



Here we are, rushing towards the end of another school year, and with it a little more news to share, along with a few fond farewells!

Fond farewells!

The end of the summer term always brings with it sad farewells to our Year 6 students. This year we have been delighted by such a hardworking, well-mannered group of pupils - they really have shown what Riverside is all about. The reports coming back from Wales were positively **GLOWING** - well done and good luck for Year 7, we hope to hear all about your successes in the future! With the STAR MAT now in place, Mr Yapp is at TGS at least once a week and it is always a pleasure to meet our ex-students - please do say hello!



Parents of Year 6 pupils, don't forget to attend **Leavers' Assembly at 2.30pm on Friday 19th July** in the school hall (remember your tissues if you are of an emotional disposition!)

Year 6 also have a special 'Leavers' Lunch' on Friday 12th July. Y6 pupils will have a special menu (just served for Y6, all other pupils stay on the regular menu) of steak pie and chips followed by chocolate cake and chocolate sauce, which the pupils have chosen, as a special treat! All dietary requirements will be met - just let us know. That evening they also have their very own Leavers' Ball with this year's theme 'summer beach party!'

Staffing News

As you will know, this has been an unusually challenging year for our staffing teams for a variety of reasons. We have welcomed the enthusiasm and commitment of our long term and regular supply teachers and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Adams and Mrs Cooper-Noble to our staff teams as full employees of Riverside. We would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Ritchie and Miss Elmy who are leaving Riverside at the end of this term.

Miss Hey will also be departing from Riverside at the end of this term to pursue her dance teaching career and we wish her every success for the future.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hubbard to Riverside. She will be taking over class 4DC from 8th July when Mrs Crossley commences her maternity leave. Miss Hubbard has been in school over the last few weeks meeting with staff, parents and children as part of her induction.

Mrs Deakin will be returning from her maternity leave in September and has been in school for handover meetings as well as getting to know her new class.

Mr Yapp finishes his Executive Head role at Saxton and Miss Woodward completes her Head Of School role at Riverside at the end of this term. We would like to thank all members of both school communities for their support throughout this year.

Dinner news

Don't forget, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in the autumn, they are entitled to a **FREE SCHOOL MEAL** from our tasty menu, each and every day! The autumn menu will be published soon, so keep an eye on our website - we will text when it is available.



We have one more picnic lunch planned on 20th July, which is our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic - so don't forget to send your child with their special friend - Mr Yapp will bring his treasured 'Nev'!

We are pleased to let you know that the STAR MAT have negotiated a bespoke package for our primaries such as all primary schools in the MAT can charge the same next academic year. This will be £1.70 for nursery pupils and £2.30 for pupils in years 3-6. Superb value for money!



Lost property

Please could you check lost property before the end of term as we are building up a bit of a mountain again! We will display this regularly at home-time through the week of the 8th July and then anything remaining will be on sale on the last day at term (for a small donation to Friends). A text will be sent out to let you know when this will be available. Please DO make sure everything is labelled in September!

Sports days



Dates and timings of our remaining sports days are listed at the end of this newsletter and are available via the school website. Watch out for updates via the 'scrolling marquee' section of our website and also via Twitter (@TadRiverside) - should sports events be cancelled/in jeopardy because of the weather, the website will always have up-to-date information! This year we will also again send out any urgent weather updates via our texting service, for those registered.

You are welcome to come along to cheer the children on - in order to maintain site safety, please remain in the spectator areas.

Please note : children can ONLY be escorted by school staff to the toilets during these events as the external access doors will be locked. Staff will also ensure drinks are readily available for their classes

Communication and Payment systems—September

We are moving to a new "all in one place" system for parental communication and payments in the autumn. Currently we use several different systems for texting/booking parents' evening appointments and payments - from September we hope to move to 'Parentmail.' This should make it much easier to tie up all our systems and make sure we can communicate effectively with our parents. We will also be moving to an "in credit" payment process for school dinners/Nursery/Play Place to support our admin team to make sure all payments are made on time. ***Please can we ask all parents to ensure that pupils dinner accounts on parent pay are in credit at the beginning of each week to ensure a school meal can be offered.***

REMINDER-School Uniform/Indoor Shoes-REMINDER

Following a review of our Uniform Policy, we have changed our shoe policy for September. We are aware that changing shoes and the storage of pumps/shoes can cause organisational problems across the day so ***from September 2019 there will no longer be a requirement to have indoor shoes/pumps.*** Black sensible outdoor shoes can be worn at all times - Trainers should only be brought in for outdoor P.E. A full description of the school uniform policy can be found on our website - click [here](#) for the link to this.



