disruption to classes. We are fortunate to have a strong team of staff that pulls together and also some familiar faces that regularly teach classes across the school. Where we use supply agencies, we insist on the best staff and will monitor their effectiveness in class closely. We even have the option of 'rating' the teachers one agency sends us with a grade out of 5 (think Tripadvisor!)

The theme for next week's assemblies is E-Safety. This is such an important area to tackle and one that is becoming more challenging in primary schools. Social media is now in everyone's lives and there are many children at Riverbridge that have their own accounts on such platforms as Facebook and Instagram. The guidelines that are set up for all of these social media platforms is that no-one under the age of 13 can have an account. To those parents that read this and are unsure if their child has such an app on their phone, it is really important to find out. Another significant development in the use of the internet is the use of YouTube. Many children, some very young, have accounts with this site and are posting videos of themselves on this platform. Again, some parents may well be aware of this and be approving of this – some may be oblivious to this area of their child's internet use.

I would advise all parents to look at the following website (NSPCC) which gives a lot of information for parents to help keep children safe whilst online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The key thing is to discuss internet usage with your child in an open and frank way – children need us as the grown-ups in their lives to help them make the right choices. I hope that the work we will do at school next week and the support you will give at home will combine well to ensure the children are safe on the internet.

Story Sacks

We now have 60 story sacks being made, this is a fantastic response, a very big thank you. If there is any parent in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 who would like to make a story sack and has not returned the list, please do so as soon as possible.

The books and sacks are now on order. There will be a drop-in session to collect your sack and book with time to talk to Mrs Quinn at KGB on Thursday 23rd February 6-7pm, Friday 24th of February 9-10am or 2-3pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Stay, Play and Learn-Reception

The Reception team would just like to thank all the parents for coming to the Stay, Play and Learn sessions this week. The children had great fun showing their parents their learning. We also spent some time in the hall playing lots of different phonics games. These were lots of fun and we were

pleased to see so many parents getting involved with the learning games on offer. There is one more session next Wednesday 8th February from 9-10am. If you have not signed up and would like to attend, please sign up on sheets outside your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday

Year 1 Phonics Meetings

Mrs. Preece and Mrs. Talkington would also like to thank those parents who attended the phonics sessions this week. There was a positive turn out and the parents who came seemed to gain a lot from the meeting. Thank you from me too!

Athletics

On Tuesday 31st of January a large school team represented Riverbridge at the Spelthorne indoor athletics event. There were many events – track and field –that the 24 pupils from Years 5 and 6 participated in. As a team we did our very best and competed to the greatest of our ability. In one race we managed to come 1st however the other schools were just too good for us to compete against. All of the results were collected and counted and Riverbridge came 9th. Despite the result, it was a fantastic experience for all children involved.

Callum Little and Jake Ford

Uniform

As we have recently changed our school logo we will need to update our uniform. The new uniform will be available from September, or earlier if the current stock is sold. We have no intention of phasing out the current uniform and it can continue to be worn alongside the new. The colour of the jumpers, cardigans, bags and jackets will remain the same; it is only the logo that will change. Our uniform suppliers, School Uniform Direct, will be holding two sales next week with stock at a 50% discount.

These will be held on Tuesday 7th February, 2pm to 3pm at Knowle Green and Wednesday 8th February 8.15am to 9am at Park Avenue. Please note that the sale at Knowle Green will end promptly at 3pm so please come before collecting your child. All of the stock that is available will be at both bases and payment is by cash only. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Uniform - headbands

Making sure that we all look our best is always really important. I have noticed with growing concern that a number of girls have started to wear hairbands/ bows etc. that are growing in size at an alarming rate.

Can I remind you all that the school's policy on uniform is clear and states:

Hair accessories, hair bands should be small and blue or neutral colours.

Alice Bands only in royal blue.

Please make sure that this policy is being adhered to.

Further to the above, many children wish to wear jewellery to school and our policy on this is also clear:

Jewellery other than small & discreet stud earrings, is not allowed in school and these earrings must be removed for PE in compliance with Surrey's safety rules. Children are responsible for removing their own earrings and storing them until the end of the lesson.

As a reminder to those children who are trying to persuade their parents to let them have their ears pierced. This should only happen in the summer holidays as freshly pierced ears and PE lessons don't mix!

PE developments

One of the benefits of working within an academy trust of schools is that we can share expert staff across the three schools. One such expert is Mr Waters who has recently started working with our children and teachers during PE lessons. This is, in the first instance, taking place at PAB and has so

far been a really positive addition to our PE provision at Riverbridge. Miss Moxon, who leads on PE across the school, has been working closely with Mr Waters to ensure that he is having the most impact. This will develop yet further over the course of the year and I am looking forward to sharing more news in due course.

Riverbridge Girls Play Ashford C of E- 27.01.2017

Last Friday, Riverbridge girls competed against Ashford C of E girls in a league football match. Many crunching tackles and a vast majority of shots were taken by the home side but to no avail. A few breaks from the Ashford side put a bit of pressure on the Riverbridge defence but was quickly sorted. Both schools put in lots of effort and our goalie Rachel Jimenez was unstoppable. Our striker, Stella, had many opportunities but unfortunately were not on target and the final score was 0-0. Everybody played really well and gave it their all.

