

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th April 2018



Given that we are already nearly at the end of April at the time of writing, this newsletter is our April and May combined 'special edition'!!

Message from Mrs Taylor

Mrs Taylor left Riverside for Scotland at Easter - she passed on this lovely message to share:

'I have loved my time at Riverside. It has been a joy working with such committed parents in helping your children to grow. I also want to thank the many people at school and in the wider community who have supported me (and my son Angus) over the years - it has been greatly appreciated. With every possible best wish for the future. Mrs Taylor'

We of course wish Mrs Taylor all the very best and will keep you posted when we have news!

Academisation update

Just a very brief update to let you know that plans continue to progress towards the STAR Multi-Academy Trust and that 1st May should see us convert to academy status. What will be different you may ask? Very little indeed! Though we will be taking the opportunity to formally become Riverside School, Tadcaster (for some strange reason our given name currently is 'Tadcaster, Riverside Community Primary School'). Otherwise our school will continue to grow, develop and change as it always have - and despite any rumours, we are not changing admissions, uniform.....

You may have heard that for the first year of life as a MAT, Martyn Sibley, the headteacher at Tadcaster Grammar, will be interim Chief Education Officer - we are delighted with this news.

Debating team success

Well done to our Year 6 debating team for winning the Selby Area Heat recently - they move on to the County Finals at County Hall in June!



School uniform

To be sure that school uniform is received and distributed before we close for the summer holidays, please ensure any uniform orders for the autumn are in school no later than 22nd June.

You can find a blank uniform order form in the 'paperwork' section of our school website.

Charging policy update

Many families use some of the private childcare offered by the school, including Riverside Play Place.

The school policy is to review these charging arrangements each Spring ready for the Autumn Term, in order to give

parents plenty of notice, with many families choosing employer salary sacrifice schemes to pay by voucher and thereby save considerably on costs by offsetting against tax.

All rates have been fully discussed and approved by the Resources Committee of the Governing Body.

Play Place rates have also been compared to other similar providers' charges locally to ensure we provide a competitive, good value service.

I can confirm therefore that charges from **1st September 2018** will be:

Item	September 2018 charge
Play Place - Breakfast Club	£5.10
Play Place - After School Club	£8.40
Play Place - Holiday Club $\frac{1}{2}$ days	£11.50
Play Place - Holiday Club full days	£20.80

We are sure parents will still see these charges as both representing competitive rates and great value for the excellent standard of childcare on offer.

Remember, these rates do not come into effect until September 2018.

School lunch - additional option



Just to remind you that this term we are delighted to be able to offer an additional option at lunchtime, where pupils can choose to pre-order (at morning registration) a sandwich lunch. This 'sandwich of the day' option is available in addition to the usual hot meal choice. NB we rely on parents to look at overall nutrition against this option i.e. perhaps having a sandwich for lunch every day may require you to consider balancing out the diet over the week for the other meals!

We normally announce our September meal prices at this time of the year. These will have to follow later this year, as we are in discussions with NYCC around their contract charges and trying to minimise the impact on both our budget and your wallets!

Don't forget to let us know!

If you change address or any contact information please either ring the school office on 01937 832899 or drop us an



email on SchoolOffice@riverside.n-yorks.sch.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!

Cycling to school and Bikeability

The warmer weather often sees an increasing number of children walk and cycle to school. This is terrific as it provides exercise and lessens the amount of traffic on and around our school site.



If your child is in Key Stage 2 you may wish to consider them cycling to school independently (especially if they have passed their Bikeability/Rotary Club tests). If this is the case, please let us know at the school office as we have a short 'Cycling Contract' which needs to be completed. This is also available via the school website under 'paperwork.'

Younger pupils (Key Stage 1 and younger) cycling to school should be accompanied by a responsible adult please. There are secure racks available outside the front entrance to school as well as outside Mrs Thompson's portacabin. Remember please - all bikes and scooters must be dismantled throughout the school site.

Under the Bikeability scheme, every pupil in Year 5 will be given the opportunity to train in safe road cycling during June/July, so please ensure bikes are in good repair, your child has a helmet and starts working on balance skills whilst indicating and turning etc! More details will follow very soon. To help with this process, the 'Bike Checklist' is also under 'paperwork' on the new school website - if in doubt, get the bike checked out professionally.

Class placements for September

I plan to confirm September class placements to parents just after May half-term, so that you know who your child's new class teacher is, in time for our annual Celebration of Work evening on Wednesday 20th June. Watch out for a message - the target date is Thursday 7th June! Please note that we might have to leave some class teachers as 'TBC' as there may be one or two appointments to be made for next term.

Playtime Snacks



Please could I remind parents that the only snack coming in from home for playtimes should be fruit. Over the last few weeks we have had several children with sweets etc which isn't very fair on the others around them. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Nursery places for September

If you (or someone you know) would like a nursery place for your child for this coming September, please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency to secure a place.

Contact us via SchoolOffice@riverside.n-yorks.sch.uk 01937832899 or pop in to the Office between 8.30 and 3.45 on any weekday.

Tadcaster Sportive



Some of you will have visited the school site over the holidays when we hosted the Tadcaster Sportive cycling event. Great fun and helping raise valuable funds for Martin House. Well done to all involved with £2400 raised for Martin House.

And finally, a couple of brief pleas...

- Please can we remind all of our parents and pupils - ball games are not allowed before school! A few of our pupils seem to be coming early in the morning in order to play with friends before school - pupils should be arriving 'just in time' for entry bells.
- Riverside School site is a no-smoking premises. This covers the entire site including outdoor areas and also precludes the use of 'e-cigarettes.'
- Medical appointments - please can all medical appointments be notified directly to the School Office (by all means tell your child's teacher as well should you wish). Please remember to bring your appointment card or letter, which all healthcare providers will provide
- Please could we remind parents and children that to prevent possible accidents, the play equipment in the Reception outdoor areas and on the school field should only be used with school staff supervision and therefore should not be used before or after school times- thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Dates To remember

April 2018

Fri 20th April year group letters out

Monday 23rd April Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm

May 2018

Mon 7th May bank holiday - school closed to pupils

Y6 SATSs week 14th May

Monday 21st May Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm

Weds 23rd May Y6 Wales parents briefing 6.30pm

Fri 25th May School sponsored walk

Fri 25th May School closes for hols

Fri 25th May School Discos

June 2018

Mon 4th June Term starts for pupils

Week 4th-8th June Wales residential for y6

Week 4th June Bikeability for year 5

Thank you for your continued support.

Ian Yapp
Headteacher

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