



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



6th SEPTEMBER 2019



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after the summer break. I must start by looking back over the summer school, which we ran for 4 weeks of the school holiday. This free event was supported by the government Fit and Fed project and allowed us to ensure that up to 50 pupils had an energetic and fun filled summer. The children went on trips to Morwellham Quay, Dartmoor Zoo, Pennywell Farm and the Aquarium, as well as taking part in lots of fun events at the school. Check out the photos on the website.

I have requested information about this funding being available for the autumn term and again next summer, I will let you know when I have any information.



Lateness

We have only been back 4 days, but already we have had 38 children arriving late at school and one family has been late every day. Being late for school has a huge effect on the child's start to the day and their ability to learn. It is like missing the beginning of a film. It's very difficult for the child to catch up, and they feel very nervous about entering the class which has already started work.

Over the next couple of weeks I will be waiting at the desk from the second bell to enquire why people are late to school and encouraging everyone to be in school on time.

The gates open at **8:35am**, the first bell goes at **8:50am**. You must be in school by the second bell at **9:00am**.

Please support the school by being on time this year.



PTFA meeting

The first meeting of the Parents, Teacher and Friends Association is on **Friday 13th September at 9:15am** in the Drama Room. This group of caring parents and staff put on a number of events during the year to raise money for the school, but also to make the school more fun for the pupils.

If this is something you would be interested in joining, please pop along on Friday for a cup of tea and meet the PTFA.

Library before school

Just a quick reminder that our Library is open each morning before school. This is an opportunity for you to keep warm before school, but also to hear your child read without the battle it can sometimes be reading at home.

Helen Dyer – Family Support Advisor

Riverside School is fortunate enough to have a Family Support Advisor whose job is to work with parents to help with various issues. These issues, either large or small, could be about anything regarding children's behaviour, medical issues, debt or domestic issues. Her email address is hdyer@riversideprimary.net



Aldi's Kit for Schools

From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win. Please pass your stickers into the school office.

Lost Property

After 4 days back, we already have 6 jumpers and 2 coats in lost property. Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled with their name, so items can be returned to the correct pupil rather than placed in lost property.



Dates for your Diary 2019-20

- September 3 - Start of Autumn Term
- October 21 – Nov 1 - Half Term (two weeks)
- November 4 - Return to School
- December 20 - Break up for the Christmas holidays
- January 7 - Start of Spring Term
- February 17 – 21 - Half Term
- February 24 - Return to School
- March 27 - Break up for the Easter holidays
- April 14 - Start of Summer Term
- May 8 - May Day Bank Holiday (Friday)
- May 25 – 29 - Half Term
- June 1 - Return to School
- July 23 - Break up for the summer holidays

B Jones
Head Teacher (06.09.19)



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

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