



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Summer term

Week 1

21st April 2017

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter holiday and that this week has been a positive one. It is often a struggle to get back into the swing of a school week after a 2 week holiday but I am happy to say that the children at Riverbridge have settled back into the rigours of school really well. I have been particularly impressed with the attitudes of the children at the different assemblies I have had this week. The Reception and Year 1 children were really good at talking about different emotions on Tuesday and all the children at Park Avenue showed amazing learning behaviours during the assembly this morning. One of the positive attributes of the school is how well the children want to show green behaviour throughout the day. I hope that you saw this during the Easter break too!

This will be a busy half term and there are a lot of different things for you to note. Please do take time to look through the dates below as these can change and it is important that you all keep up to date with school events. One major event to remember is the closure of the school to all but our Year 6 children on Thursday 4th May (local elections). Please make sure that you all refer to the two sections below regarding Polling Days.

Can I please remind you all about the need to be vigilant with your child's use of the internet. I have been made aware of some children having access to social media sites and that many children have their own 'profile'. Are you all aware each of these sites (including Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat) have an age limit of 13? Any child that sets up an account by lying about their age is liable for their actions on these sites. In addition to this, parents are also responsible if they have set up accounts, or their child is under the age of 10. It is quite easy to do things online that are wholly inappropriate and we must all be monitoring this carefully. If you are uncertain about how to support your child on-line, please attend the next ESafety workshop (details will follow!)

Special Grown up's Assembly

Reception and Key Stage 1

We are looking forward to the Special Grown Up's assemblies that are due to take place on Wednesday and Friday of next week for Reception, Year 1 and 2. Every child invites one adult to join them to share this special assembly. Due to space in the classrooms we will be unable to accommodate younger siblings. Where possible please make alternative arrangements for their care.

On Wednesday, the Reception children will perform to their special grown-ups in the hall at Knowle Green base and then invite you back to their classrooms to share a surprise! The Pastoral team will offer refreshments in the hall from 9am. We anticipate that the celebration will start by 9.15 and finished by 10.00am.

On Friday, Year 1 and 2 children will perform to their special grown-ups in the hall at KGB and then invite you back to their classrooms to share a surprise! This will mean for Year 2 children and parents you will need to walk back to Park Avenue base first.

The Pastoral team will offer refreshments in the hall from 9am. We anticipate that the celebration will start by 9.15 and finished by 10.20am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Clubs

Whole School

After school enrichment clubs have once again proved to be very popular. Payment will be available online from 4.30 pm today, please make sure you pay by Friday 28th April. All clubs start next week, please check the

original letter, available on our website, for details of times and what to wear etc.

Attachments

Whole School

Included with this newsletter are flyers we have been asked to distribute, whilst we are happy to do so, please note that we are not endorsing any of the facilities, simply passing on information. If you are involved in any local community clubs and would like to advertise please send the details to office@riverbridge.surrey.sch.uk

PTA

Whole School

This year the PTA are organising our summer event 'From time to time @ Riverbridge' on Thursday 29th June from 3.30 pm. An afternoon exploring the different decades from the 1920's to the present day. There will be food, dance, music, games, memories and so much more!

We are currently looking for helpers, resources and ideas to add to the list. If you can offer help or have any decade related resources please let me know at pta@riverbridge.surrey.sch.uk

It will be a great afternoon of fun for all the family, so put it in your diary. Matthew Armsby Co-chair PTA

Swimming Gala

We are once again entering a team in the Spelthorne Swimming Gala on Wednesday; the children taking part have already had a letter. This will mean that the pool is unavailable for 4C swimming lessons, so these will have to be cancelled for this week.

Story Sacks

Today has seen the last of our Create and Make Story Sack sessions, please can you bring the finished sacks into either base by Wednesday 26th. Mrs Quinn will then look through them and contact you if there are any further additions to be made. We are really looking forward to seeing all of the Story Sacks together and then launching the project with the children. Thank you all once again for the amazing support this project has received.

