



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 1

10th January 2025

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It has been a positive start to the new year and the children have settled back well into the routines. The Christmas holidays are often exciting but also challenging with changes to routines and sleep patterns etc. Getting up and being ready for school at the start of the term can be difficult but I am pleased to say that the majority of children have been in school and on time this week.

Attendance continues to remain a priority of the school and I would encourage all parents to re-read carefully the section below regarding unauthorised absences. Please understand that it is the school's responsibility to ensure children are in school and accessing the learning and that the vast majority of requests for absence will have to be unauthorised.

We have received a first draft of the Ofsted report following the inspection in December and are hopeful to be able to share the final version with you in the next couple of weeks. At last night's SLT meeting we started to unpick the next steps for the school and what our focus will be for the remainder of the year and beyond. We will share more about this in the weeks to come, too.



**Book tickets for the PTA Hot
Dog Nights**



Please label all hats and scarfs



Attendance Matters

We have welcomed new children to the nursery this week. The stay and play sessions were well received and I am sure that the children will be keen to continue their learning journey within the school in the weeks and months to come.

This week has certainly felt wintry. Please can all parents and carers ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. It is also essential that all items (however small) are named as things can easily get mislaid.

I have shared a staffing update with parents and carers in 4P today. Mrs Phelan is expecting her first child and will be on maternity leave from the start of the summer term. We all wish her our warmest congratulations.

A letter has also been shared with parents and carers in 6I regarding Mrs Ingram's on-going absence from school. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our Lumen Summer Camp began life in 2017 with the aim of offering our families safe, high quality and cost-effective summer break childcare provision.

In the last 2 years the Camp has seen dwindling numbers of children in attendance and it has no longer been able to operate without incurring financial losses. We are also acutely aware that not all our families have equal access to our Camp given the wider geographical spread of our schools as our trust has grown. Due to these reasons, we have taken the difficult decision to no longer operate our own summer camp. We understand that every community is unique and the school serving it should respect and reflect that individuality; one size does not fit all. Each Lumen school will look at other exciting ways to deliver local solutions for their families for example by hosting external camps at their site using trusted providers. Please do keep an eye on your school newsletter for more information as the academic year progresses. We would like to thank all those families who placed their trust in us over the last eight years to take care of their child during the summer break, your support is always valued and never taken for granted.

Attendance

Whole School

A reminder to all parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3-year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

If you wish to submit an application for Leave of Absence, you will need to complete a Request for Exceptional Leave of Absence found on our website under the Parents Section and Online Forms or via [the link here](#) at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case-by-case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

Enrichment Clubs

Reception – Year 6

There are a few spaces still remaining in the following clubs, if you are interested in one of those clubs, please email the office over the weekend.

Please refer to the original club letter with information re dates, pick up points and what is needed, this can also be found on our website under the Parent Section and Enrichment Clubs or [via the link here](#).

Children in Year 5 and 6 with walking home permissions will still need to be collected this half term.

KGB

Multisports Y1

PAB

Athletics Y3456
Basketball Y56
Boys' Football Y56
Choir Y456 (morning)
Cricket Y56
Girls' Football Y456
Netball Y5/6

Special Space Menu

Reception – Year 6

AIP catering would like to invite the children to try their Special Space Menu on Thursday 16th January. We have attached the menu to the end of the Newsletter for your consideration.

Children who usually have a school meal will be able to choose their lunch in the usual ways, either via Scopay or in the classroom on that day.

Children who usually have a packed lunch will need to select their lunch by 9am Monday using the following link: [packed lunch special Space Menu choice](#)

We are unable to take orders beyond this date as the kitchen order is placed at that time. If you have not made a lunch choice by the deadline and your child normally has a packed lunch we will assume that your child will be bringing a packed lunch to school on the 16th January.

For children in Years 3 - 6 there will be the usual charge of £2.80 unless you have had confirmation from the office that your child is eligible for benefit related FSM. Children in Reception to Year 2 are free.

PSHE and Inclusion

Whole School

This half term the children across the school will be working from Puzzle Piece 3: Dreams and Goals. It aims to help children think about their hopes and dreams, their goals for success, what personal strengths are, and how to overcome challenges, via teamwork skills and tasks. There is also a focus on enterprise and fundraising. Children learn about experiencing and managing feelings of pride, ambition, disappointment, success; and they get to share their aspirations, the dreams and goals of others in different cultures/countries, and their dreams for the world.

