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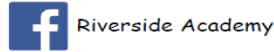


Riverside Academy

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really positive start to the autumn term and have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. We have lots of learning opportunities planned for them and are looking forward to seeing you for parents evening on 22nd and 23rd October.

REAch2 – 11 Before 11

We're excited to continue our journey with the REAch2 "11 Before 11" initiative, which offers children 11 memorable experiences before they leave primary school. These opportunities help build confidence, resilience, and a love of learning beyond the classroom. The opportunities are planned out across the year groups and throughout the academic year. If your child has been with us since nursery, they will experience these 11 promises by the time they leave us in Year 6.



Head Boy & Head Girl Announced

We are thrilled to announce our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl. We had several members of Year 6 put themselves forward for this role and they all did a great job at presenting their speeches to the whole school in assembly.

Head Boy- Joshua

Head Girl – Pippa

Deputy Head Boy- Kayden

Deputy Head Girl- Jennifer-rose

Congratulations to them – we know they will do a fantastic job!

Updates and reminders to share with you:

School Uniform Expectations

We kindly remind all families of our school uniform policy. Children should arrive in full uniform each day (including appropriate school shoes), ready to learn. A small but important update: hair accessories should be limited to small bows only. Larger or brightly coloured bows can be distracting for children throughout the day, and we appreciate your support in keeping these to a minimum.



Change to School Day Timing – After October Half Term

To meet the statutory requirement of 32.5 hours per week, our school day will begin slightly earlier starting **Monday 3rd November**.

New start time: 8:45am

Gates will continue to open at 8:40am

School car park

As part of our annual procedures, we have updated our risk assessment of the school car park. Therefore, we need to ensure that the car park is reserved exclusively for disabled badge holders. This is to ensure the safety and accessibility of our site for those who need it most. If you believe you are eligible to use the school car park and require access, please contact the school office to discuss your needs. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Importance of Good Attendance

Everyday counts! Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, social development, and overall success. We encourage all families to prioritise attendance and avoid unnecessary absences.

Please see below the information and support provided for parents and carers from Warwickshire Local Authority.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-attendance>

As a school, we want to work with parents and carers to support good attendance for every child. If there are any reasons that are affecting your child school attendance. Please do contact the school office so that we are able to work together to find a solution.

Farewell to Miss Norris

This week we say a goodbye to Miss Norris, our Office Admin Assistant. Miss Norris has been a valued member of our school community, and we thank her for everything she has done for Riverside. Miss Norris has been successful in securing a promotion and is starting an exciting new full-time position now that her own children are older. We wish her all the very best in her next chapter!

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Warm regards,

Beccy Payne

Head Teacher