Sports

Key Stage 2

On Wednesday 19th April, the Riverbridge girls' B team played a friendly football match against Echelford. In the glorious sunshine, both teams started strongly with well-fought battles in the middle of the field. Echelford broke through the defence and scored – 1-0. Riverbridge tried to fight back but the Echelford defence stood strong. By the end of the match, Echelford were the convincing winners by 6 goals to nil.

by Phoebe Beattie 6Mo

Maths Challenge

Year 4

On Thursday afternoon six Year 4 students took part in a maths challenge. It involved logical and mathematical mind puzzles that required our maths knowledge, problem solving and reasoning skills. It was a fun experience to take part in. Anik Singh 4C

The event took place at Riverbridge, with children from Saxon and Echelford. The children who represented us so well were, Anik Singh, Nethra Harish, Varun Karthik, Krithin Jaichandran, Freddie Nelson and Nandita Jena.

Volunteer Training

Whole School

We are holding a further volunteer training session on Tuesday 25th April at 2.00pm at Park Avenue Base for parents/carers who are interested in coming in to school to support. We appreciate that this is short notice, but if you are interested in volunteering at school please speak to the school office on Monday to reserve a place. The session will finish by 3 pm.

Dinners

Whole School

We would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid before the beginning of each week. Payments should be made online via: www.scopay.com-riverbridge-pri .Please enter manually the weekly amount of £11.00 or if you wish to pay for the whole of this half term the total cost of dinners is £59.40. 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.

Polling Day 4th May

Year 6

Thursday 4th May is Local Election polling Day. This will mean that the school is closed to all children

EXCEPT Year 6.

The Year 6 children will need to bring in a packed lunch on this day or can have a packed lunch supplied by the school caterers. Our Year 6 children will need to enter the school grounds via the Year5/6 gate. Can I ask that parents avoid coming to the school office on this day as this will be the entrance and exit for all the voters.

Please note that the school office will be functioning as normal for phone calls etc. Should any Year 6 parent wish to speak to a member of the office staff, can I ask that you come to the Year 6 block where you will then be directed through the school building.

Year 6 children have worked so hard in preparation for the End of Key Stage Assessments and this day will be an important one in helping the actual week go as smoothly as possible.

Thank you for your understanding here.

Polling Day 8th June

Whole School

In addition to the above, as you will have already heard, Theresa May has called an election for June 8th. As we are now used as a Polling Station, this will obviously have an implication on the school on this day too. Having consulted with the other schools within the Lumen Trust, it is necessary and appropriate to close the whole school to ALL children on this day. I realise that this is not a decision that will be popular with all parents. However, following the feedback received about the closure on Thursday 4th May, this is likely to be the one that the majority of parents will be agreeable to. Please be mindful that this closure is beyond the school's control but this time will be used by the staff wisely.

A Time to Talk

Whole School

During the assemblies this week we have been talking about emotions. Further to this we have also talked about good manners and the importance of courtesy. This week's 'Time to Talk' is more of a challenge.

Good Manners

Try and listen out for the number of times you hear everyone at home say the following words:

Please

Thank you

Sorry

You're welcome

Set your child the goal of using these words more often and praise them when they do.

These are very simple words to say but are really powerful too!

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Despite being a shorter than normal week, the following children have managed to show exemplary learning behaviour over the last four days. What a great way to start the summer term!

Well done to you all and...keep it up!

Gracie Cornwell

James Tate

Eva Bowen

Najuma Sulfikar

Daniel Lay

Lucy Tate

Alexander Erskine

Kemi Peduru Hewage

Mia Blake

Caerwyn Howard

Freddie Soan

Aiza Rizwan

Arthur Lean

Naryan Rawal

Ryan Dodkins

Staff Governor

Whole School

Finally I would like to congratulate Mr Toms who was, before Easter, voted in as a Staff Governor. This is an important role and I am sure that Mr Toms will enjoy the challenges it will bring.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SUMMER TERM 2017

