

Newsletter

Riverside Primary School & Nursery
St Edmund's Way
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Happy, Helpful, Hard-working

Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 1 2021/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the Autumn break, we have had the opportunity to reflect on the behaviour and learning of all of our Riverside children. On Monday, we had an assembly to celebrate our great writers, mathematicians and readers. Children who have shown exceptional progress and enjoyment of reading were chosen from each class to receive a golden token to use in our fabulous new Reading Vending Machine. They were able to choose a book to keep which we hope will inspire them to continue being avid readers.

Today, we have had our first Achievement Assembly since the beginning of the pandemic. This term we have celebrated science across the curriculum and each class recognised their budding scientists. We also awarded those children in each class who have shown exceptional Riverside Attitude since returning in September. Well done to everyone who received an award.

Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 have taken part in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges this week. The "Make Do & Mend" project for Puffins and Squirrels classes was to build a vehicle out of cardboard for a scientist to get to a hard-to-reach destination. Kestrels and Owls classes were given the task of building a house out of Lego. The STEM projects are organised by Medway Education Business Partnership and provide exciting, practical investigations which challenge the children to problem solve and work as a team. Well done to all the children for applying their critical thinking skills and showing great teamwork.

This week, we have joined schools across the country by taking part in the 2021 Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon. All classes from Nursery to Year 6 have taken part by either walking or running 2.6 miles as part of their daily mile time. The event is organised to inspire children of all ages to be physically active and adopt healthy lifestyle habits. We have also raised funds for the school, which will go towards the purchase of games for lunchtime break.

Owls Class have been our first Riverside Rangers of the year. They have supported the school by dropping off leaflets in the local neighbourhood, detailing our school tours for the new Reception intake for 2022. They showed good citizenship, being polite and considerate of others.

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come to school and meet with your child's class teacher this week. It is important that we all work together to support children to fulfil their potential. If you were unable to attend the Parents' Evenings, please contact the school to arrange a catch up with your class teacher.

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow is a staff development day, followed by the Autumn half term break, so we will see you all back at Riverside on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Wilmer
Headteacher

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achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.*



Mathematics
Mastery



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Education Trust



Riverside Primary School Diary Dates 2021 - 2022

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

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

Christmas Break – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

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

Closing date for Primary school applications Saturday 15th January 2022

