

Our Learning Newsletter

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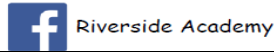


Riverside Academy



'Learning together, achieving excellence'
friendship, resilience, excellence

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Dear parents and carers,

Throughout the year, we enjoy using our outdoor environment to support learning in school and enable the children to engage in activities that encourage them to care for the environment and develop their teamwork skills. Now that the weather has improved, we are able to get back out to the allotment, poly-tunnel, and sensory garden. You may remember that earlier in the year, following our community voice survey, we decided that a way to increase biodiversity within our school grounds was to create a pond. Miss Davies has been successful in securing a grant for us to start this project in September - Thank you Miss Davies

11 before 11

Throughout the school year, every class will have the opportunity to take part in a 11 before 11 promise. Each one of the promises is designed to take our children beyond the usual school experiences whilst providing the children with lifelong memories that promote our school values of resilience, excellence and friendship. The summer term is always busy with 11 before 11 experiences and we have several year groups taking part in them over the coming weeks:

Year 4 Hiking Heroes - This is a new experience for Year 4 this year. We have decided to go on a Hike around the countryside of some local Northamptonshire villages so that we can explore some of the local geographical features as we walk.

Year 5 – Will be 'sleeping under the stars' and taking part in a horse-riding experience this half term.

Year 6 -Are going to 'cross a border' when they travel to Wales for their residential visit.



All Year groups will be taking part in the 'seeds to supper challenge' as everyone is involved in planning and maintaining the allotment and orchard.

Rights and responsibilities

At Riverside, we have our Rights and Responsibilities that support our school values. This week, the Junior Leadership Team have met to discuss the responsibilities that we all have in school and have adjusted the wording slightly. The JLT have then visited classes across the school to share their work with the other children.

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Our rights:

The right to feel safe.

The right to learn.

The right to be treated with respect.

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The right to be treated with respect

Our responsibilities:


- To be polite and speak to others how we would want to be spoken to.
- To treat others fairly.
- To be caring and considerate to everyone.
- To look after and support our whole school community.

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The right to feel safe.

Our responsibilities:

- Walk sensibly and quietly around school.
- Be aware of and respect other people's feelings online and face to face.
- Always show our value of friendship in and outside of school.

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The right to learn

Our responsibilities:

- Be resilient in all areas of learning.
- Listen in lessons and ask questions.
- Share our ideas and opinions with others.

School uniform sale

The second hand school uniform sale was popular last year, so we are aiming to hold another on **Tuesday 11th June** after school at 3:15 on Key Stage 2 playground

If you have any jumpers that your children have outgrown that you wish to donate for this event, please drop them in at the school office from **Monday 3rd June** onwards.



As a school, we work closely with the Mental Health in Schools Team, who are part of RISE. They offer a valuable service to schools and communities to support children and families with a wide range of support & workshops. The team have offered to do some direct work in school with us in the form of workshops for parents and carers and drop in coffee mornings. We would really appreciate it if you would complete the quick parent survey to gain your views and to find out what support/workshops would be most helpful.

Parent link survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9HB59T3>

The summer term is always busy with lots of whole school events and educational visits. We look forward to welcoming you into school for these events over the coming weeks. Key dates are outlined below, and we will send out more detailed information as each event gets nearer.

Best wishes,

Beccy Payne

Headteacher

Diary Dates

20 th & 21 st May	Year 5 Horse Riding
23 rd May	Year 3 Walk to Caldecott Park & St Andrews Church
24 th May	Last Day of term
3 rd June	Children return to school
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th June	Reception Balance Bike training
4 th June	Year 4 Hike
5 th June	Year 2 Ryton Pools
6 th June	Year 1 History Walk
7 th June	Family Lunch
11 th June	Second Hand Uniform Sale
12 th -14 th June	Year 6 Residential
17 th – 28 th June	Year 6 Swimming Lessons
18 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly
19 th June	Year 5 Space Centre
20 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic & Party on the field (more info to follow)
21 st June	Reception – Wash a fire truck
27 th June	Year 3 Cemex Visit
28 th June	Non-Uniform (Info to follow)
28 th June	Year 5 Sleeping Under the Stars
2 nd July	Sports Day
3 rd July	Reserve Sports Day
4 th July	Year 1 Hunstanton
5 th July	Summer Fete
10 th July	Transition Day
11 th July	Year 1 Class Assembly
12 th July	Celebration Picnic
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance
18 th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
18 th July	Last Day of term