Teagan Stokes

Rucksacks

Please remember that rucksacks are only permitted for Years 5 and 6. Space is very limited in the cloakrooms and the children up to and including Year 4 need to bring their book bags every day. For swimming Year 4 children can use their rucksacks for their swimming kit, although they are not compulsory. Thank you for your support.

A Time to Talk

This week the focus is once again on listening carefully and understanding the information we are being told.

This week's game is: **Odd One Out**

Which is the odd one out of the following:

- ✓ Sheep, cow, chicken, lion
- ✓ Apple, orange, grapes, carrot
- ✓ Chair, table, sofa, hat
- ✓ Cabbage, yoghurt, potato, broccoli
- ✓ Football, rugby, judo, cricket

Encourage the children to explain why they are the odd one out. Challenge them to think of their own to ask you!

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsburys launched their Active Kids scheme for this year on the 25th January. We are collecting the vouchers to get some new sports and cooking equipment for the children to use at school and would be grateful if parents can collect them and send in with the children at both bases. Thank you for your support.

Gold Leaves

One of the highlights of the week is when children come to the offices on both bases and have the opportunity to share their gold leaves and then listening to them explain how they have achieved this splendid feat. I am sure you would join me in saying a big 'well done' to them all!

Ella-Mae Ward
Jayden Roberts
Kiran Phagora
Rachel Jimenez
Caiden Ratcliffe
Georgie Manning
Lillyanna Flurry
Callum Little
Binak Shala
Luca Culpin

Martha Pouffou
Thomas Farzaliyev
Tilly Gilmore
Nadia Swierczynska
Lahari Jadaprolu
Charlie Smither
Patrick Lyden
Adnaan Esmailjee
Marwa Mohammadi
Jake Enderby

Kacper Luft
Emilia Maroti
Bengisu Sivakci
Manveen Phagora
Morgan Lake
Oliver Mallus
Lily O'Hanlon
Jack Blake
Daniel White
Sagarika Jadaprolu

Evie Glazebrook
Benjamin Musial
Pranav Yoganand
Nancy Woodward
Riley Eastley
Luke Jones

Jude Muldoon
Bethany Cleaver
Isabelle Saint
Jessica Jennings
Jack Riley Fowler

Luke Wroe
David Hein
Richard Carpenter
Qasim Abdul Rahman
Maddie Young

Wishing you a pleasant weekend, fingers crossed for some better weather!

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SPRING TERM 2017

Tues 7 th Feb	Uniform Sale 2pm to 3pm at Knowle Green
Wed 8 th Feb	Uniform Sale 8.15am to 9am at Park Avenue.
Weds 8 th Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 8 th 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
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Story Sack drop in session 6-7pm KGB
Frid 24 th Feb	Story Sack drop in session 9-10am or 2-3pm KGB
Wk 27 th Feb	English Curriculum Week
Tues 28 th Feb	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1 st March	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1 st March	Scholastic Book Fair further details to follow
Fri 3 rd March	World Book Day please note change of date
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 15 th 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 31st 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 24th May Yr 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June Half Term

Mon 5th June Children and staff return to school

Tues 6th June Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00

Weds 7th June Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00

Weds 7th June Year 5 visit River and Rowing Museum

Wk beg 12th June Wider Curriculum Week

Wk beg 26th June Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford

June Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC

Weds 21st June Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)

Wk beg 26th June Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)

Weds 28th June Sports Day (Nursery)

Tues 4th July Move Up Day (TBC)

Fri 7th July Clubs finish

Tues 11th July Year 6 Leavers' Performance

Mon 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tues 18th July End of term for children 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB

Weds 19th July INSET DAY 3

Thurs 20th July INSET DAY 4

Fri 21st July INSET DAY 5



Uniform with the existing logo will still be permitted

Logo Changeover

Reversible Jacket

~~£22.99~~

ALL SIZES

£11.50



Jackets sizes still available

3-4 years	5-6 years	7-8 years	9-10 years	11-12 years	13 years
4	4	5	4	8	6



Sweatshirts sizes still available

2-3 years	3-4 years	5-6 years	7-8 years	9-10 years	11-12 years	13 years
3	22	49	19	11	15	19

Sweatshirt & Cardigan

~~£12.99~~

ALL SIZES

£6.50



Cardigans sizes still available

3-4 years	5-6 years	7-8 years	9-10 years	11-12 years	13 years
24	24	18	24	17	18

Polo

~~£8.99~~

ALL SIZES

£4.50



Polo sizes still available

2-3 years	3-4 years	5-6 years	7-8 years
5	21	17	4

Rucksack

~~£12.49~~

ALL SIZES

£6.00



still available

One Size

10

Hat & P.E. Bags

~~£4.99~~

ONE SIZE

£2.50



Summer Cap still available

One Size

2



P.E. Bags still available

One Size

44

Uniform Sale!

Limited Availability

Only While Stocks Last

50% Discount

Cash Only

No Exchanges,
No Refunds
No Orders

7 th February 2017 - at Knowle Green - 2pm-3pm
8 th February 2017 - at Park Avenue Base - 8.15am-9am