



## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

Dear Parents & Carers

I am sure a number of you have heard that for the first time in 10 years we have had to make the tough decision to cancel a school trip. The Year 2 trip, to the Zoo, has been cancelled as despite the school reducing the total cost to the parents, a number of parents failed to pay the voluntary contribution which was requested.

I am bitterly disappointed to have to cancel the trip, but as school budgets have been cut, I am having to increasingly make tough decisions about how we spend our money. We try to keep the cost of trips manageable and give plenty of time for the amounts to be paid. Please can parents ensure they pay for future educational trips **on time** to avoid any further cancellations.



### Harvest Festival – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** we will be collecting items of food to donate to the local Food Bank. Last year hundreds of tins and packets were donated. Please send items to school from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Parking near school

A number of local residents have phoned recently to complain about parents parking on local roads and blocking drives or parking near junctions. Please be considerate to local residents and park safely.



### World War I Armistice Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

To mark 100 years since the end of World War I, we will be holding a special day on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. All pupils will be making a poppy and then the hundreds of poppies will be displayed on the field. From **2:45pm** parents will be welcome to collect their children to see the display before the end of the school day.

I am delighted to announce that the author Dan Metcalf will be leading an assembly on this day and reading extracts from his book 'Paw Prints in the Somme'. A story of Tom the Devon cat who befriends a soldier in the World War I trenches. Details of how to buy this book and his other stories will be sent out later.

**Poppies will be on sale from the school office on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held in the Drama Hall after school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** from **3:10pm until 4:00pm**.



### Mufti Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Children are allowed to wear mufti on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** for a silver coined donation.

### Attendance

Please be aware that holidays during term time have a serious impact on children's education - whole areas of learning, key events and important assessments are often missed. Children may fall behind as a result of poor attendance. Please consider this carefully when planning holidays.

Due to an increase in unauthorised holidays being taken, we are having to consider referring some cases to the Education Welfare Officer.





Welcome back Mrs Tate, who will be returning to school after the half term. Mrs Tate has been on maternity leave and Mrs Harvie, who has been covering class 1T is sadly leaving us on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Good luck Mrs Harvie.



**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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Head Teacher (04.10.18)



After reading the recent newsletter, I would like to make the following comment:-

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