



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 3

18th September 2020

As we reach the end of the second full week at school, there remains things to think about, change and monitor.

There have been a number of children, parents and staff who have had a Covid test so far, as they were displaying symptoms.

Thankfully none of these have been returned as positive. We need to remain as vigilant as ever as a community to keep everyone safe.



Year 4 Guided Meditation

It is clear that we need to all be doing our bit in following the rules. Please do exercise social distancing when you are queueing to drop off and pick up children. Also remember to be safe when using Commercial Road Park as we have been made aware of large groups gathering. If you are finding Social Distancing a challenge, please do wear a suitable face covering. Continue to follow the enhanced hygiene expected of us all – hand washing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Please also help us by being clear about the symptoms – please see the section below. We are asking for vigilance and also a degree of common sense – having a sore throat or a runny nose should not stop a child from being in school.



Riverbridge Face Mask

We are proud of the efforts the children have made and want them in school as much as possible but only when we can all be sure that they are well enough and are not displaying symptoms.

One change is around the 'blended offer' of learning for the children that are self-isolating or are at home awaiting a test or result. Next week, we will be working towards establishing Google Classroom as the avenue with which we will share the learning with you. There will not be an expectation that children who are actually unwell complete the learning. More to follow next week.

Also attached to the end of the Review is a 'Covid Question and Answer' sheet for you to make reference to. We remain keen for all parents to be fully informed about the changes we have in place to ensure everyone feels safe. Should you have any questions, at any time – please do feel free to share these with the school office.

Finally, you will have seen in the media that Spelthorne has been deemed an "area of concern" by the Government as a result of the increase in positive COVID-19 cases. This designation does not require us to do anything more at this point, other than be extra vigilant over the weekend and coming days in following the **"hands,**

space, face" Government guidance when we are out in our local communities <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr09ByDYuq4>

In school please be assured we will continue to strictly follow the expectations laid down for schools by Public Health England, and should anything change, we will of course work to implement those changes as soon as we are able.

Reception

Whole School

Next week the Reception children will be learning about changes as we grow up. To help the discussions, please can all children bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby. Any original photographs will be photocopied and returned to you at the end of the week. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to the class teacher.

Symptoms and other Childhood Illnesses

Whole School

Surrey County Council and the DFE continue to update all schools with guidance on symptoms which necessitate a Covid test. The very latest advice we have is

Symptoms - An individual should **only seek a test if they have one or more of the main COVID symptoms** – a high temperature; a new, continuous cough and/or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste (or as directed to by a medical professional, at the request of a local council or as part of the government pilot project). **The guidance is clear that if an individual has one or more of those symptoms then they must isolate (stay at home and don't have any visitors) and get a test as soon as possible.** The rest of the household need to isolate for **14 days or until a negative test result.** The NHS has provided explanations for each of the main symptoms, which can be found via this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.

Childhood illnesses - if a child is unwell with other symptoms such as sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, then parents are advised to check NHS 111 online health condition advice – [is my child too ill to go to school](#), and contact their local pharmacy or GP if they need further help. **NHS 111 phone line should only be used for an urgent medical problem where parents or carers are unsure what to do.** If a child is too ill to attend school, the parent or carer should advise the school as per normal and arrange to care for the child at home until they are well enough to return.

Passwords

Whole School

Thank you to those of you who have already given us a password for collection purposes. If you have confirmed a password to be used this means that if someone other than yourself is collecting your child, you no longer need to call the office to inform them of the arrangements. Instead, you can give that person your child's password who will confirm this with the class teacher on pick up. If you have not yet provided us with a password, please email the school office with your chosen password.

Riverbridge Reading Race

Whole School

We have some very busy readers in this school and are so proud to award the following children with prizes for completing the Riverbridge Reading Race.

Well done to Abigail in 6N for earning her certificate and sticker in the race!

Congratulations to the following children, who read between 10 and 19 books from our list, which is amazing! They will receive a certificate, sticker and bookmark:

Anabelle 1H Hari 1B Tecwyn 2F Elliot 2H Juno 3F Bela 4S Surya 6K

We also have five children who read 20 books and completed the whole challenge and will receive a book as well as other prizes. A superb achievement!

Well done to:

Ismael 1B William 2S Jake 4G Lily 4C Madeline 6K

If anyone else has completed the challenge, please let their class teacher know and we can arrange their prizes for them. Thank you for your continued support in this important area of our learning.

Family Learning Bulletin

Surrey County Council Family Learning courses are for parents and carers to help you give your children a positive start in life and to help support your child's learning and development at home and school. Please click on the link to see what is on offer.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Lumen Learning Trust Home Learning Survey

Whole School

As parents and carers you did an amazing job in the months leading up to the summer break – you juggled so many roles and learned many new skills to support your child's learning at home and we thank all of you for your efforts.

