

# Newsletter

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*Happy, Helpful, Hard-working*

Term 6 2021/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! The children have all returned to school this week, happy to be back learning with their classmates. We have a busy term ahead of us as we prepare end of year reports, final assessments, the summer exhibition, sports day and performances. We are also carefully planning transition activities, so that the children are fully prepared for the next phase of their education, whether that is starting a new school or moving up to a new class.

This week, we have had our first transition event, with a meeting for the parents/carers of our new Reception children. It was great to see so many families attend and to let them know about our wonderful school and what it is like to be part of our Riverside family. We look forward to welcoming them to more transition activities this term and then again when they start school in September.

We have also talked in assembly this week about what makes a Riverside pupil. The children contributed some fantastic words to describe the skills, knowledge and attributes our children acquire before they leave us in Year 6. Some of these included 'being respectful', 'sharing', 'how to be happy and show resilience', as well as 'learning new skills and knowledge'.

## Focus on Attendance

You may have heard a lot on the news about poor school attendance across the country following two years of disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At Riverside, we like to work with our families to support them overcome any barriers to school attendance. Mrs Wood, our Home School Support Worker, and Mrs Aldous, our attendance administrator, offer attendance meetings and signposting to improve low attendance. We are always willing to listen and implement personalised strategies so that children do not miss out on vital learning. As a reminder, the following is the legal position on attendance:-

*The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.*

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining good attendance at Riverside.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Wilmer  
Headteacher

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achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.*



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