



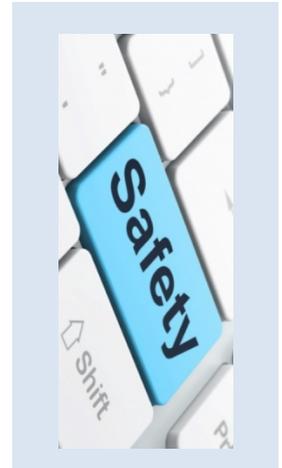
RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 8

1st March 2019

E safety is never far from the minds of the adults within the school. This week is no exception. There have been reports in the news about a craze on the internet, which has unfortunately reached some of the children at Riverbridge. This viral internet event may have been a hoax but this did not stop it affecting a number of children at school. What this has reminded us is that adults need to be carefully monitoring children's use of the internet. We have reminded the children both in class and in assemblies this week to always share with a trusted adult at home if they see something that might upset or concern them on the internet. We would advise you all to consider what measures you have in place at home to ensure your children are safe online.



As a group of schools, we have created a number of handy pages to assist you here. These can be found on the school's website. Please look in the following section for more details:

<https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+information+for+parents&pid=1716>

This week, I have shared with the staff an update to the School's Emergency Plan. Part of this will involve the school practicing a new 'lockdown' procedure. There are further details about this below so you are aware of the process and the rationale behind the policy. These will be practiced next week and it is likely that your children may come home and explain to you what has happened. Please do not be alarmed if they do, it is just another part of how we are keeping the children safe here at Riverbridge.



Next week sees the first of this year's school residential. A large number of Year 6 children will be spending the week in Bristol and seeing what that vibrant city has to offer. The rest of Year 6 will be having fun with their learning closer to home. I look forward to sharing further information about how their weeks have worked out in next week's Bulletin. Good luck to them all!

School's Emergency Plan

Whole School

Lockdown procedures should be seen as a sensible and proportionate response to any external incident, which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in school. Procedures should aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but some of the more typical might be:

- A reported incident / civil disturbance in the local community (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils in the school)
- An intruder on the school site (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils)
- A warning being received regarding a risk locally, of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)

- A major fire in the vicinity of the school
- The close proximity of a dangerous dog roaming loose

Within our plan, there are two levels:

Shelter

During which the school activities carry on as normal practice. However, entrances and exits to the school are closely monitored and all staff are aware and on alert to be vigilant. Although children will be aware, parents may not be informed in this instance.

Lockdown

During which all staff and children would be inside the building, classroom doors and windows closed and the emergency services fully involved. In this instance, parents will be informed if these measures are taken. Please note that before either procedure is implemented; the school will seek advice from external emergency services. It may be that 'shelter' is implemented as a precautionary measure until there is clarity on the level of threat.

As you are all aware, our school is fully committed to the safety and education of all our pupils and our priority is keeping the children safe at all times.

Parent Consultations

Whole School

These essential meetings are now less than a fortnight away. You will have all received the instructions for booking appointments today and I urge you all to get booking over the weekend. Unfortunately, Miss Rochford is unable to have appointments on Thursday 14th so these are available on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 20th instead. Once again, the staff are looking forward to sharing with you how the children are progressing and what else we can do in partnership with you to help your children further. I wonder which class will be first to be fully booked?

Year 4 Family Learning

Year 4

Please remember that on Wednesday 6th March Year 4 will be hosting the family learning event. One adult per child is welcome to join us in our classrooms. The sessions will be held in your child's classroom from 9:00-9:45 and 2:30-3:15 on Wednesday 6th March. If you have not yet signed up please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to sign up at the door, then please write a note in your child's reading planner. We really look forward to welcoming you to our classrooms.

World Book Day

Whole School

Hopefully all parents have received the email earlier in the week giving details of how we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their book along to school. Hedgehogs and Rabbits can dress up on Wednesday 6th March to ensure all of the Nursery children have the chance to participate.