Mon 24 th April	Clubs begin
Mon 24 th April	Year 4 swimming return
Tues 25th April	Volunteers training session 2pm PAB
Weds 26 th April	Spelthorne Swimming Gala
Weds 26th April	Swimming 4C cancelled as swimming gala
Weds 26 th April	Reception Special Grown-up Assembly 9.15 KGB hall
Fri 28 th April	Year 1 & 2 Special Grown-up Assembly 9.15 KGB hall
Fri 28th April	Year 6 Football Tournament at Buckland School 1pm
Thurs 4 th May	Polling Day-Year 6 in school-including boosters
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
	Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford

Weds 21 st June	Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)
Wk beg 26 th June	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC
June	
Wk beg 26 th June	Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)
Weds 28 th June	Sports Day (Nursery)
Thurs 29 th June	PTA Summer Event – details to follow
Fri 30 th June	More able visit to Matthew Arnold-more details to follow
Tues 4 th July	Move Up Day (TBC)
Fri 7 th July	Clubs finish
Tues 11th July	PTA DISCO Nursery & Reception 3.30-4.30pm KGB
Tues 11th July	PTA DISCO Yrs 1,2 & 3 PAB 6-7.30pm
Weds 12th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance Change of date
Thurs 13th July	PTA DISCO Yrs 4,5 & 6 PAB 6-7.30pm
Mon 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 18 th July	End of term for children- Please note change of times 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Weds 19 th July	INSET DAY 3
Thurs 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 st July	INSET DAY 5

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 1 st Sept	INSET DAY 1
Mon 4 th Sept	Children return to school (Years 1-6)

Staines and Laleham Cricket Club Colts Section



Friday Training 6:30pm – 8pm
From Friday 5th May

Staines Cricket Club in Worple Road, Staines offers coaching for all children from 5 to 15 years of age.

Club house and bar open for parents

5 to 8 year olds register via the ECB All Stars

Programme: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/centres

9+ contact Jo Bonnick: jobonnick@Hotmail.com

Little Explorers' PLAY CAFE

ENTRY FEE

UP TO 6 MONTHS FREE*

7 MONTHS-12 MONTHS £2.50

13 MONTHS-24 MONTHS £3.50

25 MONTHS+ £4.50

*£2.50 Francofolly

VARIOUS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY: SENSORY ACTIVITIES 10AM-1PM & MONKEY VISIT

TUESDAY: RHYMES & MUSIC & STORIES 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY: ARTS & CRAFTS 10AM-1PM

THURSDAY: FRANCOFOLLY 10.30AM

FRIDAY: MUSIC & DANCE IN SPANISH 11.30AM

CRECHE (2-7YEARS OLD) limited spaces available

WEDNESDAYS DROP IN CRECHE 1-3PM

MEMBERS £6.50/h £9/90min £11/120min

NON-MEMBERS £8/h £11/90min £14/120min

SATURDAYS 10AM-12PM BOOKING REQUIRED

MEMBERS £8/h £11/90min £14/120min

NON-MEMBERS £9.50/h £14/90min £18/120min

13-15 HIGH STREET STAINES TW18 4QY

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

MIN.10 CHILDREN

MONDAY TO FRIDAY £13.60/CHILD (3YEARS +)

WEEKEND £16.60/CHILD (3YEARS +)

1&2 YEARS OLD £10/CHILD

❖ BIRTHDAY GIRL/BOY FREE

❖ BIRTHDAY PARTY DECORATIONS

❖ PART HOST (NOT ENTERTAINER) TO MANAGE YOUR PARTY

❖ FREE RETURN VISIT VOUCHER FOR A BIRTHDAY CHILD

❖ PARTY FOOD:

MINI SANDWICHES & MINI MUFFINS

FRUIT & VEGGIE PLATTERS

CRISPS

WATER & JUICES THROUGH THE PARTY

EXTRAS:

➤ FACE PAINTING

➤ GLITTER TATTOO

➤ BIRTHDAY CAKE

➤ THEME PARTY

WE REQUIRE PRIVATE VENUE FOR OVER 20 CHILDREN

*VENUE AVAILABLE TO HIRE ON WEEKENDS & WEEK DAY EVENINGS

*MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE (£15 & £20 & £25)

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