



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 1

5th January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope that it has been a positive one for you all so far.

It has been great to return to school after the Christmas holidays and see how well the children have settled back into the routines of learning. The start of any term is always a good opportunity to set goals and consider what can be achieved in the weeks to come. The children have shared with me many of their 'resolutions' and how they might try to reach them. I look forward to seeing them succeed over the course of 2024!



Join our first PTA Meeting of 2024



**Being a thinker is one of Our 8
Great Ways of Being Our Best**



Happy New Year

One shared aim for all families is to make sure that attendance and punctuality is positive over the course of 2024. As a reminder to parents and carers in Years R-6: the gates open on both sites at **8.40** and that this is the time all families should be aiming to reach school. If you have always considered 9.00 as the time to aim for – please change this thought! The extra time in class will be so valuable for the children in the long run. Thank you in advance here!

Finally – some staffing news to update you on. In the office team we have two new members of staff. Mrs Daniels and Mrs Zimmermann started with us yesterday and we wish them well as they join the Riverbridge family. Also in the office, Mrs Harvey has officially started in her role as Office Manager with Mrs Williams moving over to her new role as School Business Leader. These are two important roles and remain in very capable hands! I wish them both every success!

See you on Monday 8th for the start of the first full week of 2024!

Dinner Payment

Year 3 – 6

If your child is in Year 3 - 6 and pays for school dinners, the cost for the Spring term is as follows:
£13.75 per week or £74.25 until February half term.

Payments can be made via your child's Scopay account. Dinners need to be paid for in advance. This does not apply to those children that receive benefit related Free School Meals.

Deadline to apply for your child's Reception place

Nursery

We wanted to remind parents again that the deadline for applying for your child's Reception place is Monday 15th January. Even if your child attends the Riverbridge nursery, you will still need to apply for a school place as attendance in the nursery does not guarantee you a place in Reception. If you have already applied you will have received a confirmation email with a reference number. If you haven't received this email we suggest you log into your e-admission account to check that your application has been submitted.

If you have not yet applied we recommend you apply soon, rather than leaving it to the deadline date in case of any technical difficulties via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Please note that you do not need to complete a supplementary form if applying for Riverbridge. If you have any questions, please email the office.

Reporting Absences

Whole School

When reporting your child's absence please do so via the [Online Absence Form](#) or by leaving a clear and concise message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence on the School Absence Phoneline. Parents are required to contact the school before 9am every day of their child's absence to ensure our safeguarding responsibilities are adhered to.

Please note, children must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of any sickness or diarrhoea to prevent the spread to other members of the school community.

If your child has a high temperature, please wait for this to go back to a normal temperature before returning to school.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Clubs

Whole School

A reminder that we aim to advise all those who have been successful in gaining an Enrichment Club space by Wednesday 10th January. Thank you for your patience with this, we are currently working through the complicated process of allocating spaces but can see there are currently a few spaces in the following clubs. If you have not already applied for a space in one of the following clubs and are interested in doing so, please email the office by 9am Monday morning via office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk. The dates for Enrichment Clubs are included in the Dates for the diary section below and all information found in the letter that was emailed at the end of term.

Tuesday
Dodgeball Years 5/6
Mindfulness Years 4/5
Netball Years 5/6
Tag rugby Years 2/3/4
Multisports Reception
Gardening Reception/Year 1

Wednesday
Cricket Years 5/6

Thursday
Girls' Football Years 4/5/6
Multisports Year 1
Music Reception

Special Menu

Reception – Year 6

AIP will be serving a special Dinosaur menu on Thursday 18th January which is attached to the end of the newsletter. This menu will be available to order for all children in Reception to Year 6. Details of how those children who usually bring packed lunches can order will be shared shortly.

Vacancies

Whole School

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

PTA

Whole School

Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community.
Everyone's welcome to get involved.



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Come to the next PTA meeting: Tuesday 16th January

Happy New Year! 2024 is here and the PTA has lots of activity planned for the rest of the school year. If you're a Riverbridge parent or carer, you're already part of the PTA - it's your community and the more of you who can get involved in our events and fundraising activities, the more the school and the children benefit.

So if you want to find out more, come along to our next PTA meeting on Thursday 16th January, 6.30pm-7.30pm at PAB. We'll be starting work on our plans for the rest of this year and welcome new faces and fresh ideas!

Bag2School collection: Tuesday 30th January

Please start checking through your cupboards for any unwanted clothes and keep them aside, so you can bring them to school on Tuesday 30th January at 9am for our next Bag2School collection. Donations are unable to be accepted before this date. Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. They pay the total weight collected, with the money going towards the PTA's fundraising target.

Bags can include clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories; but please no uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

You will be able to drop off your bags outside either office at KGB or PAB. Thank you, every donation helps!

Any unwanted Christmas gifts?

If you have any unwanted gifts following Christmas, please consider donating them to the PTA for use in future raffles and events. You can drop them into the office at both KGB or PAB at any time during January. Thank you.



Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at
pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

House Competition

Whole School

As we begin 2024 – the scores remain the same:



**100
Points**



**97.5
Points**



**117.5
Points**

Oracy Project – Question of the Week!

Whole School

This week's 'Question of the Week' is...

Oracy Project – Question of the Week!



This week's talk question is:

What do you want to achieve in

2024? What do you want to do differently, do better or stop doing?

Have a great weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Weds 20th Dec – Weds 3rd Jan 2024

Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2024

Thurs 11th January

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open
Afternoon – booking required [via the link here](#)

Mon 15th January

Deadline to apply for Reception places

Mon 15th January

Enrichment Clubs begin

Mon 15th January

Swimming – 4P

Tues 16th January

PTA Meeting 6.30pm – 7.30pm at PAB

Thurs 18th January

AIP Special Menu – more details to follow

Tues 30th January

PTA Bag2School donations – 9am outside the
office at KGB or PAB

Tues 6th February

No Enrichment Clubs

Weds 7th February

No Enrichment Clubs

Thurs 8th February

No Enrichment Clubs

Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Spring Half Term

Mon 19th February

Children return to school

Fri 8th March – Sun 10th March

Bowles Residential – Year 5 [link to the letter
can be found here](#)

Fri 22nd March

Enrichment Clubs end

Thurs 28th March

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Thurs 28th March

No After School Club

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15th April

Children return to school

Weds 22nd – Fri 24th May

Rise Up Residential – Year 4 [link to the letter
can be found here](#)

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Mon 3rd June

Children return to school

Fri 19th July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 19th July

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

No After School Club

Inset day 4

Inset day 5

Dinosaur Day



Dino Day

Mastodon Ham Feast Pizza

Velociraptor Veggie pizza

On the side

Woolly Mammoth Wedges

Brachiosaurus Baked Beans

Stegosaurus Salad

Dessert

Ceratosaurus Iced Chocolate Cake

As always

Yoghurt and Fruit