



# JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to July's Newsletter and the last newsletter of this academic year. And what a busy year it has been. It has been an absolute delight presenting at this month's Class Showcase, Nursery Graduation and Year 6 Leaver's Assemblies and seeing how far all our children have come! They have made so much progress academically, socially and personally and it has been a privilege to be part of the learning journey of each and every one of them! As the staff at Riverside come to the end of another school year, we always take the opportunity to reflect on our achievements, evaluate what we have delivered and begin to make plans for even greater improvements and successes next year!

## Staffing Update

We will be saying farewell and good luck to two of our EYFS/KS1 Learning Support Assistants who will be leaving Riverside today and moving onto pastures new. Mrs Frith and Miss Collet have worked in our Nursery, Reception and Year 2 classes over the last few months, supporting individuals and small groups of children.

## SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

- Annual Reports to Parents were sent home last week. We hope you were delighted to read all about your child's achievements throughout the year. We would like to thank those who returned the Report Response Forms to us. We enjoyed reading your positive comments. Here is just a sample of these: 'Friendly and supportive teachers and Headteacher', 'Good range of sporting activities, after school clubs and visits', 'Teachers are very helpful and understanding', 'Always a very clean and happy environment', 'Communication is great', 'Staff go above and beyond', 'Staff and communication have been amazing'
- KS2 SATs results were given to the Year 6 children as part of their Annual Report. A very 'well done' to our Year 6 children who collectively achieved 61% Combined (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) which matched the National Average of 61%.
- Year 6 pupils have taken part in many transition activities with their high schools. They have enjoyed a range of experiences and meeting members of staff and making new friends.
- We held a lovely Nursery Graduation yesterday morning. All our young superstars looked wonderful in their purple 'cap and gown' as they received their graduation 'scroll' and had their photos taken. We hope parents enjoyed seeing photographs of their learning, hearing about what they have enjoyed in nursery and finding out what their child would like to be when they grow up!
- The Year 6 Leaver's Assembly took place yesterday afternoon. The children put on a wonderful performance including songs, dance, gymnastics and memories for their parents and loved ones. There wasn't a dry eye in the audience as the pupils were presented with their 'Miss Embleton's Special Award' certificates and their Leavers Hoodies. All the staff will be very sad to say farewell but we wish them lots of luck in high school and beyond and we hope they achieve their dreams aspirations which they shared at the assembly.
- We hope parents enjoyed our Class Showcase Assemblies at the beginning of the month. We are pleased each class had the opportunity to perform their international dance again in the warm and dry and that parents were able to hear their children sing the whole school song. As you will recall, our International Showcase event on 28<sup>th</sup> June was a washout with an unexpected downpour!
- Children attended their traditional beach trips with the younger children spending a day at Cullercoats beach and the older children having a day of beach fun at Tynemouth Longsands.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Why is school attendance important? Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Regular school attendance supports children educational, economic and social outcomes. At Riverside, we believe attendance at school is crucial to prepare our children for successful transitions in their future. You will know that we already have initiatives in place to recognise and celebrate the class with the highest attendance and punctuality for the week: this class is rewarded with a longer playtime on a Monday morning. However, with our whole school attendance being at just under 92% (which is lower than the national average) we plan to introduce additional initiatives in the new academic year to promote improved attendance. Further details will be provided in the new academic year.

On a positive note, it is an amazing achievement if a child has 100% attendance for the FULL academic year. Congratulations, therefore to Carson, Jace and Shalom!! These children were presented with a certificate and an Amazon voucher at this morning's whole school 'Farewell Assembly'.

### School Uniform Expectations and PE Kit

We would like to remind you of our school dress code for pupils which states what we expect pupils to wear to school. This includes black school shoes or plain black trainers, plimsolls for indoors and no jewellery except one pair of earrings and a watch. We do not allow children to come to school with dyed hair (temporary or permanent dye), wearing make-up (including body make up eg fake tan), nail varnish (including 'gel' nails, 'acrylic' nails or any type of artificial nail extension), temporary tattoos or body piercings.

Children are required to come to school on their PE days wearing their PE kit. Your child's class teacher will notify you of your pupil's PE days. If this is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, you will receive a text message from the School Office on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Community News

Please find, below, links to information we have been asked to share with you.

Summer Bikeability programme. All sessions are free of charge and booking is done through the link below

<https://www.activenorthtyneside.org.uk/news/summer-of-cycling-2024-level-2-bikeability>

Northumbria Police - VAPING message for parents/carers

[file:///N:/Downloads/Newsletter%20Parents%20and%20carers%20-%20Vaping%20\(1\).pdf](file:///N:/Downloads/Newsletter%20Parents%20and%20carers%20-%20Vaping%20(1).pdf)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support and for their cooperation in working in partnership with the school to support their child's educational development and progress.

As the summer holidays begin, the staff of Riverside commence their well-earned summer break. On behalf of myself and all the staff, we would like to wish all our families a very happy holidays. ...

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils, and some new pupils too, when school re-opens for the new academic year at 8.50am (or if you attend Breakfast Club, 8.20am) on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024

Yours sincerely,  
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