It would be foolhardy not to understand what worked (and equally what didn't) during the remote learning and teaching phase. We want to learn about the experiences of every single child and better understand your perspective as a parent or guardian. Our learnings can assist our planning of what online resources would further benefit your child in the classroom as well as how to best support you in developing your child's learning at home. We can reflect on our practice and adapt our approaches accordingly while appreciating that each family has a different context and varying needs.

In relation to remote learning, we would like to know:

What did and didn't work well for you?

Moving forward, what could help further?

What resources do you need to support your child with online learning?

Effective partnership with parents enables the best outcomes for children. We all want what is best for your child to ensure they fulfil their potential. Do take the time to complete this survey – it is completely confidential so please answer as honestly as you can. We can only improve our practice if we get constructive feedback and we thank you in advance in anticipation of your contribution to this survey.

You can take our survey by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/bZyYYwz9phSeBfxQ6>

PTA

Whole School

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our virtual welcome for new parents on Tuesday – it was great to meet you all via Zoom!

If you're a new parent, you can stay connected by joining our Facebook Group at

www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA



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Face masks now on sale

Our Riverbridge School face masks for children are still on sale from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge for £5 each. You can have your child's name, initials or a nickname printed on it free of charge.



Join our 50/50 club!

Don't forget to return your 50/50 club form by 30th September for a chance to win half the club total in our monthly draw. Forms came home in children's bags last week – it costs £10 to enter and raises money towards more great resources for the school.

Get involved

If you'd like to find get more involved in the PTA or put yourself forward for any of our committee roles this year (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary), email us at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

We have our AGM meetings coming up – it's open for everyone to join:

PTA AGM: to appoint committee members and outline our plans and objectives for the school year.

Date: Thursday 8th October, 6.30pm

Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75233039976?pwd=TFU1dVBIbFkyYkIzZkVlaTlwS0hsUT09>

Meeting ID: 752 3303 9976

Passcode: 4bNj8E

Gold Leaves

Whole School

There have been lots of green choices this week and, as a result, very many gold leaves. It has been great to speak to the children about how they have reached gold this week. They can be very proud of their efforts – I am proud of them too!

Evelyn D	Thomas D	Millie T
Deborah O-A	Ethan P	Saisha K
Fawz A	Jack D	David R
Benji WK	Janiyah T	Natalie H
Jetson L	Summer B-P	Grace B
Bryan B	Vyan S	William C
Liam S	Safaa R	Zara A
Nisha R	Lilly-May L	Matilda C
Mason W	Naryan R	Tommy B
Caisie C	George U	Mason D
Yuvraj T	Jess W	Phoebe C
Bentley P	Pixie S	Evie Gr
Mia B		

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

The Nursery numbers are increasing and it has been positive to see how quickly they have settled into their learning routines. Well done to all the children and to those that have reached the rainbow this week.

Tommy S	Nathan S
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House Competition

Whole School

This week we have been thinking about how we welcome others and support our peers during the school day. There have been children spotted for doing the right thing and these children will help contribute to the first House Award that will be shared with you next week. I wonder which house will win?



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4 Core Skills / 8 Great Values

Whole School



Riverbridge is well known as being a welcoming and friendly place and this week we have been thinking about this in more detail. We have reflected on what we can do to be welcoming and how this makes us all feel.

The video clip below might be a useful thing to re watch over the weekend!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qu2cOnULjE>

Spotlight on

Whole School

Emotional Well-being and Mental Health – Anger Management

The following links offer an insight into anger and strategies to use to support your child.

NHS Self-Help Leaflet – Anger

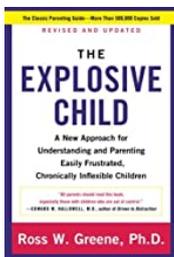
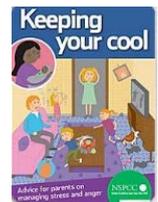
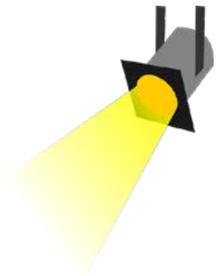
<https://web.nth.nhs.uk/selfhelp/leaflets/Controlling%20Anger%20A4%202016%20FINAL.pdf>

CAMHS recommended self-help support

<https://www.getselfhelp.co.uk/anger.htm>

This NSPCC resource **Keeping Your Cool** gives advice for parents on managing stress or anger:

https://www.moodcafe.co.uk/media/19831/keepingyourcool_wdf48060.pdf



'The Explosive Child Fifth Edition: A New Approach for Understanding and Parenting Easily Frustrated, Chronically Inflexible Children,' by Ross W Greene

Young Minds Parents line - available to offer advice to anyone worried about a child or young person under 25 operating Mon-Fri from 9.30am to 4pm Tel: 0808 802 5544

Wishing you all a very positive weekend.

