

# RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,  
Welcome back to this, our final half-term of the year.  
A slightly longer edition than usual, but there is rather a lot to share!

### The STAR Multi Academy Trust

As you can see by our lovely new logo above, we are now part of the STAR Multi Academy Trust. This is an exciting new project for us (following 2 years of detailed construction) and will really help us to continue to strengthen bonds with our local partners.

As I am sure you are aware, for just over a year, I will also be working as Executive Headteacher for Saxton School and Miss Woodward has become Head of School for Riverside from 4<sup>th</sup> June. I still intend to be very 'hands on' at our wonderful school and I am delighted that Miss Woodward will be there to provide an expert steer when I am not available.

Watch this space for future news!

### Staffing update and class groups for 2018-2019

We sent a letter home on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June detailing class placements for September, with this half-term ensuring the best possible handover information is in place to enable a flying start to the next academic year. There will also be 'Stay and Play' sessions and home visits for those starting Reception or Nursery next year.

During the late summer term and very early autumn, we will again be offering parents of every year group the chance to attend a 'Welcome to Year X' parents' information evening' - watch out for more news very soon.

Year 1 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Year 3 Weds 11<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

### Don't forget to follow us

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter - @TadRiverside. Join the growing crowd for pics, videos and so on - it's a great way to share what is happening at our wonderful school!



### Celebration of Work Evening

Our annual 'Celebration of Work/Open Evening' takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, from **3.30pm until 6pm**. If you know of any families due to start in Reception or Nursery this September, please make sure they have received their invite!

Venue	What you can see
Early Years	The Early Years areas (Nursery and Reception) will be set up inside and outside ready for play. A chance for you and your child to come and 'stay and play' for a while - make a model, paint a picture, explore all the areas.
Year 1	We will have a circus role play area set up and children can make their own trapeze artist / circus character to hang in the classroom.
Year 2	As part of our Space topic we will have 'describe an alien/planet' writing activities, maths challenges and a phonics 'alien words' zone. Children can also design their own planets using filter paper and write about them.
Year 3	Year three are making collage houses based on our PSHCE work around the 'Colour of Home' by Mary Hoffman. You can read the story, look at some of our current Y3 examples and have a go yourself
Year 4	We would like to invite you to take part in our Superheroes Maths challenges! Come and play SMIRFS and times tables games in the classrooms.
Year 5	We will be displaying our Quentin Blake watercolour paintings and giving parents/children an opportunity to try their hand at watercolours.
Year 6	We will have a display of our ongoing DT project (moving vehicles), alongside some photographs and written work from STEM week. There will be a slideshow of Wales photos and a chance for year 5 parents to have a look at some of the work covered this year in y6 (children's books)
Hall	Come and find out more about our School Council and Eco groups -they are displaying in the Hall and ICT suite. Some information from some of our extended curriculum provision and club providers as well as some light snacks and drinks served by the Friends.
Outside	Why not explore our extensive grounds, see what is growing in our garden areas, relax in the courtyard or visit the wildlife area? (Please be advised that for health and safety reasons children must be accompanied by an adult.)

The whole school will be open including the Play Place and the gardens and grounds. There will be work and activities in classrooms as well as information about our after school clubs in the hall. Please come along and see why we are so proud of the learning at Riverside. Visit

current classrooms then go on to see new ones and meet the staff for next year. Perhaps go for a walk around the whole school.

Whilst you will of course have the chance to meet staff informally on our Celebration Evening, this is not a formal open evening. Reports will follow early in July, but if you would like to have a private, more formal, consultation with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment for a different date by popping to see them or via the School Office.

### Sports days



Dates and timings of sports days are listed at the end of this newsletter and are available via the school website. Extra letters and information will also be circulated via the pupils, where appropriate. 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. All pupils from Year 1 upwards have been allocated to one of our four 'colour houses' for PE and sport. They will need an appropriately coloured top for their sports day. If you do not have a school-badged one through school ready for sports days, any appropriately coloured t-shirt or polo shirt is fine - no large logos or pictures please! If you are struggling to find something just chat with your child's teacher and we will find a coloured band for the day so that they feel part of their team.

