



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



19th JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to thank the many parents who sent back their surveys regarding the changes to the term dates for **2017-18**. We had over **120** responses explaining reasons for and against the proposed changes to the term dates. At the Governors meeting this week, a decision was made to change to a two week half term in October. We will be looking at how this impacts on the learning of the pupils over the year and this will be used to inform us in future years. The new term dates are below:-

September 1	-	Professional Day
September 4	-	Start of Autumn Term
October 20	-	Professional Day
October 23 – Nov 5	-	Half Term (<u>2 weeks</u>)
November 6	-	Return to School
December 20	-	Break up for the Christmas holidays
January 3	-	Professional Day
January 4	-	Start of Spring Term
February 12 – 16	-	Half Term
February 19	-	Return to School
March 29	-	Break up for the Easter holidays
April 16	-	Start of Summer Term
May 7	-	May Day Bank Holiday
May 28 – June 1	-	Half Term
June 4	-	Return to School
July 25	-	Break up for summer
July 26	-	Professional Day
July 27	-	Professional Day



Finland Crowd Funding help

Four children from Year 5 have an opportunity of a lifetime to visit Finland for 6 days in March. Due to recent changes in the value of the pound, we need to raise a few more pounds to support this event. If you would like to donate even just a couple of pounds to the crowd funding appeal, it will help to make this trip of a lifetime possible. [http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ete/?](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ete/)

To support this event, I would like all pupils to wear blue and white to school or dress like an arctic creature for the day on **Friday 27th January**, for a generous coined donation.



Parents evening 23rd, 24th & 25th January

I am sure you're all aware that parents evening is next week. In the entrance hall will be packs of our maths sets for sale, which will support your child to improve their maths ability.

After School Club

Due to its popularity, we have been able to increase the number of spaces available in our after school club. This is fantastic news and should allow more children to benefit from our excellent after school provision. If you are interested in signing your children up, please contact the school office.

Virtual Reality Day

Miss Miller has secured Riverside an exciting opportunity! We will be having a 'Virtual Reality Day' where children from Year 1 upwards will be taken on a magical virtual reality tour without even leaving the school! Google Expeditions are providing this free taster session using top of the range equipment. Google Expeditions have worked with David Attenborough and the WWF to recreate 3D virtual environments Machu Picu and the Rainforest!



Foundation Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all the parents who bought raffle tickets, **£166.62** was raised and we have donated this to the Donkey Sanctuary.



Disco

On **Monday 6th February** we will be having our Spring Disco:-

Foundation & Year 1	1:40 – 2:40
Year 2 & 3	2:20 – 3:00
Year 4, 5 & 6	3:15 – 4:15

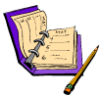
More information to follow soon.



Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Roberts is expecting her second child soon. This, of course, means that she will be taking a short break from school to look after her new bundle.

We would like to welcome Mrs Chapman, who will take over Mrs Roberts' role until her return.



Dates for your Diary

13 th – 17 th February	Half Term
20 th February	Return to school
31 st March	Break up for Easter
18 th April	Start of summer term
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Non pupil day
6 th June	Return to school
26 th July	Break up for summer

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Head Teacher (19.01.17)



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

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