



RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

We hope you managed some family time through half term- Welcome back to this half term!

Covid-19 Guidance updates

As we enter a second lockdown period, there are some important updates from the Government regarding school safety.

Ventilation:

The Government have given clear advice to maintain adequate ventilation and fresh air circulation at all times to minimise the risk of transmission. As the weather becomes colder, although we will be using our heating systems to keep the room temperatures at a comfortable working level, there may be times when this feels cooler than normal. We would encourage children to wear an additional layer on the colder days – a plain t-shirt or vest underneath their school uniform.

Face Coverings/Drop off and pick up times:

Face coverings must continue to be worn at all times in communal areas when on site. Please can I politely remind parents that the children should only be accompanied by one adult where possible and that the children should remain with their adult at all times, with 2m social distancing between families. If your child is in Year 5/6 and have permission to walk to school independently, they are able to arrive after 9.05 am where they will be met by staff. We do not have the capacity for any “playtime” supervision during this period before school so please do not arrive too early for your start time. After school, parents and children MUST leave the site as soon as possible please to comply with the National Lockdown restrictions for social gatherings.

Thank you for your continued support through this period—if any families are experiencing difficulties through this period of National Lockdown restrictions, please do get in touch with us– we are always available to listen and support our families where we can.

Admissions to Main School- Reception 2021

For those of you who have children eligible to start school NEXT September, please remember applications are due by **January 15th 2021**. This might still seem a long way away, but over the last few years several families have not applied in time! There is no automatic transfer from Nursery, you MUST apply formally to NYCC for a Reception place - we have been quite full several times in the past few years and hope for the same this coming year.

If you know of any families who have children ready to start school next September please make sure they get this message, even if they don't currently attend our wonderful Nursery.

Normally we would invite and welcome families for a school tour- unfortunately due to the current Covid-19 safety restrictions we are unable to offer this so we are preparing a virtual tour of the school which will be available soon. This will be found on our website and by request from the office. As Head of School, I am available for phone appointments to answer any questions to help you make the right choice for your child. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment on 01937 832899 or email: schooloffice@rs.starmat.uk

Apply for a place in our Reception 2021 classes by clicking [HERE](#).





Children In Need- Friday 13th November

It's Children in Need Day on Friday, and we are very keen to participate and fundraise as a school, keeping as many of our traditional activities as possible, whilst adapting to current circumstances.

The theme for Children in Need in schools this year is a focus on children's mental wellbeing, and the charity has produced some excellent, fun resources which we will be using in classes throughout next week. This will be a valuable opportunity to teach the children about ways to improve their feelings of wellbeing at this difficult time.

We would love the children to dress up for the day. Each class bubble will decide on their own theme today, and this will be communicated to you via Parentmail. We will be asking children to bring in a pound for the privilege of dressing up or wearing their own clothes for the day, to raise money for Children in Need. As we will be unable to have our usual money-raising stalls in the hall this year, please feel free to donate more than a pound if you would like to do so. We will be having a virtual whole school celebration assembly on Friday afternoon, and children will be chosen from each year group to show off their costumes!

We are also planning to have our traditional Year 6 talent show (assuming we get enough willing participants!). We will film this year's acts, and each class will be able to watch them in their classroom during Friday morning and vote on their favourite – there will be a prize for the winners.

During the week, the children will be learning to sign along to the song 'What a Wonderful World', and will perform it all together in our Friday assembly. Music plays such an important part in our Riverside community, and this will be a lovely way to bring us all together at a time when communal singing is not possible.

Thank you very much for your support in helping the children to have an enjoyable experience of Children in Need Day, and most importantly, to appreciate the importance of giving and caring for others.



Friends News and Events

Towards the end of last term, Friends of Riverside held their AGM. During the Covid-19 restrictions we are thinking up creative ways to fundraise for the school!

Coming up:

November 13th Deadline for Bags 2 School:

It's time to tidy out your wardrobes and give all your unwanted stuff to raise money for the school. This year any donations need to be in tied up bin bags (no empty bags to fill are being sent home) and left on the grass by the lamppost in the car park on 13th November by 9.30am.

WHAT BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:*

*Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags
Hats
Bags
Scarves and ties
Jewellery
Lingerie
Socks
Belts
Soft toys
Household linen
Household curtains
Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)*

*** We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items
We DO NOT accept:**

*Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*



FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE
100 CLUB

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN UPTO £50 FOR A £2 BET
JOIN OUR 100 CLUB

With all profits going back to help Riverside school

The Friends of Riverside School 100 Club is a private lottery and is open to all parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, staff and friends of Riverside School. Anyone age 16 or over can join.
(Places will initially be limited to 2 per household, with a waiting list in operation.)

