



The Riverside Reporter



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We value children who:

Strive for
excellence

Make the
right choices

Build
relationships



Learning to swim in the pool in school

Dates for your diary

Swimming pool in school for two more weeks

Mon 21st Sept – Cherry Class library visit

Fri 25th Sept – Pear Class library visit

A word from Mr Daniels

Every child a happy learner

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our families back to school. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school every day and that they are wearing the correct school uniform. What a strong start to the year.

NEW STAFF

We welcomed a few new members of staff to the Riverside family. Ms Pervez (who previously worked at Riverside) has returned and is the class teacher in Year 6 Holly Class. Mrs Bryant has started her role as our new School Business Manager. Both new members have settled in well.



SUPER LEARNING IN HOLLY CLASS

SWIMMING LESSONS

The children in years 2-6 have now completed two weeks of swimming lessons. They have another two weeks to go. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct swimming kit in school on their swimming day. We have had many parents contribute £10 towards the cost of the pool and the instructors. If you haven't already and would like to pay, this can be done via the Arbor App. It is really pleasing to see the progress that some of our older children have made with their swimming.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

This week, we have had a few children bring lunches or snacks into school that contain nuts. It is really important that you do not send your child into school with any products containing nuts. This includes cereal bars and chocolate spread with nuts. We have children in school who are allergic to nuts!

HOME TOYS

Another reminder that your child should not be bringing any toys or fidget devices (including squishies and trading cards) into school. Each class has a selection of fidget devices that we give to children who require them. When children bring their own toys in, it often ends in tears as their toys get damaged or lost.

DAILY READING

A massive thank you to all those parents who are reading with their child at home every day. Helping your child to become a good reader is one of the best gifts that a parent can give their child. We will work tirelessly to help your child with reading at school, but your support at home really goes a long way.

PARKING

The parking and dangerous driving on Donnington Gardens at drop off and pick up times is really causing concern, both for me and for other pedestrians using the pavements. Parents are not allowed to park on Donnington Gardens at busy times (the yellow lines and signs tell you so). There have been a few cases of children almost being hit as cars try to reverse on a narrow road. I have asked RBWM to send out an enforcement office to issue parking fines for cars parked illegally. Please leave home a few minutes earlier and find a suitable place to park (off Donnington Gardens) and walk your child into school.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

Parents will have received an email from the office each Friday containing the Responsible Behaviour Curriculum flyer for the following week. The school has bought into this school as we value children who make the right choices and teaching children how to behave well is an important part school life at Riverside. I would really appreciate it if parents took the time to read these flyers each week and follow the practical tips on them.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our school attendance target for the year is 95%. Today our overall attendance figure is 94.6%! I am very pleased with how many children have been at school every day so far this year. There were a number of children who didn't make it back into school for the first day or two and this has dropped their attendance below 90%. Ms Mule (our attendance officer) will be sending out an email every Friday afternoon to the parents of any child whose attendance has dropped below 90%.

Year	% Attendance YTD
Reception	98%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	91.4%
Riverside Average	94.6%

Have a lovely weekend

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