



March 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much for your patience during the bad period of weather. Hopefully it is all behind us now. A big thank you to Paul Marshall, our Chair of Governors, for organising a snow plough and gritter to clear the roads, the car park and the paths and a big thank you also to our caretaker Tina who almost took her life in her hands getting the snow and icicles off the roof. The school could not have opened without them going the 'extra mile' for us all. Don't worry about your child's attendance; it will not be affected due to the school being closed.

We have lots of information on this newsletter about school attendance and we are thrilled that as a whole school we continue to have good attendance.

There are lots of things happening this half term. Please note our Parents' Evening Drop-In and that we are having to do our Dance Festival performances over three sessions to get everyone in to see it safely. Our Dance Festival will be a ticketed event this year so that all families can have fair access. Please come along and see the show.

Best wishes,
Mrs J. Goodfellow
(Headteacher)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 12th March - Sports for School Circuit Training in school Event

Tuesday 13th March - RE Trip for Year 3 and year 4

Tuesday 13th March - Quicksticks Hockey Event Year 3 / 4 (Letters to Follow)

Wednesday 14th March - Parents Evening Drop-In from 3:30pm

Friday 16th March - Hoops4Health Basketball Finals

Friday 23rd March - National Skipping Day Events to take place in school

Tuesday 27th March - Dance Festival - Morning 9:30am and Afternoon Show 1:45pm

Wednesday 28th March - Dance Festival - Morning Show 9:30am

Wednesday 28th March - Reception Multi-Skills Event (Letters to Follow)

Thursday 29th March - Year 6 Trip to Discovery Museum

Thursday 29th March - Last Day of Spring Term



Friday 30th March - Bank Holiday - Good Friday

Monday 2nd April until Friday 13th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 16th April - First Day of Summer Term - all pupils return to school.



Monday 16th April - Rescheduled Zoo Academy for Morning Nursery and Reception

Wednesday 18th April - Rescheduled Zoo Academy for Afternoon Nursery

Wednesday 25th April - History Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday 2nd May - School Photographer - Individual and Sibling Photographs

Thursday 3rd May - School Photographer - Whole Class Photographs



Riverside Primary Academy Attendance

Governors and staff are once again delighted with pupil attendance. We would like to thank our school community for supporting and recognising the importance of good attendance. The majority of families have good or excellent attendance.

Our school is currently achieving 96.4% attendance (calculated this academic year up to 23rd February 2018).
It really is a joint effort and it does take our whole school community to achieve good attendance!

THANK YOU!

Academy Attendance - Every Day Counts


Good attendance means being at school 96% of the time.

Please help us to help your child succeed. Children with excellent and good attendance have more opportunity to

learn and will therefore progress in all areas of the curriculum. If you are worried or concerned about your child's attendance please make an appointment with Miss

Smith or Mrs Goodfellow.

190 School Days Each Year
190 Opportunities for Learning

190 days of education 0 days absence	182 days of education 8 days absence	171 days of education 19 days absence	161 days of education 29 days absence	152 days of education 38 days absence	142 days of education 48 days absence
Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Serious Concern	
100%	96%	90%	85%	80%	75%
THIS IS THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD. 		WORRYING! Less chance of success, this level of attendance makes it hard to progress and could lead to fines.		SERIOUS CONCERN! This level of attendance is not fair on your child and could lead to court action or fines.	

175 Non School Days in a Year
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

At Riverside Primary Academy, we celebrate class attendance each week in assembly. Our pupils enjoy receiving rewards and incentives for their excellent attendance.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Tuesday 27th March

and

Wednesday 28th March

THIS YEAR YOU WILL NEED TICKETS TO ATTEND OUR DANCE FESTIVAL

Letters have been sent home with children and tickets will be allocated to families.

As always our pupils are working incredibly hard in PE to produce some fantastic dance moves. We will have three opportunities for parents and carers to watch the performances in our school hall.

Tuesday 27th March – Morning Show 9:30am

Tuesday 27th March – Afternoon Show 1:45pm

Wednesday 28th March – Morning Show 9:30am

Please be prepared to stay for the whole show. Leaving during the performance is not fair for those pupils who perform last.

World Book Day Celebrations



Thank you once again for your support on our rescheduled World Book Day.

We understand that lots of planning and preparation goes in to the wonderful costumes worn by the pupils. Your support really does help to make World Book Day special in our school.

Are you ever late for school?

Punctuality and timekeeping is extremely important – do you know the following facts?

Every Minute Counts

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost



Reminder: Our school doors open at 8:45am and school officially starts at 9:00am. Please be on-time for school.

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Free Draw



This month's free Newsletter Draw was won by **Theo Elrick** in Year 3.

He has won a bottle of wine for his parents / carers and a box of sweets for himself. Parents / carers must collect their prize from the school office.