

# April 2024 Newsletter

## Riverside Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the wet weather, which stopped lots of us from enjoying the outside over the Easter break, I hope that you all managed to have some time to recharge and spend time with family and friends. It was great to see so many of you join us for the Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term- we always enjoy being able to share these events with you all.

The curriculum for the summer term is packed with lots of learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We are hoping for sunshine so that the children can start the spring gardening jobs in the allotment and sensory garden- we will keep you updated with how we get on.

### Curriculum Open Afternoons

These afternoons are an informal opportunity for you to be able to join your child in their class so that they are able to share their curriculum learning with you. We have been focusing on vocabulary in school and increasing the variety of words that we use. Please talk to your children about the new vocabulary that they have been learning when you come in to see them.

Open afternoons start at 2:15pm and you are welcome to join us from this time onwards and stay for as long or as little time as you wish. We ask that the children remain in school until 3:15pm.

Year 1-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Year 2- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Year 3-Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Year 4 -Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Year 5 -Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Year 6- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

### Class Assemblies

Class assemblies provide an opportunity for the children to speak in front of an audience and practise their presentation skills. The children love the opportunity to share their work and achievements and therefore each class will be sharing an aspect of their learning with the school and their parents/ carers throughout the remainder of this school year.

On Thursday 2nd May we would like to welcome Year 5 parents to join us for their class assembly. The assembly will begin at 2:45pm.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we would like to welcome Year 4 parents to join us for their class assembly. The assembly will begin at 2:45pm.

### Year 6 SATS

It's a big term for Year 6. They are all working hard in preparation for their SATS and are starting to look ahead to ensure that they are ready for their transition to Secondary School. In school currently, Year Six are demonstrating a

real sense of determination to achieve well and they are setting an excellent example to the rest of the school- keep up the fantastic work Year 6 😊

SATS will take place week commencing 13th May. It's really important that all children in Year 6 attend school on this week. We will be providing breakfast during SATS week and we will share the details of what the week will look like and what to expect with Year 6 nearer the date.

### Friends of Riverside Family Quiz – 16th April 6:00-7:30pm

We are looking forward to our Family Quiz Night hosted by Friends of Riverside. This is a chance for children and families to get together and test their general knowledge! There will be pizza, hot dogs and soft drinks available to purchase on the night. If you haven't already registered a team and would like to, please click on the link below. It's £3.00 per team of up to 6 people.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGorfMwEtEi30d9QFOXXNKq7VBxAqKRLmTAbBI8d36VUMklKVzBCMVIKMTBPSU5HMEIFROZVOTZEVS4u>



We will be introducing the Mental Health in Schools Team to any parent who would like to meet with them. They are hosting a coffee morning **9.00am-10.00am Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. This is a drop-in session, open to all parents and carers. For full details see email dated 7<sup>th</sup> March or contact the office for more information.

### Cricket taster day – 26th April

All Stars & Dynamos Cricket are joining us to offer children from Reception to Year 6 the opportunity to have a specialist coaching session of cricket. These half hour sessions will give the children a chance to develop cricket skill. Please can you ensure your child has their P.E kit on this day.



### Ricky Dance Day – 29th April

We are excited for Ricky to join us for the second time this year for a day of dance! Each class will have the opportunity to work with Ricky to learn a dance routine that will involve them working as a team to perfect their performance. Children from Years 1 -6 will need their P.E kits in school on this day.

### Uniform

We expect that all children attend school in the correct uniform, which consists of a combination of the following:

- Dark grey or black trousers, skirt or shorts.
- Purple sweatshirts or purple cardigan
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Purple and white check dresses
- Black school shoes

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on 11<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any uniform that you wish to donate to this sale, please bring it into school the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Staff updates

We would like to congratulate Mrs Burgess on her recent wedding! She will now be known as Mrs Mewes but will still respond to her previous name as we all get used to it!

### Dates for this term

16th April	Yr 3 & 4 Anxiety and Resilience workshop- in class
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16th April	Family Quiz 6pm
23rd April	Mental Health Parents Coffee morning 9am
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 5 & 6 Drug awareness workshop- in class
26th April	Cricket Taster Day
29th April	Ricky Dance Day
2nd May	Yr 5 Class Assembly
13th – 16th May	Yr 6 SATS
23rd May	Yr 4 Class Assembly
27th -31st May	Half Term

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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