There is a World Book Day website which you can look at to find out more information

www.worldbookday.com. We would very much like the children to be as creative as they can be and there will be a prize for the most imaginative costume in each year group!

This year we will again be having a book fair, but this has been scheduled for June so watch out for more information.

Pastoral Coffee Morning Thursday 7th March 8.50am-10am

Whole School

Please come and join Lyn and Jane from the pastoral team for a coffee and friendly chat with them and other parents from the school. It's a great way to make friendships and get to know other families. Looking forward to seeing you, Lyn and Jane - Home School Link Workers

Year 1 Family Learning

Year 1

On Wednesday 13th March, Year 1 are excited to be hosting our first family learning event. One adult per child is welcome to join us in our classrooms. The sessions will be held from 9:00-9:45 or 2:15-3:00. In the sessions we will be focusing on phonics, including strategies to blend real and alien words. The sign-up sheets for 1S, 1R and 1L will be displayed at the classroom doors from Wednesday 6th March. We are really looking forward to welcoming you and sharing our learning.

Breakfast Club Manager Echelford

Whole School

The Echelford Primary School, part of the Lumen Learning Trust of schools, is looking to appoint an enthusiastic person to lead and manage our daily breakfast club provision.

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 7- 9am plus one extra hour for associated admin tasks per week.

Actual salary will be on pay scale S5 £4,884- £5,531 per year, depending on experience.

If you would like more information or to apply for this vacancy please see our job advert on the ETeach website. Or alternatively, please contact Mrs Kerry Thomas, School Business Manager, on 01784 253233 (option 3).

Sports

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Our Netball A team had their first league match on Thursday at St Michaels. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing our team with Autumn and Spring clubs offered to the A and B teams. The team were thrilled to have the opportunity to put all their skills to the test. The score was 9-3 with Riverbridge taking the win. Mr Waters was most impressed with our skills shown on the court. A huge thank you goes to Miss King for all hard work put into the team. Bring on our next match!



PTA

Whole School



**Riverbridge
Primary School**
Parent Teacher Association



Sponsored Scoot

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored scoot and to all the parents and carers who remembered to bring scooters in to school. Please return any outstanding sponsor money with the form by next Friday 8th March.

The winner for February PTA draw is number 29, Gemma Thomas, mother of Bela and Dafi.

Upcoming events

Next week a list of all upcoming events will be coming home in book bags. There are lots of fun and exciting things happening before Easter arrives so please put the dates in your diary and if you are able to help please do let us know.

Please follow the PTA Facebook page for the very latest information and details of how to get involved.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA/> or @riverbridgeprimaryschoolpta

Have a wonderful half term break!

House Competition

Whole School

Well done to Air House for winning this week's Attendance Challenge. The updated scores are included below.



126
points



123.5
points



147.5
points



We have been talking about **making healthy choices** this week. During the assemblies on Monday, we talked about the different things that we can do to keep ourselves physically healthy. The children were able to talk about having a healthy diet, drinking lots of water and getting plenty of sleep amongst other things. We also talked about mental health. We will address this more over the course of the half term. The clip below might help you all appreciate the different themes we might touch upon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjev3-Js>

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Well done to all the children below who have started this half term so successfully. They can be proud of the efforts that they have made here. Keep it up!

Stella Y
Kavin HT
Lucas H
Benji W-K
Dawid S
Daniel L
Millie T
Binak S

Keira L
Maxim G
Margarida N
Seren B
Nathan B
Callum K
Hollie W
Malakai P

Laurence D
Ava R
Ezra B
Zenobia L-P
Alana O'C
Jake J
Vyan S
Lily S

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done also goes to the children in Nursery who have shown a great attitude towards their learning.

Nikkash A
Coen M

Felicity C

Frankie L

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend!

