

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2017

We are now very well settled and back into the swing of school life! There is plenty of news to share as we race towards half-term!

Ofsted Inspection

As you will be aware we were visited by Ofsted on Tuesday this week for a one day section 8 inspection led by Her Majesty's Inspectorate. We had a very positive day and our pupils, as ever, were the absolute stars of the show. Thank you for all of your lovely messages of good luck and for engaging so actively with the ParentView website. We are not allowed to share the outcome until it is published so watch this space!

Harvest



Yesterday we celebrated Harvest in school with a lovely service led by Rev Sue Sheriff. Our Harvest table looked resplendent as ever as you can tell from the picture above.

Thank you to all within our school community for your generous donations, which we will pass on to both local beneficiaries nominated by our families and also to Selby and District Food Bank who distribute produce to those in need locally. Thank you to Mark Barnett from the foodbank for coming along to share in our Harvest Service.

In this way our pupils both make a real difference and also learn what it means to take an active part in charity and support work.

Photos

On school photography day, Thursday 12th October, the timetable for our photographer will be:

8.00am - 9.00am, out-of-school sibling groups only. This is a chance for your school children to have their photograph taken with their younger or older sibling(s) who do not attend our school. The session will finish promptly at 9am so please arrive early to avoid disappoinment.

9.00am - 3.15pm, individual and in-school sibling photographs.

3.30pm - 4.00pm, informal family groups.

Parents Evenings

We have scheduled our first parent-teacher consultation evenings this year to take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October, with appointments on both days available from 3.30-6.30pm. Please do take the opportunity to meet with your child's new class teacher if possible. Remember to book your appointment, using our online booking system - the system remains open for bookings until midday on Fri 13th Oct. As ever in a large school, just one or two classes have slight variations to dates and timings!

As part of these evenings, staff will discuss with you:

- *How your child is settling from both school and parent perspective*
- *Where your child 'is at' and where staff hope they will be by the end of year allowing for realistic but challenging targets; progress hoped for*
- *Current areas being addressed*
- *Whether your child is part of any extra focus groups and what these are for, including a discussion around your*

child's Individual Provision Map if they are on the school's SEND register

- *The 'effort' they are putting into their schooling*
- *How you, as parents, can support your child*
- *Check on any relevant health details we should be aware of*

As with last year, staff will also share with you, and you will be able to take home, a target setting sheet which your child will have agreed with their teacher during a one-to-one pupil progress discussion in class.

You should also receive a 'notes' sheet, which was well received last year. This should come home attached to your parents evening information letter. This is entirely optional and for your use only, but may help you jot down any questions or comments and help remind you of conversations with staff throughout the year. Spare copies are available electronically on the 'Information' tab and then via 'Policies' on our website or click [here](#).

Friends Events



Several exciting Friends events are coming soon - all dates are on the website or via the 'Calendar' tab:

- The Friends AGM is on Monday 9th October at 7.00pm in the staffroom - all welcome - please use Office entrance
- Our Autumn disco is on Friday 13th October, 6-6.45pm for infants and 7-8pm for juniors. Early Years pupils are welcome to the infant event, though parents are encouraged to stay. Nursery parents MUST stay! Juniors should NOT arrive early and expect to attend the infant disco with their siblings, we just don't have the capacity! £1 entry with refreshments and various 'glow in the dark' gifts on sale. Our discos this term are HALLOWEEN THEMED so come in fancy dress!
- **Our school bonfire and fireworks event will take place on Saturday 4th November.** This is a major event in our calendar, we really hope EVERYONE will come down - more details via the Friends.

The Big Draw



Over the last few years, Riverside School has taken great delight in joining in with the Big Draw event, with more than 450 pupils each year creating masterpieces in chalk on our playgrounds. This year our theme is 'Living Lines' and 'Lines that tell stories' and we intend to mark the event on Tuesday 10th October. We will start with a special whole school assembly then chalking on the playgrounds during morning break (this might need to change if the weather is unsuitable). We are inviting YOU to come and join us to draw with the children in their classrooms from 2.45pm to the end of the school day. Each class will be open with pupils using various media to create their pictures. It would be great to have lots of parents come down and share the experience, working alongside the children. Please come through the usual classroom entrances to go your child's class.

Application for secondary school

Just to remind our Year 6 families that applications for secondary places need to be made online by the **end of this month**.

Visit www.northyorks.gov.uk and then click on the 'apply, book, pay and report links' on the front page or just click [HERE](#). You can apply NOW! All families must apply online, there is no automatic promotion from Riverside to Tadcaster Grammar!

