



Message from Mrs Lahive

Happy Friday Riversiders!

Ancora Imparo - I am still learning

Yet another exciting week at Riverside...



BE KIND

The Willows Eco Warriors challenge this week was all about being kind to the environment. They asked the whole school in assembly to pick up any litter they find; try to keep count of how many pieces. Next week we are also re-launching our WOW –Walk to School Challenge, which is also about being kind to our environment and our bodies. Our Peace Patrol have been out and about on the playground doing a survey to see how we can make our school even happier.

BE SAFE

Some of our governors did a Health and Safety Walk on Thursday. They were very pleased with the hard work that Miss Devon, Mr Egan and Miss Mansell and the rest of the staff do to make sure we keep everyone safe. They were very impressed with our fire drill and especially our little Seedlings very first evacuation. They were AMAZING! The governors liked how the staff have ensured that our learning environments are helping us to focus on the important things we need to know and are also helping our well-being. A big thank you to the governors too (four hours of looking through files and policies should have its own risk assessment) - we appreciate you making sure that we are doing our very best to keep everyone safe and healthy despite the challenges of the building. The governors have made a few recommendations to help improve the environment for our children including new furniture for The Raven class. I have contacted Mr Backhouse again this week and am awaiting an update on our building improvements.

BE A GREAT LEARNER

Chinese New Year

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

One minute you're having yet another dull zoom meeting and the next your office is being invaded by The Acorn class and their Chinese dragon! The Willows enjoyed cooking some traditional Chinese food and the Otters were finding out what year of the animal they were born in – apparently, I am a monkey!

STEM

Lots more fun science experiments this week including The Conkers finding out about which materials were most absorbent. [Click here:](#)

Bluebells, I need the answer to which snack was the healthiest please? The Stem After School Club were busy creating 3D models of hedgehog habitats using '2Design and Make' on Purple Mash. Watch this space for them being made next week...

POET'S CORNER

Peas with Honey

We took our sticky poem to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 yards this week. DELICIOUS! The Acorns shared their nursery rhymes and the Otters shared that wonderful classic, 'Humpty Dumpty!'

EVERY CHILD A READER!

'You can find magic wherever you look!

Sit back and relax –all you need is a book!'

Dr Seuss. The Cat in the Hat

Parents we need you! We want all our children to be good readers and to do that we need to work as a team. This term we are having a BIG push on getting EVERYONE reading EVERY night! All children will have a blue book bag and the challenge is to read EVERY night and bring in their books EVERY day as we will be having spotlight reading sessions throughout the week – special times where we can all sit back and enjoy a book.

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 suggested amount of time reading: 10 minutes for EYFS and KS1. 20 Minutes for KS2.

Covid Update

NOOOOOO! Can't believe I am still having to write this section and NOOOOO- this week saw more of our lovely children off school with Covid. Sending all our love to you all and to our staff who are still off poorly too. Here is a little reminder of the isolation rules again ...

Thank you once again for all your cooperation over this very difficult start to 2022, in spite of everything your children are working so hard and are a credit to you all.

Mrs Lahive

5 Stars of the week ★★★★★ Our 5 Star celebration

Seedlings	Isla-Mae
Acorns:	Alfie
Otters:	Alice
Conkers:	Shyanne
Bluebells:	Heidi & Connah
Adders:	Daniel
Larks:	Aunya
Ravens:	Amelia S
Kingfishers:	Amber
Brambles:	Macauley
Willows:	Denny
Wrens	Leighton

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY



...will be next week



Attendance



The race for the first Mr. Potato Head party is heating up!

Seedlings:	1 piece	Adders:	12 pieces +
Acorns:	1 piece	Larks:	12 pieces
Otters:	11 pieces	Ravens:	12 pieces +
Conkers C:	12 pieces +	Kingfishers:	9 pieces
Conkers N:	9 pieces	Brambles:	2 pieces
Bluebells E:	8 pieces	Willows:	6 pieces
Bluebells G:	12 pieces	Wrens	4 pieces

Be on time by five to nine!

Dates for your diary / reminders

YEAR 4 (and special guests) - Roman trip THURSDAY 10th February

Willows - Farm trip THURSDAY 10th February

P.E. Days

Seedlings, F1 and F2	<u>Conkers</u>	<u>Bluebells</u>	<u>Adders</u>	<u>Larks</u>	<u>Ravens</u>	<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Wrens</u>	<u>Brambles</u>	<u>Willows</u>
Fitness Fridays	Mondays	Thursdays	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Tues & Wed	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday

Uniform and PE Kit

Please remember that children are only to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. Every other day, pupils should be attending in school uniform.

Boys Uniform

White polo top
Black trousers/shorts
Royal Blue Jumper
Black Socks
Black Shoes/trainers

Girls Uniform

White polo top
Black skirt/trousers
Royal Blue Jumper/cardigan
Black Socks/Tights
Black Shoes/trainers

PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt
Plain black leggings/jogging bottoms
Plain black shorts in summer
Black or White trainers/pumps