



We learn to live...



...and live to learn.

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

October newsletter



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!

One year on...

It is now around a year since we were inspected and we are very proud of our "Good" judgement—We are always striving to do the very best for our children, parents and be a key part of the school community. We constantly reflect on all aspects of our school life, as well as developing our systems since we converted to Academy status in May. Each year we prioritise our key development points, and we will let you know about those when they are completed this half term.



Yesterday we celebrated Harvest in school with a lovely service led by Rev Sue Sheriff.

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.

Compass Buzz- Non Uniform day!

October 10th is World mental health day. We are holding a fundraising Non- Uniform day at school on that day, with the funds going to COMPASS BUZZ. We are working closely with COMPASS BUZZ to train our staff, support our children and continue to promote mental health and wellbeing across North Yorkshire.

All donations are welcome.

Thank you for your support!

September 2019 Reception classes!

On Thursday 11th October 9.30-11.00am we are holding an Open Morning for ALL families considering Reception places for their child for September 2019. 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 2019 places must be applied for online by Jan 15th 2019. 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.

Staffing News

Mrs Deakin has started her her maternity leave from the 1st October. We wish her and her family all the best and look out for baby news later in the term!

While she is away, we welcome back Miss Owens into 1RD, teaching Weds pm, Thurs and Fri, with Mrs Ritchie increasing her teaching to Mon/Tues and Weds am.

Miss Woodward will be leading as Inclusion Manager in Mrs Deakin's absence- please contact Miss Woodward if you have any queries regarding SEND and Inclusion..

Lunchtime Supervisors—(MSAs)

We would welcome any applications for

Lunchtime supervisors.

Hours of work are 11.50-1.10 pm and your duties would include assisting the children with their lunch as well as playing and leading games in the playground. If you have some free time, and are interested, please contact the office for an application form—We would love to have you on our team!



Charity News- she did it!

On 16th Sept, Mrs Cowler ran the Tadcaster 10 mile road race to help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society (last year's School Council chosen charity). She raised over £800 and would like to thank everyone for their support—both for your generosity in fundraising and for cheering her on through the day!

Let's Draw Together event



Over the last few years, Riverside School has

taken great delight in joining in with a "Let's Draw Together" event, with more than 450 pupils each year creating masterpieces in chalk on our playgrounds. This year our theme is 'Out of this World' and we intend to mark the event on

Monday 8th October.

We will hold a special whole school assembly and then go outside 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 3pm 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!



Parents Evenings

We have scheduled our first parent-teacher consultation evenings this year to take place on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October, with appointments on both days available from 3.30-6 pm. 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 opens 7.30am on Friday 12th October and remains open for bookings until midday on 19th October** 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

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 15th October at 7.00pm in the staffroom - all welcome - please use Office entrance

Our Autumn disco is on Friday 19th 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 10th November. This is a major event in our calendar, we really hope EVERYONE we really hope EVERYONE will come down - more details via the Friends.

Flu vaccinations - reminder to register your child

On 23rd October, all of our pupils from reception through to year 5 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

See our information letter [here](#).

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.

Quick link!— click [here](#) to see our revised Menu for the Autumn term 2018

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 or just click [here](#) - 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.

Parent Workshops

Advance notice that on Wednesday 7th 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:

- EYFS and Key Stage 1-Phonics strategies
- Key Stage 2—How to support your child with Maths

We hope to see you there.

On Friday 5th October we invited parents of pupils who have just joined Reception and Nursery to join us in the Link . We had interesting discussions about all aspects of school- we hold these events each term—everyone welcome !

Click on the link below to read an article by one of our families at Riverside - a moving account of how the family are supported so well by Joey- :

<https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/helping-deaf-people/stories/joanna-and-joeys-story/>

Photos

On school photography day, **Thursday 11th October**, the timetable for our photographer will be:

8.15am - 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 disappointment.

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



Contact us

The school office email is: SchoolOffice@rs.starmat.uk

For more sensitive School Office enquiries please contact Mrs Borradaile our School Business Manager using the admin account: admin@rs.starmat.uk

Should you need to contact Mr Yapp/Miss Woodward directly, the addresses are headteacher@rs.starmat.uk and a.woodward@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.

**Thank you for your
continued support!**

Ian Yapp

Executive Headteacher

Alison Woodward

Head of School

