

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Welcome

Firstly, a huge well done to our new student leaders! I was so impressed that so many children came forward to be part of our student leadership team. Our new student leaders were announced in our 'virtual' assembly today and choosing our Head boy and head girl was a very difficult task!

Our children have continued to amaze us at how adaptable they have been in the current climate. We also have some new children and families that have started - welcome to our Rivers family!

As of next week, Reception children and Nursery children will be encouraged to go to their classroom by themselves in the morning. There are lots of staff around to support this. If you are taking a child to Nursery, we encourage you to use the Livingstone Road entrance and Nursery staff will meet you at the green gate. Remember, during these different times, please try to limit to one adult only at collection times.

The first of our student leaders were announced this morning and our children are already wearing their badges with pride - well done!

Attendance

This week's attendance: 94.0% (sliding)

Golden classes: Trent, Severn, Foyle and Tiber

The wet weather at the end of the week really impacted on attendance at the end of this week. Please remember that our extended morning drop off can be used to help dodge the showers too! Over the next few weeks we will be inviting some of our families in to meet with Amanda Corrington (Walsall Council's Attendance Officer) to see what support we can put in place to help improve attendance and meet any safeguarding needs.

Curriculum

This week has seen the start of our new unit in theme lessons, "Historical Detectives." This is our first history unit of the year and the children across school have had some exciting starts to their unit. This week has also seen the start of French for Key Stage Two. Why not ask your child which words they have learnt?

Year Group Focus: Year 1

The children in Year 1 had a very exciting start to their history theme. They will be learning about

changes that have taken place over three generations starting with looking at how they themselves have changed by bringing in photos of themselves as babies. The children - and staff - loved looking at the pictures that the children shared and they played a game of guessing who was who! This prompted lots of super discussion about why we thought a picture could be someone and why we thought a picture couldn't be someone, and who had changed and who hadn't changed as much .



Extra-Curricular

From **Wednesday 7th October**, we will be opening Breakfast Club for Key Stage 2. If you would like your child to attend, you must complete the booking form on ParenMail.

From Monday 12th October, we are excited to announce that we will be resuming some of our after-school clubs (outlined below). Again, if you would like your child to attend, you must complete the booking form on Parent Mail.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Y5 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)	Y3 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)	Y4 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)
Y5 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	Y4 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	Y6 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	

Maths - TT rockstars

At Rivers, we think it is really important to practise times tables every day. To support you with this, we subscribe to Times Table Rock Stars. All children have a login for this and it can be downloaded as an app on your devices at home.

Top of our school league is Kai-Rhys in Year 4 with a rockspeed of 1.24 seconds. Well done Kai-Rhys!

This week's times table fact of the week is $2 \times 3 = 6$.


Please practise this fact with your children at home.

If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?
TIMES TABLES OF THE WEEK
How many ways can you represent each fact?

$2 \times 3 = 6$

6		
2	2	2

$6 \div 2 = ?$



$3 \times 2 = 6$

6	
3	2

$6 \div 3 = ?$

Dojo Points

Since we have returned to school, children have had the chance to earn at least two Dojo points each day for following the school rules. Once they earn 50, they will receive their bronze behaviour badge! Who will be the first from each class? Here is the leaderboard so far:

EYFS	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Penguin:	Avon: Arya (5)	Clyde: Ruben (36)
Ganges: Jaan and Rosco (5)	Trent: Mesha (30)	Foyle: Honey and Ayvah (35)
Nile:	Severn: Sophie and George (33)	Hvita: Amelia-Rose, Harry B, Hope, McKaylah, Nicole (34)
	Thames: Kay (28)	Tiber: Frida, Millie-Mae
		Fuji: Kai (39)
		Kuma: Maciej (49)
		Amazon: Ruby and Jadeyn (40)

Safeguarding

Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of the coronavirus. With social distancing measures, children will be spending more time at home and online.

And while the internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends and keep busy, it can also bring risks. Now more than ever it's important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites they're using.

The link below has tips and resources on how to talk to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Celebrations

Well done to our Aspire Ambassador winners for this week:

Positive in our attitude

Delilah L - Avon
Olivia G - Trent
Leylan P - Severn
Bashir U - Thames
Lalan A - Clyde
Heidi S - Foyle
Harry B - Hvita
Harvey J - Tiber
Isabel S - Fuji
Marshane C - Kuma
Malaki D - Amazon

Hot Chocolate Friday winners:

Lily-Jo T - Clyde
Honey-Mae S - Foyle
McKaylah E - Hvita
Summer S - Tiber

Student leaders

Student Leaders are role models and represent Rivers' rules (Ready, Respectful and Safe) and the Windsor Academy Trusts ASPIRE values:

- **A**ctive in their learning,
- **S**ure they can improve,
- **P**ositive in their attitude,
- **I**maginative in their thinking,
- **R**esilient when things go wrong,
- Always give 100% **E**ffort.

Team 2020/21:

Head boy - Yoan

Head girl Ruby

Prefects:

Year 6

Summer Y

Teagan

Joshua H

Maya M

Mariam A

Bailey R

Year 5

Alfie N

Heebba C

Jayda F

Kai M-B

Demi-Leigh T

Yahia A