

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th June 2017

Dear Parents,

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.

Summer Fair

What a superb event! There is no doubt that our recent Summer Fair was a wonderful, fun-packed family event and all credit must go to our Friends of Riverside for a great afternoon out and around £3500 raised to help support our school.



Well done and thank you Friends of Riverside!

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 admin@riverside.n-yorks.sch.uk for more details.

Dinner news

Don't forget, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in the autumn, they are **STILL** (!) 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 have a few more picnic lunches planned for July, on 19th and 25th July, with the 25th being our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic - so don't forget to send your child with their special friend!

The Bridge Project

The Bridge Project at Manor Farm is holding its annual Holiday Club in the week beginning 31st July. Monday to Friday, 10am - 3.30pm, £3/day with discounts for families. Bring a packed lunch. To book visit their website www.bridgeproject.info and fill in the form.

Lost property and uniform sale

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.

Fed up with your child losing things? Friends have sourced a UK supplier who offer personalised products, shoe stickers, property labels and clothing labels. Visit www.funkylabels.co.uk, place your order, and enter 'Riverside' in the Group ID box. 20% of the value of your order will be given to Friends, to be invested back into future school projects, they offer free shipping, and you won't have to search through lost property again!

Friends of Riverside would welcome any donations of unwanted, good condition uniform items. They will be offering these items for re-sale at the Reception 2017 parent meeting on Wednesday 5th July at 6.30pm and also at after school sales on the last 3 Fridays this term - 7th July, 14th July and 21st July. A good chance to pick up a bargain.

Book bags

We are delighted with the effort and energy our pupils and families put into home-school activity including reading.



From September, we are going to **insist** that all pupils keep their reading materials, planner and any school-to-home communications in a book bag. This will both help to protect an expensive school reading resource and hopefully alleviate the problem of lost letters!

All pupils will therefore be expected to use a Riverside book bag or similar style bought elsewhere.

This will include Key Stage 2 pupils - they will need a book bag as well as any rucksack or school bag they choose to bring on PE days etc, so that reading books and letters don't get lost in the bottom of a bigger bag! We have school book bags available to buy from the School Office for £5 each. We have these in stock NOW, ready for the autumn.

You can buy similar elsewhere including online, but please can we request that if you are not buying the school version, you buy very similar and buy 'quite plain' and in blue.

Please do ensure all materials are named.

Fond farewells!

The end of the summer term always brings with it sad farewells to our Year 6 students. This year we have been impressed by such a hardworking, well-mannered group of pupils - they really have shown what Riverside is all about. Well done and good luck for Year 7, we hope to hear all about your successes in the future. Parents of Year 6 pupils, don't forget to attend Leavers' Assembly at 2.30pm on Tuesday 25th July in the school hall (remember your tissues if you are of an emotional disposition!)

Year 6 also have a special 'Leavers' Lunch' on 22nd July. Y6 pupils will have a special menu (just for Y6) 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 Garden Party' (dress code - whatever you like!)



The end of this term will also see a few departing staff. Mrs Harrison leaves Riverside after many years of fantastic service - all the best Mrs Harrison! Mrs Marshall will be retiring from our admin team - we will miss you Mrs Marshall after many years of excellent service to our school community.

Mrs Wade is leaving us overseas - we wish her and her young family all the best for the future and the exciting adventure ahead!

Joining our teaching team in the autumn, working Mondays and Tuesdays in the job share with Miss Hunter (Mrs Deakin from September!) will be Mrs Ritchie. Also, in Year 3 (3SC), we welcome Miss Cade for the autumn term.

Changeover Day on Thursday 6th July, along with several other transition events, will see us welcome many, many pupils to Riverside in preparation for the autumn. Not only have we 54 new starters in Reception, but our ever-popular Nursery will start the year with more than 40 pupils and we expect to welcome several new starters into various other classes throughout school!

Exercise books

With Riverside still awaiting its next OFSTED inspection, we need to keep Early Years Profiles, writing and maths books for the time being so that we have good evidence of pupil outcomes. Once new books start to fill up during the autumn, we will send this year's books home as well as asking Year 6 families to pop in and collect their books.

The Play Place

Riverside Play Place holiday club will be open for the first three and a half weeks of the summer holiday, providing full- or half-day childcare for pupils from Reception 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 17-18 academic year are already available on the same website page, so you can start planning your childcare.

Last day of term - Picnic and play



Dry weather permitting (!), you are invited to bring your own picnic or just come along and join in some games on the school field to celebrate the end of term. Join in from 3.30pm on Tuesday 25th July. The Friends hope to arrange for an ice-cream van on the school field - may be a bit of a queue, though!!

Please note this event is for families to join in together, there will be no school supervision for unaccompanied children!

Some Dates For Your Diaries:

Mon 3rd July KS2 rounders competition
Weds 5th July LKS2 sports 1.30pm
Weds 5th July Reception 2017 open evening 6.30pm
Weds 5th and Thurs 6th July TGS promotion days
Thurs 6th July - whole school 'changeover day'
Friday 7th July UKS2 sports reserve 1.30pm
Mon 10th July Sports event day—for all school pupils
Mon 10th July Full Governors Meeting
Weds 12th July Lower Key Stage 2 sports reserve
Thurs 13th July Y5/6 technical rehearsals at Riley Smith all day - **yrs 5&6 will walk down and be off site all day**
Fri 14th July EY/KS1 sports AM
Mon 17th July am Dress rehearsal at Riley Smith - **yrs 5&6 will walk down and be off site all morning**
Mon 17th July Ainsty Sports PM
Mon 17th July Reports home today
Tues 18th July am Dress rehearsal at Riley Smith - **yrs 2 to 6 will walk down and be off site all morning**
Weds 19th July EY/KS1 sports reserve
Weds 19th and Thurs 20th Year 5/6 shows 7pm at Riley Smith Hall
Fri 21st July Year 6 Leavers disco 7-9pm
Fri 21st July Leavers' lunch
Monday 24th July Awards assembly AM for pupils
Tuesday 25th July Y6 Leavers' assembly 2.30 PM
Tuesday 25th July Teddy Bears' Picnic; stay and play; school closes for summer holidays

NB. Monday 4th September 2017 - Training Day - school closed to pupils; Tuesday 5th September - we welcome pupils back for another year!

Have a happy and restful summer when it comes!

Jan Yapp