

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Welcome back!

What a busy week here at Rivers! The children have now well and truly settled into their new school. It's been great to see so many children so happy to be back at Rivers. Thank you for your support at these different times.

Parentmail system

Thank you to those of you who have downloaded the app - we had such a quick uptake, that we decided to go live earlier than Monday. The system went live yesterday so you should now have all of the details that you need for your account.

Hot food at lunchtime

Starting on Monday, our kitchen will be open again to serve hot food. All children entitled to free school meals, universal free meals (all children in YR, Y1 and Y2) will have a choice of food each day. If children would like to purchase hot food, years 1 -6, then you will need to use our new parentmail system to do this.

Any queries, please contact Mrs Cooper in the school office.

Breakfast club update

We are hoping to start our breakfast club again soon. At this current time, we cannot cater for all year groups. So we will start with children in KS2. Mrs Dawes will be in touch next week with more details.

Attendance

This week's school attendance: 91.5% (sliding...)

Our golden class: Amazon

It has been so lovely seeing the resilience of our children this week in school - they really are thriving in our new building even with a few sniffles and dreaded return to school colds. This week we will be sharing with our children information about the exciting attendance party that we will be hosting after school in the summer term for any child who meets or exceeds our 97% attendance target this year. Each class will be able to plan a party activity, the teachers have already requested theirs - an ice cream van!

Curriculum

This week has been another exciting week at Rivers Primary Academy. Key Stage 1 and 2 have been

working on their D&T projects and have been completing some exciting science investigations such as what happens to bread when it is handled with dirty hands, clean hands and gloves in Year 3 and investigating light sources and shadows in Year 4.

Phonics at Rivers

We are very excited to announce that the children are now learning phonics through Read Write Inc. Ruth Miskin has developed this popular and successful literacy programme to help children learn how to read and write. Over the course of the next 3 weeks the children will be learning and reviewing their 'Speed Sounds'. They will then get to take home a Read Write Inc. reading book. We have a range of new 'Book Bag Books' which we are very excited about sending home. In the meantime, ask your child about the sounds they have been learning in phonics, show them some text to see if they can spot the sounds they know and ask them about 'Fred'.

Year Group Focus: Reception

This week, Reception has been reading the book 'The Rainbow Fish' to learn about friendships and sharing. They have also learnt about our school rules and what they mean as well as exploring our new environment and become familiar with the different areas of learning.



Enrichment Activities

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/category/all-family-kids>

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. Simply 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

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

They can usually help if you are expecting a child or caring for anyone who is:

- under the age of 18,
- has a special educational need and are under the age of 25,
- not already supported by social services in England.

If you're not sure if they can help, it's okay to give them a call. You can tell them about yourself and, if they can't help you, they'll find someone who can. They won't judge you or blame you, whatever you are going through.

You can call them for free on 0800 157 7015 to speak to a friendly person in their team, and they'll help you figure things out. Their support is free, and they can talk about what kind of support works for you.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond/carer-referral>



If this is an emergency and a child is in danger, contact the Police on 999.

Celebrations

Well done to our Aspire Ambassador winners for this week:

Active in our learning

Benjamin P - I Avon

Freddie T - I Trent

Amber B - II Severn

Lacey-Pearl B - II Thames

Olivia T - III Clyde

Angel A - III Foyle

Aston S - IV Hvita

Evie-Rose M- IV Tiber

Kai MB - V Fuji

Anisa B - V Kuma

Tobias CS - VI Amazon

Next week we will have the return of Hot Chocolate Friday!

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