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SPRING TERM 2019

Mon 4 th -Fri 8 th Mar	Year 6 Residential to Bristol
Mon 4 th Mar	Yr 4 Bikeability Level 1
Tues 5 th Mar	Yr 2 Battle of the books
Weds 6 th Mar	Family Learning Year 4 9-9.45 or 2.30-3.15
Weds 6 th	Yr 2 Pedals 2H
Thurs 7 th	Yr 2 Pedals 2M
Thurs 7 th Mar	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8 th Mar	Yr 2 Pedals 2K
Mon 11 th March	Delivery of duckling eggs to Nursery and Reception
Tues 12 th Mar	Parent Consultations 1.30-5pm

Weds 13 th Mar	Family Learning Year 1 9-9.45 or 2.15-3.00
Thurs 14 th Mar	Parent Consultations 5-8 pm except 1R
Mon 18 th –Fri 22 nd Mar	Year 5 Residential to Bowles
Tues 19th Mar	Year 2 Rehearsal and Music Festival St. Michael's Church 7-8 pm
Weds 20th Mar	Year 2 Music Festival St. Michael's Church 7-8 pm
Weds 20th Mar	Parent Consultations 5-8 pm 1R
Thurs 21 st Mar	Voice in a Million Choir trip
Tues 26 th Mar	Supporting Children with writing Parents Information KGB 2-3 pm
Weds 27 th Mar	Reception trip to Woolley Firs classes tbc
Weds 27 th Mar	Family Learning Year 2 9-9.45 or 2.30-3.15
Weds 27 th Mar	Supporting children with writing Parents Information PAB 6.30-7.30 pm
Thurs 28 th Mar	Reception trip to Woolley Firs classes tbc
Thurs 28 th Mar	Supporting Children with writing Parents Information PAB 9-10 am
Thur 28 th March	Yr 4 trip Hampton Court details to follow
Fri 29 th Mar	Family Quiz Night PTA
Thurs 4 th April	Preloved Uniform Sale PTA
Fri 5 th April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tues 23 rd Apr	Children return to school
Tues 30 th Apr	Class photos - Hedgehogs
Weds 1 st May	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
Thurs 2 nd May	Polling Day
Fri 3 rd May	Class Photos
Mon 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thurs 9 th May	Yr 1 trip to Birdworld details to follow
Sun 12 th May	Riverbridge Runs the Staines 10K PTA
Mon 20-24 th May	Yr 6 Bikeability Level 2 details to follow

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May - Half Term

Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school
Weds 12 th June	Yr 2 trip to Hobbledown Farm details to follow
Thurs 13 th June	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
Mon 17 th June	Yr 5 trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum details to follow
Weds 10 th July	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY 3
Tues 23 rd July	INSET DAY 4
Weds 24 th July	INSET DAY 5

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Weds 4 th Sept	INSET DAY 1
Thurs 5 th Sept	Children Year 1-6 and existing Rabbits return to school
Week of 9 th Sept	New Reception and New Nursery dates tbc separately

Mon 28th Oct-Fri 1st Nov – Half Term

Fri 20 th Dec	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
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Dear Parent

Online Safety Workshop

We would like to invite you to our Online Safety Workshop at Staines Preparatory School on Monday 4th March from 5.30pm until 6.30pm led by Childnet International.

Childnet is part of the UK Safer Internet Centre and works with government, internet industry, adults and children; they are experts in the field of online safety education and we are delighted to have them in school. If you would like some further information on what Childnet do then please visit their website www.childnet.com

We highly recommend you attend the session and feel it will be crucial in supporting your child as they explore, connect, and share online. The session will look at some of the potential risks faced by your child as they explore the internet and offer simple and practical advice to help model and reinforce online safety.

Key issues covered:

Cyberbullying

Social media

Online friendship

Geolocation

Grooming

Parental Controls

Gaming

Due to the importance of the content being delivered in the workshop, we do anticipate it being busy. Please complete our online sign up form by [clicking here](#) by Friday 1st March in order for us to gauge numbers. This workshop is not suitable for children. Please note there is very limited parking on site.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards

Mrs Miles

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