



Riverside
Primary School
& Nursery

Riverside News

31st January 2015

Message from the Headteacher...

★ Current
attendance
95.1%

**PUPIL
PREMIUM
Claiming for
Free School
Meals means
you help your
child and the
school**

This could be:

- Additional support in English & Maths
- Help with school trips
- Help with extra-curricular clubs

Come to school
to help you
register or go
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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Birthday Riverside!

This time last year on the 31st January we were all celebrating the start of Riverside and sharing our hopes and ambitions for our new school and the children proudly wore their smart new school uniform for the first time.

Today I am here in **Saturday Club** with 15 of our Y6 children and governor, Mrs Spear. It is heartening to see that the commitment and aspirations for the children to achieve their very best is strong.

All last week we have been talking about school uniform and checking that all the children look just as smart. I am pleased to say they all still do!

The school building is rapidly taking shape and it is wonderful to hear the children talk about how eager they are to be in their new classes.

We will all celebrate the school's first year once our building is complete and the weather is better. You will be invited to start taking part in activities to help plan and prepare for this very special occasion very soon.

New teachers

I am delighted to welcome:
Mrs Rowland and **Mrs John** are enjoying working in Y4.
Mrs Lodhia is now teaching Y6 as Miss Palfrey has now emigrated to Australia.
Mrs Azad is covering in Y6 and Y3 while the class teachers are planning and assessing lessons.
Mrs Barnes, a PE specialist, is teaching PE in Y3, Y4 and Y5 every Thursday. The children say, 'It's great!'



Saturday Club celebrate Riverside's 1st Birthday

Open Days – Healthy New Year – Healthy New You

Mrs Barnes has put all the school children, including our youngest ones, through their paces to showcase the wonderful sports opportunities and facilities we have at Riverside School. We will continue to promote the school to new parents and children.

It has been really good to read in the Maidenhead Advertiser how well our children achieved in the KS2 SATs last year. Earlier this month we were the 1000th school to join in the Big Society Initiative and have adopted Donnington Gardens to keep the area litter free. I am sure that you are all just as proud as I am of our children's achievements in this respect.

I am also impressed with all the parents who attended the Mathematics Training (Numicon) last week. They all said how much they learnt and what fun it is to learn about maths. Thanks to all the younger children's parents for cooking with the children as part of Family Learning. It sounds fun.

I am grateful to you all for completing the Parents and Carers Survey and to Mrs Porter for collating it. The results will be published this term. Thank you for your continued support. **Rehana Juna**

Other Information



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School Mission

We value everyone in our school community and have high aspirations for all.

Our school provides a nurturing and stimulating learning environment which develops responsible and resilient citizens.

Leave of Absence Requests

Please remember the key points that came into force from September 2013 regarding Term Time Leave of Absence. The key points for your information are:

- ❖ Leave of absence will no longer be referred to as "holiday absence."
- ❖ Only applications made in advance can be considered.
- ❖ Headteachers are **prohibited** from granting leave of absence except in "exceptional circumstances."
- ❖ Penalty notices will be used as a deterrent to prevent a pattern of unauthorised absence developing.

Please contact Pippa Barville (RBWM Education Welfare Officer) on 01628 683521 if you require any more information.

Cash for Schools

Please start collecting the vouchers from the Maidenhead Advertiser and ask your friends and family to do the same so that we can raise as much money as possible for our school.

We need at least two tokens per pupil (572 tokens) to win a share of **£2,000**



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Collect and donate vouchers to help kids lead healthier lives

Active Kids 2015

Sainsbury's

Vouchers are now available to collect from Sainsbury's. The more vouchers we receive, the more equipment we can get for Riverside!

Please start collecting!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Occasion	Who?
Tuesday 3rd February	Planetarium to visit Riverside	Foundation Stage and KS1
Thursday 12th February	Dance Festival at the Magnet Leisure Centre	Oak (Ticket holders only)
Friday 13th February	END OF TERM 3	Whole school
Monday 23rd February	START OF TERM 4	Whole school
Friday 13 th March	Mother's Day Tea Party	Foundation Stage