

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Welcome back!

It has been great to see the children back in school this week. The children continue to amaze us and have settled well into their new classes and our new school. I'm sure the children have been telling you all about our new school and when it is safe to do so, we will invite you in to see it too.

Thank you for your support and patience with our new systems as we work together to keep our school community safe. There have been a few parents/carers speak to me about the bad language that is being used by the school gate in the morning or at the end of the day. There are a number of younger children often present and we would ask that you are respectful and do not swear. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot offer breakfast club or after school clubs still but I'm hoping to update you on this soon.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance: 93.1% (improving - thank you!)

Our Golden classes: Hvita and Fuji (these classes will enjoy a special activity in class on Monday)

Thank you for your continued support with returning your children to school. Children who attend school regularly not only achieve better academically but they are also happier; being in school frequently enables them to create secure friendship groups and relationships with their peers. This year our whole school attendance target is 97% which would mean that your child has no more than 5 days absent over the school year. This week Walsall Council's new Attendance Officer, Amanda Corrington was out and about supporting some of our families with their return to school.

Curriculum

What an exciting first full week back at Rivers Primary Academy! As well as our reading, writing and maths lessons, all children have started the year with a D&T project. These exciting projects include designing their dream home in Year 3, designing and making their own teddy bears in Year 4 and creating and cooking cupcakes in Year 2! It has been wonderful to see Year 5 using our brand new D&T/Science room to learn how to bake bread; school has never smelt so good!



Enrichment Activities

We are really pleased to finally have all of our children back in school but that doesn't mean the learning at home needs to come to an end. Below are a range of simple ideas showing you what you can do with your children at home.

Why not visit Mr Perrin's Youtube channel and take part in a P.E lesson led by Mr Perrin. Simply search J Perrin in the Youtube Search Bar to select one of his wonderful virtual P.E lessons.

If you are feeling mathematical and competitive, you could challenge your child to a competition on Times Table Rockstars. Simple log on to www.trockstars.com.

Spelling Shed is also available for extra practise around spellings. Simply log on to spellingshed.com.

Why not get the children involved with some cooking at home? Visit www.bbcgoodfood.com or www.nhs.uk/change4life to find a range of healthy recipes that children can get involved with at home.

Safeguarding

Introducing our safeguarding team for 202-21. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of us via Class Dojo or by calling the school office.



Mrs C Dawes
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss J Gamwell
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs K Moorhouse
Pastoral Lead

Alternatively, you can call the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000. Children and young people can call Childline on 0800 1111.

Celebrations

Our celebrations and certificates will start again from next week. Watch this space to find out who our winners will be!

Diary dates

Autumn Term 2020:

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 - Friday 30th October 2020

Inset day: Monday 2nd November

Children return: Tuesday 3rd November

Inset day: Friday 27 November 2020

Inset day: Friday 4 December 2020

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2021

Inset day: Friday 29 January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter break: Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Inset day: Monday 28 June 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021