



# February 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers.

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all! This term we are going to be focussing on reading with our children and will be promoting reading for enjoyment with them. Any help you can give at home would be great, as, our children informed me this week that many of them do not read outside of school and many do not have a bedtime story read to them. So, we are working on promoting the motivation to pick up a book or a newspaper, or indeed anything else, and read it because you can. Anything you can do would be appreciated. We are also increasing the use of complex words at school so that children can understand what the author means when they use very long or very complex vocabulary. So, again, any support you can give at home would be appreciated.

I would like to welcome our new nursery pupils, and their families, who are starting their first days in school this term. We welcome them to our academy and hope they are having a lovely time with their new friends in nursery. Please note we have a Parents' Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, where you can come into school and discuss the progress of your child or children. This time, we will allocate appointment times so that you do not spend too long waiting to see the class teacher. If you can't make the date we have allocated, please see the class teacher and make another arrangement that is suitable.

Best wishes,  
Mrs J. Goodfellow  
(Headteacher)

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Spring Term One  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - February Half Term Holiday  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Pupils Return to School - Spring Term Two  
Wednesday 1 March - Zoo Academy Visit for Nursery and Reception  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Zoo Academy visit for Afternoon Nursery  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 Trip to Hancock Museum  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 RE Trip  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief - Red Nose Day  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of Spring Term Two  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Holidays  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April- All Pupils Return To School

## Newsletter Free Draw



*This month's free Newsletter Draw was won  
By Jack Turner in Reception. He has won a bottle of  
wine for his Mum and a box of sweets for himself.*

*Parents must collect their prize from the school  
office.*

# What's big, red and getting closer?



Red Nose Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. On Red Nose Day pupils can make a donation (suggested £1) and come to school dressed in the colour red or perhaps they would like to dress up as their favourite Red nose.

COMIC RELIEF

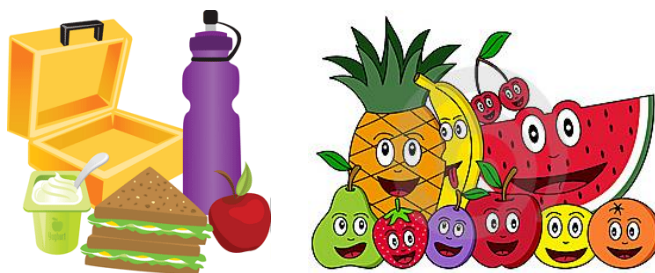
## Uniform reminder to all pupils and parents...

- Jewellery, nail varnish and make-up **must not** be worn at school.
- School shoes or trainers must be plain and black.

## Healthy Packed Lunches

could include sandwiches or wraps, fruit, yoghurt, vegetable sticks and a small treat e.g. crisps or a biscuit

*Please do not send chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy pop as part of your child's packed lunch.*



PEAK will once again be running their Multi-Sports Activity Camp here at Riverside Primary Academy during February half term.

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Times:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Cost:** £10 per day or £45 per week

**Ages:** 4yrs – 14yrs

To book places contact: [info@peak-sport.co.uk](mailto:info@peak-sport.co.uk)

or TEL: 07921 563464

## Are you a working parent? If so, our Breakfast Club and After School Club could help with child care.

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast Club takes place each morning in the Community Room. Children can arrive from 7:30am and have breakfast at school with their friends. Toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt, healthy snacks and drinks are all included in the £2 charge. Bookings are not necessary for Breakfast Club.

### After School Club – Wrap Around

After school each day we offer wrap around care for children. There are two sessions:

3:20 – 4:30

4:30 – 5:30.

In each session activities are planned for the pupils to take part in and snacks are provided such as sandwiches, toast, pizza, drinks etc. The cost of each session is £3.50. Sessions **must** be booked and paid for in advance at the school office.

## Academy Governance

If you are interested in working for our academy in the role of a governor, please come in and see Mrs Goodfellow. Unfortunately this is not a paid role but is entirely voluntary work. We are always interested to hear from parents and carers who can offer their time to support our school.

## Toddler Group

We would like to send many thanks to Mrs Pat Crooks, who is now running the Toddler Group at Riverside Primary Academy. Babies, toddlers and their parents, grandparents or carers are all welcome to attend and join in the fun. Sessions run each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30am - 11:00am. The Toddler Group takes place in the community room located next to the school's main entrance. We ask for a £1 donation for each session which helps to provide snacks and drinks.

## Dance Festival

The date for our School Dance Festival 2017 is **Thursday 6th April**



Mrs Judge runs a pompom club each Friday afternoon during Golden Time. The pupils have made so many pompoms that we have almost run out of wool. Any donations of unwanted and partially used balls of wool would be gratefully appreciated. Please send them in to school for Mrs Judge (Year 5).

