

February Learning Newsletter 2024



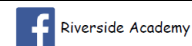
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Dear Parents/Carers

Although this is a short half term, it is really busy as we have lots of events planned to support the children's curriculum and learning. We have sent out the information for the upcoming parents evening and look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to discuss their child's achievements and progress. The children always look forward to sharing their books and learning with people from home.

In school, when we talk to the children about their learning we use 'Looking for Learning Questions. This helps the children to explain what they have learnt using new subject vocabulary that they have been taught. Giving children opportunities to talk about what knowledge they have learnt and explaining this to someone else really helps children to remember what they have learnt.

Looking for Learning Questions

What are you learning about?

What are you learning to do?

Why are you learning this?

How do you learn best?

What do you need to learn next?

In the classes and around the school you'll be able to see that the learning environment displays have subject vocabulary on them and five Looking for Learning Questions. We would encourage you to use these questions to talk to your child about what they have been learning about so far this year 😊

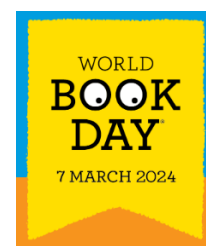
Parents Evening

Parents evening is on the **4th & 5th March**. You should have received a text message with a link to book. If you have any trouble booking, please contact the school office for assistance and they will be happy to help you. On Friday, the children will be bringing home a progress and attainment summary and a showcase piece of work that they have chosen to share with you.

World Book Day

On the **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day with a day of story time. Children can come into school wearing pyjamas and bring with them their favourite book and teddy. This will be a great opportunity for children to share their love of reading with their class and other children in school. We encourage you to spend time reading with your children at home and we'd love you to send in photos of your children reading in unusual and different places. Please email any pictures in to

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Family Lunch

On **Friday 8th March**, we will be welcoming families into school for our second family lunch this year. As a reminder the times are as follows.

Nursery - 11:30	Year 3 - 12:20
Reception - 11:40	Year 4 - 12:30
Year 1 - 11:55	Year 5 - 12:40
Year 2 - 12:10	Year 6 - 12:50

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and this year children can come into school in fancy dress or non-uniform – we can't wait to see what the children come dressed up as. You can also make a donation, we will send a link nearer to the date. In school, we will be raising awareness and talking about how fundraising helps and supports others.



Class assemblies

Throughout the year, each class will share with parents and carers an aspect of their learning and achievements through a class assembly. Year 3 are going first and are looking forward to telling everyone all about their trip to a London theatre to watch a production of Roald Dahls Matilda.

Every classes' assembly date is outlined on the yearly diary dates and is on the school website.

A fantastic opportunity to visit the Lowry Gallery

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to take our Year 5 children to the Lowry Gallery in Manchester – a city we have never taken the children to before! This trip will take place on **Wednesday 28th February** and is fully funded by Avanti West Coast. Avanti are running this project with the aim to take thousands of pupils on a free enriching and educational trip at venues along the West Coast Mainline. This is an opportunity that we are excited to be able to share with our pupils in Year 5, who will have the opportunity to visit the art gallery and work with a professional artist.

Friends of Riverside

We are really lucky to have a proactive Friends of Riverside, who have been busy coming up with fundraising ideas and planning family events for the rest of this school year. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the work that the friends do, then please contact the school office to find out more.

Please see below for the dates. More information regarding these will follow nearer the time.

16th April	Family Quiz night with Hotdogs and Pizza!
11th June	Second hand uniform sale- after school
20th June	Teddy Bears Picnic for Nursery and Reception Class Party on the field for Years 1 to 6
5th July	School Summer Fete

Key Diary Dates

28th February	Yr 5 – Lowry Gallery Trip
29th February	Yr3 – Class assembly @ 2:45

4th & 5th March	Parents Evening
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	Family Lunch
15th March	Red Nose Day
19th March	Reception – Mini Meadows
22nd March	Family Easter Hunt (starting at 3:00pm) – details to follow
22nd March	Last day of Term
8th April	Children return to school