Parking along Park Avenue

Whole School

Again neighbours of Park Avenue have needed to complain about inconsiderate parking, blocking in particularly Charter Place. Parking, or waiting on double yellow lines, is prohibited at all times and we have had no choice but to suggest to our neighbours that they have the option to call the police if they experience unsafe parking or aggressive behaviour towards them.

Vacancies

Whole School

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Riverbridge Primary School is looking to appoint Teaching Assistants. These are full or part time, term time roles, working Monday to Friday. The successful candidates will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1458153>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:

Darley 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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1460015>

PTA

Whole School



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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Hot Dog Nights tickets now on sale!

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term!

It's soon going to be movie time again with the return of our Hot Dog Nights on 20th and 21st January.

Tickets are £5.50 per child and are on sale until 6pm on Friday 17th January at

www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

The ticket price includes the movie, a hotdog (meat or vegetarian), biscuit, fruit and popcorn.

Here are the dates and times for each year...

Reception and Year 1: Despicable Me 4 (U)

Monday 20th January, after school until 5.30pm at PAB Hall.

Years 2, 3 and 4: Sing 2 (U)

Tuesday 21st January, after school until 5.45pm at PAB Hall.

Years 5 and 6: The Mitchells vs the Machines (U)

Tuesday 21st January, after school until 5.45pm at PAB Yr 6 classroom.

These are always fun and popular events for all the children, so make sure they don't miss out on a ticket.

More details are available in the poster at the end of this Newsletter.

We also need volunteers for Monday and Tuesday - so if you can help out, please use the volunteer sign up facility on our booking website when you buy tickets.

Next PTA meeting: Monday 13th January

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 13th January at PAB, from 6.30pm. The PTA is a charity run entirely by parent volunteers, for the benefit of the school. If you're interested in coming along to find out more about what we do, you will be very welcome. We like to see new faces!

Other PTA events coming up this term

February - Sponsored Scoot

23rd March - Easter Trail

Look out for more details soon in this Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at

pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Well done to those children who have received a gold leaf this week. It is good to see so many children starting the year off in such a positive way.

Nick A	Olivia W	Deborah M
Alex S	Reggie S	Lenny S
Arenna M	Sarah M	Sofia S
Roshan P	Angelina C	Wren C
Elizabeth D (2C)	Alex V	Millar C
Jesse C	Alex F	Kiyara S
Joao VBC	Marli M	Diyaan D
Amelia B	Austin Y	Pasha S
Evie R	Darko M	Ahmad R
Harry S	Matilda P	Jack J
Alice C	Reece D	Benji WK

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Thank you to the Hedgehogs and Rabbits children that have started the year so successfully!

Mila MN	Ayaan B	Elsie R
Sonny C	Ziyah M	

House Competition

Whole School

The current scores remain the same as they were at the end of the term.

There will be another House competition next week which will be a great opportunity for Air and Water Houses to try and cut Fire House's lead!

Watch this space!



**105
Points**



**122.5
Points**



**87.5
Points**

Words of Wisdom

Whole School

In the weekly assemblies this year, we are finding out about a range of different people from all over the

world. We will find out about their achievements and how they have overcome challenges or demonstrated any of our 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

Denzel Washington
Actor



This week we have found out about a very well-known person in the film industry: Denzel Washington.

He spent much of his younger adult life unsure of what to do and not showing any particular dedication to any of his studies.

It was through acting that he started to apply himself and rise to the challenges he faced however difficult he found things.

His 'words of wisdom' were a useful reminder to all the children that we will not always be successful first time and that to **FAIL** is a: **F**irst **A**ttempt **I**n **L**earning

'Fall Forward.

Thomas Edison conducted 1000 failed experiments. Did you know that?

I didn't know that because the 1001st was the light bulb.

Fall forward. Every failed experiment is one step closer to success.'