Being Our Best

Enjoy the pleasant weather!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2020

Mon 21 st Sept	Magna Carta Open Evenings Booking Deadline
Weds 23 rd Sept	Matthew Arnold Virtual Open Evening
Thurs 8 th Oct	PTA AGM 6.30
Sat 10 th Oct	Open Day New Reception 2021 –more details to follow

Mon 26th Oct-Fri 30th Oct 2020

Autumn Half Term

Sun 31 st Oct	Year 7 Application Deadline
Mon 2 nd Nov	Children return to school
Fri 18 th Dec	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

Mon 21st Dec-Fri 1st Jan 2021

Christmas Holiday

Mon 4 th Jan 2021	Children return to school
Fri 12 th Feb	Inset Day 2

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb 2021

Spring Half Term

Thurs 1 st April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
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Fri 2nd –Fri 16th April 2021

Easter Holidays

Mon 19 th April	Children return to school
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 6 th May	Potential Polling Day

Mon 31st May- Fri 4th June 2021

Summer Half Term

Fri 16 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Mon 19 th July	Inset day 3
Tues 20 th July	Inset day 4
Wed 21 st July	Inset day 5



COVID19 – Q'n'A

Do the classes share toilets?

The government guidelines around toilets in schools are clear. Where possible, toilets should be allocated to individual bubbles, or year groups. This is more challenging in primary schools.

We have allocated toilets at KGB and the children are encouraged to use the toilets sensibly and to avoid 'gathering' in these areas.

At PAB, year groups have always had allocated toilets. Children are reminded about turn taking and avoid using a toilet with a child from another bubble.

There is additional cleaning in place during the school day. Regularly used touch points are sanitised during and at the end of the day.

Key to all these measures is good hygiene practices which the children are regularly reminded about.

How do you stop a parent giving their child Calpol to mask a temperature and sending their child in?

We would always rely upon parents sharing the correct information with school and would hope this would never take place.

Schools are currently working through the challenges of managing the 'common cold' season. We understand that children will be under the weather from time to time and will have runny noses and sneezes.

The symptoms of Covid are clear and there should be no overlap with having a cold or being a little run down.

How have you allocated the playground to the children? Can all the classes use the field at PAB?

We have extended the 'class bubbles' to 'year group bubbles' outside, in order to give children the opportunity to mix with a wider group of friends for short periods of the day. In order to do this, we have allocated zones, thinking carefully about the physical size and age of the children and the type of activities they may need available to them. The zones are allocated as follows:

- At KGB, children in Reception and Year one have zones that incorporate the main playground and trim trail as well as some areas of the field when it is dry and we have divided the PlayPod equipment and bikes and scooters across two sheds so there is equal access to toys and equipment for imaginative and physical play for each year group.
- At PAB, Years 2-5 have access to a playground area each and, though it is not possible to store the full PlayPod offer into several different sheds, each year group has their own store of playground equipment so that the children have access to games, sports equipment and some scrap to add interest to their games. They also have a sheltered area with tables and chairs that is set up with toys, colouring and calm activities.
- Year 2 currently have a small playground and the all-weather garden to themselves which provides interest through hills, grass type flooring, picnic benches and a gazebo. They also have a rope swing attached to the tree.
- In addition to their playground zone, Years 3-5 have a zoned area on the field with a set of football goals each.
- Year 6 have a large field as well as a small paved section with a picnic bench.
- For now, the Trim Trail cannot be used at PAB as we need to establish a quick way to clean between uses and ensure that it is not used by children at the end of the day. We will work towards this being used on a rota basis.

The playground and field zoning will be revised over time based on weather and the changing needs of the children. We also need to ensure that each zone is appropriately staffed. We understand that this change to our provision is not ideal as we pride ourselves on our outdoor play opportunities for our children. However, we are bound by the current guidelines and the zoning is the safest way of allowing children the opportunity to play whilst mitigating against the potential risks caused by crossing of the bubbles.

Are packed lunches and school dinners allowed to sit next to each other at lunch?

In short – yes.

Initially this was not the case at PAB as we were trying to manage the lunch service.

Currently the model in the hall is the same as in classes – each class sits together- facing the same way with all windows open and ventilation available.

Can friends in different classes sit with each other at lunch?

In short – no.

Year groups come into the hall together but sit in separate classes.

Our model is that inside the school building, classes are separate bubbles. Outside – in the fresh air – year groups become bubbles.

This enables an element of mingling and an opportunity to communicate with others within the year group whilst outside.

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