

Riverside Primary School

Newsletter: August 2018



Welcome Back!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all pupils, parents, carers and staff. It has been a very busy start to the school year but the pupils are all raring to go for another successful term here at Riverside! We welcome all of our new pupils to school, some of whom have started in P1 and others who have started in various classes throughout the school.

I am extremely excited about the year ahead, working with the children, staff and community of Riverside Primary, and I look forward to seeing and hearing about our children's successes. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the school, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email.

Fiona MacPhail
Head Teacher

Staffing Update

We have had some staff changes over the summer period. We welcome Mr Thompson our P2 teacher, Miss Gill in P2/3 and Miss Redmond in P6 to our staffing this term. I'm sure the children will get to know them all very quickly. We also welcome back Ms Hamilton, Principal Teacher this term. Mrs Jack has taken up a new post as Family Link Worker, more information on this will follow.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club operates from the dining hall each morning from 8.15am-8.40am. This provision is **free** for all pupils.

Annual Data Check / EE2/ Photo Consent

You will soon receive an Annual Data Check form and EE2 form to complete about your child. This ensures we hold up to date medical and emergency contact information and is required to be updated annually. The EE2 form is also required to be completed to ensure your child can attend local outings throughout the year. Photo Consent forms will be included and require to be signed. Thank you for your help with these. Forms will be out soon.

Uniform/PE Kit

We value the support of our parents / carers in encouraging all pupils in the wearing of school uniform. It is important that our children take pride in their school and attending in uniform is a vital part in building the ethos of our school. Could we please ask that all school uniform and gym kits have your child's name on them. This helps reduce the amount of lost property we have in school! Please ensure your child has a PE kit sent to school with them, no football strips please.

Pupil Absences

A reminder that you must notify the school office of your child's absence by 9.30am. This allows us to ensure that all of our children are safe.

School Dinners/IPAY

We would like to remind you that school dinners for P1-3 are free of charge to all pupils and for those pupils in P4-7, not in receipt of free school meals, lunches cost £2.04. Please remember that teachers can no longer accept money in class and school meals should be ordered and paid for either online via iPay Impact or handed into the office in an envelope marked with the amount, your child's name and class. Primary 1's log in details will be sent to them in the next week or so. If you do not have a log in please contact the school office.

Medication

Should your child need medication of any sort whilst in school, we would ask that you come in to the school office to complete a form for this. Most children can administer their medication personally (e.g. inhalers) although a form still needs to be completed. There are sometimes medications which need administered by a first aider in school and, again, a form must be completed for this to happen.

Promoting Healthy Eating

As part of our healthy eating ethos in school please help us by providing children with a healthy snack for school each day. Children can bring water with them to drink during class time but please no juice.

Milk August – October 2018

Milk orders can be placed via Ipay by Thursday 31 August. If you haven't set up Ipay yet please pay via the school office and have the correct money in a sealed envelope.

Pupil collection and Appointments

A reminder that you must notify the teacher in writing if your child has a dentist or doctor appointment or will be leaving school early. Children should be collected at the office and signed out.

Health and Safety

Could we please remind parents that dogs are not permitted in the school playground.

Questions and Concerns

As always, we operate an open door policy for parents/carers so that any questions you may have can be answered as quickly as possible. In the first instance, your child's class teacher should be contacted as they have responsibility for the education and pastoral care of the children in their care. If you wish to discuss anything further, please make an appointment with a member of the school leadership team through the school office.

Dates for your diary

- P1 Photos Thursday 30 August
- Meet the Teacher Tuesday 4 September
- Coffee Morning Friday 7 September
- P4 Macmillan Coffee morning Friday 7 September
- September Holiday Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 September
- Pupils Resume Wednesday 19 September
- Bingo Night Thursday 20 September
- P5 Biscuits & Blethers Friday 21 September
- P4 Assembly Monday 24 September
- P4/5 Assembly Monday 1 October
- P2 Biscuits & Blethers Friday 5 October
- Parents Evenings Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 October
- October Holidays Monday 15 – Monday 22 October
- Pupils resume Tuesday 23 October
- Halloween Disco Thursday 1 November

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