To join you need complete a membership form and Standing Order mandate for £2 a month or £24 annually. This buys you one number (we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw.

To enter email your details to friendsofriversideschool@outlook.com

deadline for orders—16th November

Presents for Parents

Monday 30th November 2020-

Once again this year we will be giving children the opportunity to buy Christmas presents for their parents/carers/grandparents. The children thoroughly enjoy this every year and we have some lovely gifts available. (Please note that the presents are only suitable for adults - no child gifts are available.)

The cost is **£2.00** per present and the children will be able to choose from a range of presents pre-wrapped on the day. Unlike previous years the children will be making the labels in class rather than at home. When you place your order on the website below in the notes section put what you would like your child to put on the labels.

We are running it differently this year and all orders need to be done online at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofriversideschool This is where payment can be also made. (payment **cannot** be made via Parent-mail).

Demand is usually very high, so in order to ensure we have enough presents to go around please can we have all orders in on the above website by **Monday 16th November**. We cannot guarantee gifts being available after this closing date. Thank you. **Friends of Riverside.**

Quick link!– click [here](#) to see our Menu for the Autumn term 2020



School Photos



November 19th—Individual photos

We are delighted that Adventure Photography are able to continue with their sessions to take individual photos on Thursday November 19th. These will take place during the school day and we are unable to take family groups or siblings this year due to the restrictions.

Please note- children will not need their PE kits this day—any PE will be tailored to be carried out in uniform just for this day so please ensure your child is in usual school uniform—Thank you !

3rd December—Year 4 Tudor Day

This term, our Year 4 classes have been learning all about the Tudors in their history lessons. To celebrate all the fantastic learning that has taken place, we would like to hold a Tudor Day on Thursday 3rd December for the Year 4 children. As we will still be following the Government guidelines with regards to Covid procedures, this year's Tudor Day might be a little bit different to other years. However, we have been working very hard to make sure the children will still have a brilliant day!

With this in mind, children are welcome to come to school dressed as a Tudor boy or girl. Please make use of any old clothes you have at home. We are not expecting anyone to spend money on expensive costumes as it is just for fun and to help create a Tudor ethos! A simple costume might consist of a pair of shorts (grey school shorts), smart shoes, a white shirt and a waistcoat. It could also be a long skirt, a blouse and an apron. Please bear in mind that children will be doing a variety of arts and crafts activities so may get a little messy.

We hope you enjoy preparing for the Tudor Day and thank you for your support. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask the Year 4 teams.



Parking reminder!

Please make sure you are parking with consideration for our local community when dropping off or collecting your child, especially in private residential areas such as Tower Crescent.

Thank you

Parents Evenings

We would like to invite you to make an appointment for our parent-teacher consultation evenings this year- these will take place over the week of November 16th .

Due to Covid-19 restrictions these will be held virtually via Google Meet (linked to Google Classroom)

We will be issuing guidance shortly via Parentmail for the booking system for your appointments as well as the available dates for your child's class. The appointments are approximately 5 -10 minutes and you will receive an invitation to the meeting via your child's email address that they use for the classroom.

Bookings will open at 7am on Monday 9th November and close on Friday 13th November at midday

If separated families require more than one booking, please contact the School Office directly

In order to maintain our safeguarding standards with a virtual appointment, we have an Acceptable Use Agreement for all live online events—please read this carefully and then follow the link to sign your agreement . Please note- your appointment will NOT be able to proceed without your agreement—thank you

Please follow this link for the Acceptable Use Agreement information on our website

Dates for your Diary!

November 2020

Monday 9th November- Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 13th November—Bags 2 school deadline

Friday 13th November- Children In Need day

Week 16th November—Parents Evenings

Thursday 19th November—individual photos

Monday 30th November—Presents for Parents

December 2020

Monday 7th December Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Thurs 10th December -Christmas lunch

Term closes Fri 18th December

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going of the sun and in the morning,
we shall remember them.*

You are invited to:
**REMEMBRANCE
FAMILY SERVICE
ON ZOOM**
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 10.30AM
MEETING ID: 9861012744
PASSWORD: 377646

Contact us

The school office : SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk

Miss Woodward: a.woodward@rs.starmat.uk

Classteachers: Please use the **schooloffice@rs.starmat.uk** email address for any messages to classteachers—please do not use clasdojo or google classroom as the classteachers are unable to respond directly through these systems.

Mrs Deakin—Inclusion Manager: n.deakin@rs.starmat.uk

Mrs McCombe- Early Years Leader: j.mccombe@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

Ian Yapp

Executive Headteacher

**Thank you for your
continued support!**



Alison Woodward

Head of School