

# Newsletter

Riverside Primary School & Nursery  
St Edmund's Way  
Rainham,  
Kent ME8 8ET



*Happy, Helpful, Hard-working*

Friday 24th September 2021

Term 1 2021/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Wellbeing

Since the children have returned to school, we have been working with them on strategies for supporting wellbeing and behaviour. Applying our 7 values to all we do at school provides a safe and nurturing environment within which all of our children can thrive.

Mrs Wood in her new role as HSSW (Home School Support Worker), has engaged our younger children in social skills groups, supporting them with sharing, turn-taking and listening to others. With the disruption over the last year, some of those key early learning steps need to be reinforced for our younger children through play and by modelling how to get along with others.

For some of our older children, discussing strategies that could be used independently to tackle friendship issues and manage emotions, have been revisited and the children have shown a good recall of what they learnt last year and how to implement them into everyday life.

Teachers have been working with their classes on recognising feelings and appropriate ways to share how they feel with others. All classes use The Red Beast and Colour Monster books to help children understand and manage their emotions. This term's PSHE topic is "Being Me in My World" which includes teaching children how to value themselves and make someone else feel welcome and valued.

Mrs Wood has also been able to offer 1:1 support to some of our parents/carers, with a safe place and a listening ear, signposting and offering advice. Remember, if you need an appointment please contact the school office.

Monday is a Staff Development Day, when staff will be receiving training on Trauma Informed Practices and understanding how behaviour tells a story. This important, research based session will enhance the wellbeing support we already offer in school and equip staff with further strategies to use in the classroom.

A reminder that school will therefore be closed to children on Monday but we will be welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 28th September.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Wilmer  
Headteacher

*This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children,  
achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.*



Mathematics  
**Mastery**



Rainham Mark  
**Education Trust**



## Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2021 - 2022

Term 1	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Children back to school YR – Y6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Opening for online applications for Primary and Secondary schools
	Medway Tests - Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b>	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Yr 6 Kingswood Meeting 2:30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Kingswood Yr 6 Residential
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Harvest Assembly (unfortunately no parents)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Make Do and Build Challenge Yr 2 Puffins and Squirrels
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Build a Lego House Maths Challenge Yr 5 Kestrels
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Parents Evening Wednesday 4pm – 6pm Thursday 4pm – 8pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Last day of term
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 – Staff Development Day</b>	

***Autumn Break – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021***  
***Closing date for Secondary school applications Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021***

Term 2	
Start of term:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
TBC	Swimming Yr 4 & Yr 6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Children in Need
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021	Flu Vaccinations Yr R to Yr 6
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	New Intake FS Tours 4:00pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Tag Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	FoRPS Christmas Fair
TBC	Christmas Performance
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021/Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021/Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021 TBC	Christmas Carols Yr 5 & Yr 6 Rochester
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	New Intake FS Tours 1:30pm & 2:00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Last day of term

***Christmas Break – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022***

Term 3	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Staff Development Day</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Children back to school
TBC	Swimming Yr 2
Finish:	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022

***Closing date for Primary school applications Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022***



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*Is your child starting school next September?*

## COME AND VISIT US

*This year we are offering tours of our school with talks from the Headteacher and information about Early Years.*

*We are a Good school with Outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development. We are also a flagship school for the Inclusion Quality Mark.*

*We have amazing grounds, resources and a team of staff who want the best for the children in their care.*

### *Quote from Ofsted 2019:*

*"Pupils are proud to be part of this welcoming, caring school where they make good friends and are happy"*



**Tour dates: 29<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30, 2:00 and 25<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00**

*Please contact the school office to book onto one of our tour afternoons.*

**Tel: (01634) 338700**

**Email: [office@riverside.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@riverside.medway.sch.uk)**

*Please check our website for videos of our school.*

**<https://www.riverside.medway.sch.uk/>**

