



Message from Mrs Lahive



Happy New Year Riversiders!

Well, we are off to a flying start to 2022 and our new term. It has been lovely to see our children return so happy and ready to take on their new learning challenges. As you were informed earlier this week, we have had an increasing number of positive cases this week amongst staff and children. Thank you for following the advice and helping keep our community safe. Despite having staff and children off poorly with the virus, we have achieved some truly wonderful things already!

Welcome to our Seedling Class!

Yes, our youngest members of our Riverside family have now officially joined us and are settling in so well. They have been busy enjoying some sensory exploration, strengthening their fingers with dough disco and designing their special word tree - quite an achievement when you are only two! Most importantly, they have been making new friends and having lots of fun!

New members of staff

Also joining us this term, are three amazing additions to the teaching staff. Firstly, we have Mrs Whelan who is leading The Seedling Class (Two Year Old Provision). Also joining the Early Years team in The Acorn Class is Miss Pryce. In Key Stage 1, we are very excited to welcome Mrs Rice-Oxley who is a Read, Write, Inc. trainer, to lead reading. What a team!

Building Update

The Assistant Director for Education, James Backhouse, visited the school recently and was very impressed with the children and the staff. He assures us that Riverside is top of the list for building improvements. We will keep you posted on future plans as soon as we have more information.

Trips

We were delighted this week to start our trips out again. On Monday, The Bluebell class went on the hunt for The Bog Baby in Central Park... SQUELCH!

Thursday saw our Adder class venture over to Liverpool to The World Museum as part of their history topic. It is so wonderful to be able to start getting out and about, bringing our learning to life - it is how we learn best. One of the curators at the museum commented on our children's beautiful behaviour and enthusiasm.

Marvellous Me

This term we are launching our, 'Marvellous Me' app. You have received a letter this week with your child's parent code-please download the app and log in so you can hear all about the marvellous things your child is doing at school.

Vocabulary

2022 is all about words. We are on a quest to become word whizzes! Each class has their own vocabulary tree, which will grow as the children learn their new words. The Otter class impressed Mr Backhouse with their word knowledge of camouflage during his visit and today they were telling me about the word eternity means from their story, 'The Snow Queen' - magical! Please get chatting to your children about their vocabulary words.

Class Newsletters

You child's teacher will email you shortly with your child's year group newsletter with all the information about what is happening this term.

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

Seedlings:	Millie
Acorns:	Eliza
Otters:	Ruby-Leigh
Conkers:	Cody
Bluebells:	Jack
Adders:	Rafsan
Larks:	Amber-Lilly
Ravens:	Stephen
Kingfishers:	Brendan
Brambles:	Frankie
Willows:	Rylee
Wrens	Levi



Attendance



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

Seedlings:	1 piece	Adders:	11 pieces
Acorns:	1 piece	Larks:	8 pieces
Otters:	9 pieces	Ravens:	10 pieces
Conkers C:	12 pieces	Kingfishers:	6 pieces
Conkers N:	6 pieces	Brambles:	2 pieces
Bluebells E:	5 pieces	Willows:	5 pieces
Bluebells G:	9 pieces	Wrens	3 pieces

Be on time by five to nine!

Dates for your diary / reminders

JUDO - Every Wednesday morning from 26th Jan until 16th Feb from 8am - 8:45am (only for those who returned the letters this week).

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.

In an effort for us all to look the same, we are no longer asking for the school logo to be on the jumpers and cardigans. Most of this uniform is available from the local supermarkets, such as Asda and Tesco. All children should wear black shoes or plain black trainers. Any hair accessories should be black, white or blue.

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