

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th July 2021

Message from Mrs Wright

The sun eventually came out towards the end of the week which meant that sports day could go ahead for our oldest children. There was some real competition and some real budding athletes! A big thank you to Mr Perrin for organising. Unfortunately, we cannot now reschedule the ones missed but hope in the autumn that we will be able to invite you to some more events and hope that we will be able to have the opening of our new school too! It was so lovely to see the children's excited faces yesterday as they spent time visiting their new classroom for September and meeting their new teacher.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Hill as she is retiring after 29 years at Rivers. The children enjoyed saying goodbye, making cards and sharing memories.

Walsall Local Authority are making payments (as they did in the winter months) for the summer period. If you are eligible, you will be contacted directly from them.

Reminders:

- No after school clubs next week
- Term ends Wednesday 21st July at 1.15pm

September return: I will update you next week about our return for September but our start time window will change slightly to 0830 - 0850.

Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 91.6%

Next year we are holding 3 **golden** attendance events for children whose attendance is 97% (no more than 5 school days missed) or better.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
		

A Week at Rivers



In Nursery this week children really enjoyed learning all about pirates. They were particularly animated when using and following a treasure map they found to then find the pirate's loot!

This week in reception our planned trip to Italy went ahead (even though they stopped the football coming home)! Children enjoyed playing in our pizza express role play area and adding crazy creations of pizza toppings. We have continued our writing linked to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and our children



were introduced to Grandma Fantastic who has been helping us to build our vocabulary. All of the children were super excited to receive their own copy of our new whole class reading text 'The Tiger who came to Tea' - why not ask your child which animal they would like a teatime visit from?



We have had a wonderful final full week in Upper Key Stage 2. We were so thrilled that the British weather didn't stop sports day particularly so our year sixes were able to compete for one last time watched by an adult! All children showed real resilience and determination and a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you for following the guidance to keep everyone safe and we hope you enjoyed cheering on your children.

We also had a great time celebrating no more than 5 days of absence this year. Our silent disco was a complete hoot with all children returning to class



with huge smiles on their (red) faces having busted some serious moves!

Safeguarding

To support you during the summer holiday the following services continue to be available:

School Nursing

School Nurses, Harden Health Centre, Harden Road, Walsall, West-Midlands, WS3 1ET
Tel: 01922 423349 or amanda.street@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk

Children's Services

0300 555 2866 or walsallfis@walsall.gov.uk

NSPCC
0808 8005000

Childline
08001111

Black Country's Womens Aid
01922 649569

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0800 970 2070

If you have concerns for yourself, your child or another family's safety remember it is better to report than ignore.

Miss Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead)
Miss Gamwell (Safeguarding Officer)

Rivers Reads

What an amazing year of Rivers reads! This year four children joined the millionaire reading club - their names will forever be displayed in our library. Next year the count starts again, who can join them? A massive well done to Fuji - what an incredible achievement over 15 million words read collectively this year. Which class will be top of the table next July?

Millionaire Readers 2021/22:

Name	Words Read This Year
Aqram LB	3,999,938
Demi-Leigh T	2,817,882
Bella W	1,740,061
Liarni J	1,561,830

Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Fuji	15,267,405
Amazon	5,385,459
Kuma	3,118,239
Tiber	2,942,128
Hvita	1,475,562

Foyle	906,956
Clyde	624,616

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Class leaderboard:

Class	Average Speed (Seconds)
Tiber	1.70
Kuma	2.11
Severn	2.71
Fuji	2.91
Thames	3.44
Hvita	3.65
Foyle	3.99
Amazon	4.20
Clyde	5.12

Celebrations

This week certificates were given for our 'Most Improved Pupil' from this term. Well done to all of our winners!

Most Improved Winners:

Nile: Meleigha

Ganges: Alexis

Avon: Arya

Trent: Lola

Severn: Emmanuel

Thames: Lilly

Clyde: Ruben

Foyle: Connor

Hvita: Cherrie

Tiber: Hanif

Fuji: Yahia

Kuma: Anisa

Amazon: Malakai

Diary dates

Monday 19th July	Y6 trip
Tuesday 20th July	Y6 production
Wednesday 21st July	Year 6 final assembly
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term finish at 1:15pm
Monday 6th September	Children return to school