### Walk on Wednesday



In just a few weeks we will be embarking on our annual Walk on Wednesday (WoW) challenge. Classes are challenged to have the highest proportion of pupils who manage to Walk on Wednesday - making even part of their journey on foot. This will start on Wednesday 27th June and last for 3 weeks until Wednesday 11th July, so please start planning! Even if you really must use a car because of distance or work commitments, perhaps consider parking in town and walking the rest of the way to school. Less traffic - good for the environment - good for safety - great messages for our pupils.

### Site safety

Please could I remind all bike users that cycles should be dismantled on the school site - adults and pupils alike. We also expect ALL pupils cycling to school independently to have completed our Bikeability/Cycling Proficiency Training and/or completed a parental contract (available from our website). As part of this contract, ALL pupils arriving by bike MUST wear a helmet.

If you are making use of our school site during the nicer weather by letting your children play for a while after 3.30pm, please can we make two requests: please ensure your children are supervised at all times; please keep your children to the area of grass behind the trim trails, leaving the bottom playground and the main field area for our Play Place children - in this way school staff can maintain absolute clarity and line of sight for the children under their supervision. MANY THANKS. Please could I also remind pupils (and we have also given this message in assembly) that ball games are not allowed before school as there are many very young children including 'babes in arms' around at this time of day.

### Picnic lunches

During the summer term, we have a few changes to meal arrangements - on the following dates, the school dinner served will be a picnic 'grab a bag' lunch, with a choice of sandwiches, savouries, salads, cake and ice cream etc all served to take outside and sit in the beautiful English summer weather!

The picnics will be on:

7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June

5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be our annual Teddy Bears Picnic lunch! Send your child in with their favourite teddy and either a pack-up or why not book a delicious school-prepared picnic and save yourself the effort?

### Sun and heat protection

Without wanting to tempt fate, we are hoping for a sunny sports day season. However, with the sunny weather comes the other side of being weather prepared.



Since we have very little natural shade on our school site, I would encourage you to ensure your child has a sunhat in school (named of course) and that high factor sun lotion is applied before leaving home in the morning. The preferred option is to pre-apply a cream which is designed to last all day. If, however, cream needs to be sent in with your child, please ensure this is clearly

labelled and suitable for your child to apply by themselves.

Please also ensure that your child has a drinks bottle in school to help stay refreshed in lessons (only water in class please, no juices).

### Play Place bookings

The Play Place is open from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August for summer holiday activities. Booking forms will be available soon on the Information page of our website under 'clubs.'

A limited number of summer holiday club Play Place sessions are also available for pupils who will be starting our Reception classes in September. Ring 01937 832899 for further details.

Book soon to avoid disappointment.

### Music lessons

If your child is in Year 3 and above and interested in starting to learn a musical instrument, please get in contact with the School Office for more details on 01937 832899. This can include any families considering this for the Autumn for their child (eg children currently in Year 2), as we can start the process now.

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### Some Dates For Your Diaries:

#### **June 2018**

Week 11<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 and 2 phonics test week  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> June ks1 able maths workshop STAR  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June KS2 Able Science evolution workshop  
STAR  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June Class and group photos  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June FOR Summer Fair  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 'Switch Off Day' inc picnic lunch  
Weds 20<sup>th</sup> June Celebration of Work evening  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> and Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June y6 STAR Able writers  
workshop in Play Place  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June Malham residential for y4  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June UKS2 sports 1.30pm

#### **July 2018**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> July LKS2 sports 1.30pm  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup> July Reception 2018 open evening 6.30pm  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July TGS promotion days  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July - whole school 'changeover day'  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July UKS2 sports reserve 1.30pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> July LKS2 sports reserve  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July y5/6 technical all day at Riley Smith Hall  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July EY/KS1 sports AM: Nursery 9am; Rec  
9.30am; yrs 1 and 2 10.30am  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July leavers lunch  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July year 6 Leavers disco 7-9pm  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July Sports event day  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July Reports out  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith  
Hall

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith  
Hall

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July EY/KS1 sports reserve

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - year 5/6 shows 7pm PROMPT  
at Riley Smith Hall

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July awards assembly AM for pupils

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July nursery family day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July y6 Leavers Assembly 2.30 PM

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Teddy Bears Picnic; stay and play; school  
closes

### **September 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018 Training day - school closed to  
pupils

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September term starts

Thank you for your continued support

*Ian Yapp*