Flu vaccinations - reminder to register your child

On 28th November, all of our pupils from reception through to year 4 are eligible to have a flu vaccination at school via the North Yorkshire vaccination team.



Don't forget you **MUST** give consent online for this to happen: <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

Cyber Safety

Whilst it is still quite early in the academic year, we thought we would remind you about cyber safety.



On the school website [HERE](#), there is a great deal of information about how we work with pupils, the resources we use and how you can help to keep your child safe online.

September 2018 Reception classes!

On Thursday 12th October 9.15-11.00am we are holding an Open Morning for ALL families considering Reception places for their child for September 2018. Whether you know the school well, or have your first child coming through Nursery, come along and have a tour and ask us lots of questions!

ALL of our Reception 2018 places must be applied for online by Jan 15th 2018. Visit www.northyorks.gov.uk and then click on 'apply, book, pay and report' to apply or just click [HERE!](#) You can apply NOW. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office.

Halfterm holiday fun!



A reminder that our Holiday Club (The Play Place) will be open throughout half-term and is now taking bookings. The booking form is available from the 'Clubs' section of the website - click on information and follow the 'Clubs' link - ring 01937 832899 for further details.

Please could we also take this opportunity to remind families using the Play Place that the stated end times are the latest at which a child should leave the premises and beyond this point (as with most childcare providers), a late collection fee is payable.

Why not start the half term off with a craft session at Tadcaster Library with craft artist Kathryn. She will be showing you how to make some spooky Halloween critters. Click [HERE](#)

Or why not make some Autumn crafts to spruce up your house!

There will be plenty to do at this family-friendly craft workshop, suitable for ages 5+ and families starting at 10am - 12pm. Tickets are £3. Don't forget to book with either Kathryn or the library, as places may go quickly.

To book please contact Kathryn on kathryn@kathryn-richardson-designs.co.uk / 07812 026569

Or buy your tickets by dropping in at Tadcaster Library or call 01609 534525

Parent Workshops

Advance notice that on Wednesday 1st November from 6.30pm we will be holding some Parent Workshop events at school. More details and timings will follow, but our planned workshops are:

- **Supporting reading at home—developing fluency, inference and reading for understanding**
- **How to support your child at home with fluency in maths, using SMIRFs, MyMaths, etc**

We hope to see you there.

Parking reminder

Whilst it is still very early in the school term, please can I send a timely reminder or two:

- Remember our neighbours - please park sensitively if parking roadside; do not park on corners, across driveways etc; this has especially been noted as a problem around Kelbar
- Remember that Tower Crescent is private property; this is not a public road and as such you should not be parking, dropping off or turning vehicles on this property
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE maintain 'flow' through our parent/visitor carpark - only park in marked bays and do not stop elsewhere as it both causes obstruction and can be a danger to pedestrians.

Tadcaster Flood Action Community Event

On Sunday 15th October from 11am to 3pm in the Riley Smith Hall, the Tadcaster Community Flood Action Group are holding an event with representatives from Water Rescue, Fire, Police, CPR to name but a few. There will be lots of hands on activities too. Click [HERE](#) for the flier.

Some Dates For Your Diaries:

October 2017

Reception open morning - Thurs 12th Oct for Sept 18 starters
Thurs 12th and Fri 13th Oct STAR Able Writers group in Play Place
Thurs 12th October individual pupil photos
Friday 13th October School discos
Monday 16th Oct Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm
Autumn parents evening - Tues 17th and Weds 18th October
Weds 18th Oct KS1 able maths workshop STAR
Close for half-term Friday 20th Oct
Mon 30th Oct term starts for children

November 2017

Weds 1st to Fri 3rd Nov Travelling Books Bookfair in Hall before and after school
Weds 1st Nov - parents workshop 6.30pm TBC
Thurs 2nd Nov KS2 Able Science space workshop STAR
Fri 3rd Nov - Bonfire lunch
4th to 30th Nov Anti-bullying month
Saturday 4th Nov FOR bonfire and fireworks
Weds 8th 'Streetlaw' - human rights - workshops for y6
Weds 15th 'Streetlaw' - crime and punishment - workshops for y6
Mon 13th Nov Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 16th Nov STAR y6 k'bots challenge day 1
Fri 17th Nov Children In Need day and special lunch
Tues 28th Nov - flu jabs years Rec to y4
CHANGE OF DATE - school Christmas lunch moved to Thursday 14th December!

Thank you for your continued support.

Pam Yapp,

Headteacher

PS don't forget our shared school office email address is now:

SchoolOffice@riverside.n-yorks.sch.uk

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