

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th July 2018

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.

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 SchoolOffice@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 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 will text when it is available.



We have one more picnic lunch planned on 20th July, which is our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic - so don't forget to send your child with their special friend - I will bring my treasured 'Nev'!

Whilst many schools around North Yorkshire are being forced to significantly increase their school meal price for Nursery and Key Stage 2, due to increased staffing costs from County Caterers, I am pleased to let you know that the STAR MAT have negotiated a bespoke package for our primaries such as all primary schools in the MAT can charge the same next academic year. This will be £1.70 for nursery pupils and £2.30 for pupils in years 3-6. Whilst this is a slight increase, we have worked hard to minimise the increase and we do still feel that it represents superb value for what we offer.

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 and text to let you know when.

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!

Book bags - reminder

Just to remind you that we expect all of our pupils to keep their reading book and planner in a book bag. Has your child got one ready for September? Is it still 'fit for purpose?'

We have school book bags available to buy from the School Office for £5 each - 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 delighted by such a hardworking, well-mannered group of pupils - they really have shown what Riverside is all about. The reports coming back from Wales were positively GLOWING - well done and good luck for Year 7, we hope to hear all about your successes in the future! With the STAR MAT now in place, I am at TGS at least once a week and it is always a pleasure to meet our ex-students - please do say hello!



Parents of Year 6 pupils, don't forget to attend Leavers' Assembly at **2.30pm on Friday 20th July** in the school hall (remember your tissues if you are of an emotional disposition!)

Year 6 also have a special 'Leavers' Lunch' on Friday 13th (!) July. Y6 pupils will have a special menu (just served for Y6, all other pupils stay on the regular menu) 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 'Ties and Tiaras!' We also say farewell to Mrs Wood, who is leaving us at the end of term. She has supported many children over the years with her sensitive understanding of complex needs and really made a difference so we would like to say a big thank you to her for this.

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 18-19 academic year are already available on the same website page, so you can start planning your childcare. Click [HERE](#) for a quick link to the Play Place page.

We have some limited availability for Play Place morning and afternoon term-time sessions. Please let us know if you are interested ASAP as these are bound to book up quickly.

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 Friday 20th July. The Friends have arranged for a bouncy castle slide and 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!

Riverside come out tops in social media debate!



This thoughtful group of year 6 pupils proved themselves to be top debaters recently, when they took part in the North Yorkshire debating finals. The topic was 'is social media damaging to children.' Our pupils had

already come first in the Selby Area Round, but then went on to win the NYCC finals, coming top out of some 67 entrant schools. WELL DONE RIVERSIDE - we are really proud of you!

Some Dates For Your Diaries:

Monday 9th July Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm
 Weds 11th July LKS2 sports reserve
 Thurs 12th July y5/6 technical all day at Riley Smith Hall
 Fri 13th July EY/KS1 sports AM
 Fri 13th July leavers lunch
 Fri 13th July year 6 Leavers disco 7-9pm
 Mon 16th July Sports event day
 Mon 16th July Reports out
 Mon 16th July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith Hall
 Tues 17th July AM y5/6 dress rehearsal at Riley Smith Hall
 Weds 18th July EY/KS1 sports reserve
 Weds 18th and Thurs 19th - year 5/6 shows 7pm at Riley Smith Hall
 Thursday 19th July awards assembly AM for pupils
 Friday 20th July nursery family day
 Friday 20th July y6 Leavers Assembly 2.30 PM
 Friday 20th July Teddy Bears Picnic; stay and play; school closes

September 2018

Monday 3rd Sept 2018 Training day - school closed to pupils
 Tuesday 4th September term starts

NB. Monday 3rd September 2018 - Training Day - school closed to pupils; Tuesday 4th September - we welcome pupils back for another year!

Have a happy and restful summer when it comes!

Jan Yapp

We learn to live... ...and live to learn.

Can you help us?

Do you like working with children?
 Can you spare a few hours at lunchtime on one or more days of the week?

Do you know a friend, relative or neighbour who might like to help?

You could become a paid lunchtime supervisor (MSA)

Call the number below and ask for Miss Woodward or Mrs Borradaile to find out more.

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Tadcaster Arts Festival:

7th-15th July

[Click here](#) for details.

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Term dates for 18-19 and 19-20 are available [HERE](#).