

# Newsletter

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*Happy, Helpful, Hard-working*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is very exciting to be writing my first newsletter in my new role as Head of School here at Riverside. I am really looking forward to continuing to make sure that Riverside remains a fantastic school and working with you all going forward.

We have had another busy week and the children are continuing to show a positive 'Riverside Attitude'. On Monday, the children enjoyed an interactive Science assembly from Fizz Pop Science, which included making an exploding volcano. Mrs Hobbs, our Science lead, has arranged for Fizz Pop to come back and visit later this year to deliver a Science workshop to all classes. Nursery have also been busy baking this week and made their own gingerbread person, which smelt extremely tasty and were enjoyed very quickly!

Especially after the disruption and difficulty of the last couple of years, we know how important it is to talk to others and build supportive relationships. We will be holding our first 'Time to Talk' session for parents to attend in the school hall on Thursday 3rd February at 9am. Our Home School Support Worker, Mrs Wood, will be setting up this session, which will be an opportunity to meet with other parents and enjoy a drink and perhaps a biscuit! We hope to see some of you there. If this proves popular it is something we hope to run more of throughout the year.

Miss Reynolds is busy organising this year's 'Book Week', which will be the week beginning Monday 28th February. We wanted to give you advance warning of World Book Day on the 3rd March, as the children can come to school dressed up as a character from a book on that day.

## Online safety

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school, their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives, as we have seen throughout the pandemic, but it is important to be aware of various online risks as well. The poster on the back of this newsletter will give you some tips for helping children to stay smart online.

Thank you once again for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robson  
Head of School



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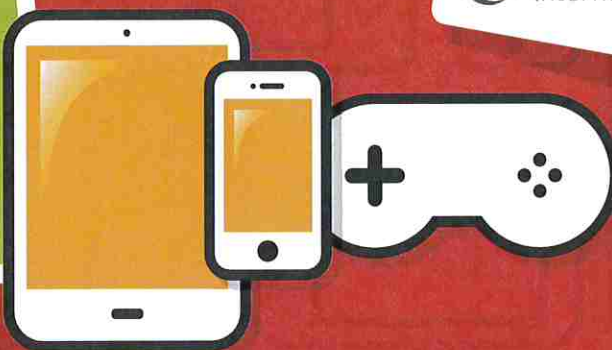
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# BE SMART ONLINE


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## SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.


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## MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.


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## RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.


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## TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

