



## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Over this week it has been wonderful to see so many parents attending our Meet the Teacher meetings. We had the most parents ever attending the open days and I know the pupils were very proud to show their parents what they are doing in class. As I said at the meetings, we will be moving the date of the meetings next year to the first week in September as a number of parents would prefer to meet the teacher earlier in the term and for pupils moving from Foundation into Year 1, a July date will be considered.



As a school we are constantly looking at how we can improve the opportunities for our pupils. One area that consistently causes issues is pupils doing homework. As a father myself, I hated the regular arguments with my son over doing homework. My son would always tell me I was doing it wrong and that his scruffy scribbled work was good enough, despite my best efforts. Often he wouldn't tell me about the homework until the last minute, which resulted in breakfast being spent searching his book bag and occasionally me doing it for him to avoid him getting into trouble.

As a result we will be changing the current system of homework to a series of activities to be shared between parent and child. The staff will be encouraging pupils to complete activities over a few weeks and parents would be able to send pictures into school of what they are doing.

Pupils who complete their homework will be entered into a prize draw with a prize of a week's free breakfast club. The parents will also be invited to a show and tell session where the pupils and parents can share their activities. I would like to remind you that reading, learning, spellings and practising tables remains a core task.

Each year group will send home the homework sheets before half term, I will be reviewing how successful this change will be later in the year.



### Foundation Shed

I would like to thank Mr Honey, Mr Briggs, Mr Witka-Jezewski and Mr Joof for coming into school on a rainy Monday morning to build our new foundation shed. The shed will be used to store our Foundation bikes. Their help was hugely appreciated.

### Staff Leaving

It is with regret that I inform you that two of our Teaching Assistants, Miss Leaves and Mrs Harris will be leaving our school over the next couple of weeks. I would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them all the best in the future.





### Dates for your diary

- October 21 - Non Pupil Day
- October 24 - Half Term
- October 31 - Return to school
- December 16 - Break up for Christmas
- January 4 - Start of Spring term

Mr B Jones  
Head Teacher (30.09.16)



After reading this newsletter, I would like to make the following comments:

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Signed: ..... Parent of:..... Child's Class:.....