Wishing you all a very positive weekend

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2025

Mon 13th January

Reception 2025 open day tour at 1.30pm [book tickets via here](#)

Mon 13th January

Enrichment Clubs begin: Reception to Year 6 - [a link to the letter can be found here](#)

Mon 13th January

Swimming starts for 4S and 4P - [a link to the letter can be found here](#)

Mon 13th January

PTA Meeting at 6.30 PAB Hall

Thurs 16th January

AIP Special Space Menu

Fri 17th January

Deadline to book PTA Hot Dog night tickets by 6pm

Mon 20th January

PTA Hot Dog night at PAB: Reception and Year 1 - **after school until 5.30pm at PAB Hall**

Tues 21st January

PTA Hot Dog night at PAB: Yr2 to Yr 6 - **after school until 5.45pm at PAB**

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st

Spring Half Term

Feb 2025

Mon 24th February

Children return to school

Sun 23rd March

PTA Easter Trail – more details to follow

Mon 24th March

Swimming ends for 4S and 4P

Fri 28th March

Enrichment Clubs end: Reception – Year 6

Fri 4th April

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

Fri 4th April

No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April

Children return to school

Mon 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Fri 18th July

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

Fri 18th July

No After School Club

Mon 21st July

Inset day 4

Tues 22rd July

Inset day 5



Space Day

16th January 2025

Rocket Dogs
Plant Based Rocket Dogs

Jacket Potato Asteroids
Dark Matter Deli Bar

Served with
Carrot Comets
Space Pod Peas

Star Cookies
UFO (Unidentified Fruity Objects)
Alien Slime Yoghurt



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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE



Tickets
£5.50 Each

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge
(Dietary restrictions can be included online when purchasing ticket(s))

TICKET INCLUDES FILM, HOT DOG / VEGGIE DOG, BISCUIT, POPCORN & FRUIT!

Reception & Year 1: Monday 20 Jan 2025 (PAB HALL)

Film: Despicable me 4 (U)

Children to be collected at 5.30pm from PAB Hall

Volunteers needed

Years 2, 3 & 4: Tuesday 21 January 2025 (PAB Hall)

Film: Sing 2 (U)

Children to be collected at 5.45pm from PAB Hall

Volunteers needed

Years 5 & 6: Tuesday 21 January 2025 (Yr 6 classroom)

Film: The Mitchells and the machines (PG)

Children to be collected at 5.45pm from Yr 6 gate

Volunteers needed



**** Closing dates for ticket purchases: Friday 17 January at 6pm - This is a FIRM DEADLINE****

Children will be taken to Hot Dog Night by their teachers, straight after school.

Parents NEED to cancel after school/clubs via Scopay (as needed)

Years 5 and 6 children will not be allowed to go home alone.

If you are able to volunteer, please sign up on PTA Events

Dietary requirements

Biscuit – may contain nuts, egg and milk

Meat hot dog – chicken, pork and beef

Popcorn – may contain nuts and soya

Bread roll – may contain nuts, egg and milk

Vegetarian hot dog – wheat, soya and egg



www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge



SCAN ME

Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start
volunteer you
could make a BIG
difference to a
local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times.

And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Problems such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- Ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



**Our next training course starts soon,
sign up today!**



What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories.

Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I started volunteering with Home-Start in March 2024 & I have loved every minute. I first thought I'd struggle with the commitment because life can be busy and ever changing, but with good communication with your family you can work around both of your schedules, really making it the most rewarding volunteering I've done.

If you're considering volunteering, I really do encourage you to go for it, not only will you change the life of a family in need, but you'll also learn new things & meet some lovely people along the way.



“Grateful to have been supported by this fantastic charity! So selfless and special! Helped me through tough times and gave me confidence in my parenting. My children adored the volunteer and were sad when our time ended with them”

Contact us to find out more!

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www.home-startspelthorne.org





U6/ U7/ U8



YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3

ACADEMY TRIALS



 Hazelwood Centre, Sunbury, TW16 6QU

  Thursday's - 5pm - 6:30pm

  Friday's - 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Below are some of the teams our U6's / U7's & U8's
have played / scheduled for this season



- FA & UEFA Coaches
- Platform to be scouted by a professional club
- Danny our Director is Head Coach of Southampton U10 Academy (Staplewood)

To book a trial for our U6/ U7/ U8 Academy
visit our website:
www.pdacoaching.com



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