

**10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

Dear Parents &amp; Carers

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to welcome you all back to Riverside after the summer holiday. A particularly warm welcome to the new pupils and parents who have just joined us.

As always, if you have any issues that you wish to discuss please contact the class teacher or the year team leader. If it is a more serious issue, then please feel free to contact either myself or the two Deputy Head teachers; Mrs Willcocks and Mrs Turnock. We are available at the start or end of the day or you can contact the office to timetable a meeting.

**Helen Dyer – Family Support Advisor**

We are fortunate to have a Family Support Advisor whose job it is to support parents with any issues that could impact on the children. These could be issues such as children's behaviour, medical issues, debt, housing or domestic issues.

Helen works full time at the school and can be contacted via the office. Please note anything discussed with Helen is purely confidential.

**Parent Keep Fit Class – Tuesdays 9:00am – 10:00am**

Helen Dyer is holding a parent keep fit class in our school hall on **Tuesdays at 9:00am**. Please come along for fitness and fun, all welcome.

**Exciting news...** Riverside is launching a new program called 'Nurture' which aims to support the personal, social and emotional development of our children. The program seeks to support children with friendships, social skills, emotions, learning skills and behaviour.

We have a small team who will be working alongside pupils both in and out of class. If your child is selected to work with the Nurture team we will give you a call and discuss it further with you. Mrs Turnock will be leading this program.

**Lollipop Man**

After 6 months of not having a lollipop man, I am delighted to announce that Plymouth City Council have finally appointed a person to do this job.

Please support the lollipop man by not parking on the road near to the school and always crossing the road where the lollipop man is.

**The Riverside Parents, Teachers and Friends Association**

Miss Maclellan will be holding her first PTFA meeting on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9:15am**. At the end of last year a number of parents left this group as their children were in Year 6, so we would love to see lots of new parents joining, to support the pupils at our school.

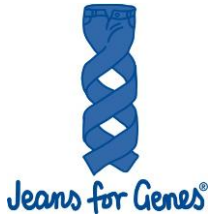
**Library before school**

Can I remind you that our Library is open at **8:30am** each day. Please pop into the Library and start the day off by reading with your child.

**Lost Property**

One week back at school and we already have 8 school jumpers in our lost property. Please, please, please label your children's clothes and this should help us get their clothes back to the correct pupils rather than being left in lost property.





### Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

All children will be allowed to wear jeans to school on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** for a silver coined donation to raise money for this worthy charity.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Helen Dyer will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at **9:00am** in our Drama Hall. All cake donations, whether bought or homemade, will be greatly appreciated and everyone is welcome to pop along for a coffee and slice of cake to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.



### Term Dates for 2018-19

October 22 – Nov 2	-	Half Term (two weeks)
November 5	-	Return to School
December 20	-	Break up for the Christmas holidays
January 7	-	Start of Spring Term
February 18 – 22	-	Half Term
February 25	-	Return to School
April 9	-	Break up for the Easter holidays
April 24	-	Start of Summer Term
May 6	-	May Day Bank Holiday
May 27 – 31	-	Half Term
June 3	-	Return to School
July 24	-	Break up for summer

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