We were delighted to be awarded our Fourth Green Flag last month! Congratulations and thank you to the Eco group, Mrs Wyatt, Miss Wright and our Governor, Mr Heard for leading the work in this area.



The Play Place

Riverside Play Place holiday club will be open from

Tues 23rd July 2019 to Fri 9th August 2019

providing full- or half-day childcare for pupils from Nursery age through to Year 6. Each week there will also be extra activities including some local trips and visitors. If you are interested in booking your child a place please contact the School Office on 01937 832899 or use the booking form via the school website (under 'information' and then 'clubs').

Play Place opening dates during the holidays for the 19-20 academic year are already available on the same website page, so you can start planning your childcare.

Click [HERE](#) for a quick link to the Play Place page. We have some limited availability for Play Place morning and afternoon term-time sessions for the autumn term. Please let us know if you are interested ASAP as these are bound to book up quickly.

Change to May Bank Holiday 2020

May bank holiday 2020 has been changed . It will now be on **Friday May 8th**

Next year's early **May bank holiday** will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events. Click on this [link](#) for our revised dates on the website for the next academic year.

Nursery availability

We still have some spaces available in our Nursery for the autumn term. If you are interested in having your child in Nursery for longer or have family or friends who may be interested, just contact the School Office on 01937 832899, or email SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk for more details.

Meet the Teacher Open Evening Invitation for 3SC parents—Tuesday 3.30-6pm

As Mrs Tranter was unwell and couldn't attend our Celebration of Work evening, she would like to invite any families to school on Tuesday 9th July from 3.30-6pm. Come and have a look around the classroom and meet Mrs Tranter!



Dates for your Diary

July 2019

Monday 8th July UKS2 sports reserve 1.30pm

Monday 8th July Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 10th July LKS2 sports reserve

Thursday 11th July y5/6 technical rehearsal all day at Riley Smith Hall

Friday 12th July EY/KS1 sports AM

Friday 12th July leavers lunch

Monday 15th July Sports event day

Monday 15th July Reports out

Monday 15th July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith Hall

Tuesday 16th July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith Hall

Wednesday 17th July EY/KS1 sports reserve

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th - year 5/6 shows 7pm at Riley Smith Hall

Thursday 18th July awards assembly AM for pupils

Friday 19th July y6 Leavers Assembly 2.30 PM

Friday 19th July Teddy Bears Picnic; stay and play; school closes

Monday 22nd July staff training day - school closed to pupils. If you change address or any contact information please either ring the school office on 01937 832899 or drop us an email on SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk



Thank you to parents for being so conscientious and phoning in when your child is absent. If you are leaving a voicemail message, please ensure you give us brief details i.e. we need to know the nature of the illness rather than that they are just ill or off. **We NEED all families to please get into the habit of ringing or emailing us as a matter of urgency if your child is absent.** Please don't be offended if we call/text you on your child's first day of absence - we care about our school community and want to make sure things are ok!

Contact us

The school office email is: SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk

For more sensitive School Office enquiries please contact Mrs Borradaile our School Business Manager using the admin account: admin@rs.starmat.uk

Should you need to contact Mr Yapp/Miss Woodward directly, the addresses are headteacher@rs.starmat.uk and a.woodward@rs.starmat.uk

Please note that classroom staff have a very busy working day and do not monitor their email during teaching time. Should your contact be urgent (i.e. needs to be seen within 24 hours), please use one of the office addresses or phone us on 01937 832899.

If you receive a phonecall from us, please don't use 'ringback'! We dial out from our fax line - please use 01937 832899 to ring in to school

Thank you for your
continued support. Have a
great summer!

Ian Yapp

Headteacher



Alison Woodward

Head of School