

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY – BUN SGOIL TAOBH NA H-AIBHNE

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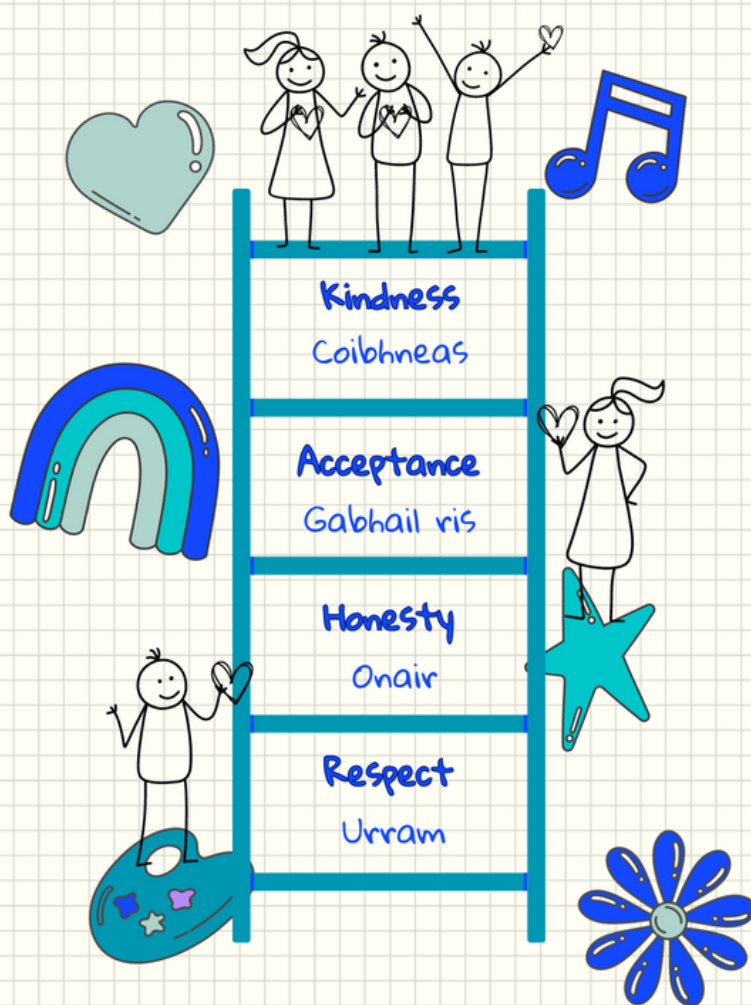
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WELCOME - FÀILTE

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and you had a wonderful festive break, we are now all settled back into school and looking forward to new learning experiences this term. Many thanks to all Riverside Parents and Carers for your continued support.

Mrs MacPhee

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr I'Anson has been successful in gaining a secondment teaching post with Stirling Inclusion Services Support. This is a short term development opportunity for Mr I'Anson. We welcome Mrs Elaine Whitehead to cover Mr I'Anson's class teaching commitments at Riverside Primary School until June 2024.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Henry is expecting a baby in July. Mrs Henry will be with us until her maternity leave at the end of June. We will look forward to sharing her news in the new session.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

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Please note that the school day starts at 9am sharp and there is no supervision before this time. In extreme weather conditions (ie heavy rain, snow or high winds) if members of the Senior Leadership Team are available we will do our best to bring the children in to the Hub at 8.55am via the main school entrance. However, please note all P1 and P2 children can now enter the school at 8.55am via their main door on these days of extreme weather.

I would like to advise that, prior to 9 am, parents are responsible for their children and ask, if possible, for children not to be dropped off or arrive too early on extreme weather days and dark winter mornings.

As the mornings and afternoons are still fairly dark and visibility can be poor, we would like to ask parents to ensure that children coming to school on bikes or scooters have appropriate lights and reflective clothing to make them visible to other road users.

As we will be continuing to promote Outdoor Learning this term, please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed to be able to access learning outdoors in all weather conditions.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

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Just a reminder of our procedure for school closures here at Riverside.
Unless there is a Stirling Council decision to close all schools, we strive to keep the school open.
Please be aware that if we have to close the school, information will be available from:

- Stirling Council website at www.stirling.gov.uk
- Central FM Radio (103.1)

At a school level we try to keep you up to date through:

- Apps Central School App
- X (formerly Twitter) @rpsinstirling
- School website at www.riversideprimaryschool.co.uk
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If the closure is Council wide text messages may be used, however there is a possibility due to the high volume of texts being sent across the council that there may be a delay in parents receiving the message. Therefore please do check the other communication sources mentioned above.

RIVERSIDE LARDER

We are very grateful for the donations we have had for our Riverside Larder. If you are able, please keep these coming as our supplies are running low. We would love to receive non-perishable food items and toiletries. These can be added straight to the larder baskets in the main foyer, handed in to the class teacher or our main school reception. We would like to invite our families to take from the Riverside Larder as required. This is hugely beneficial to our local community. Thank you for supporting this initiative.



HEALTH MATTERS CÙISEAN SLÀINTE

Please can I remind all parents to regularly check children's heads for headlice.

We would also like to remind parents and children of the importance of good hygiene, in particular handwashing. We follow NHS guidelines, if your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 hours has elapsed following their last bout.

We appreciate your support with this and hope this helps to prevent the spread of germs.

HEALTHY SNACK SNAOIC FALLAIN



Please can we remind all parents and carers to send your child to school with a suitable, healthy snack for break times. But please, no lollies, for safety reasons. On the occasion that your child may forget a healthy snack, school will continue to provide one. Can we also remind you that we are a nut-free school due to children with severe nut allergies.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DEISE-SGOILE

We are always pleased to see so many children in school uniform. This is part of our identity and helps build our school community. Please remember we discourage the wearing of jeans/denim shorts and football tops and would prefer that children did not wear tracksuit bottoms, or tops apart from for PE on your child's PE days. This tends to creep in during the year, particularly with older children – please help us maintain the same standards throughout the year.

PE kit is joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt/polo shirt and school jumper on your child's PE days.

Jackets - Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket with a hood to school each day.

Please ensure all clothing items have your child's name clearly marked, this will help us to return lost property items.

Donations

If you are having a tidy out, school would really benefit from donations of socks, pants, tights, leggings/joggers in sizes 5-6, 7-8 and 8-9. Please hand in to the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: (MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Monday 5 February

Child mental health week (please discuss with your child)

Thursday 8 February

Parent council meeting 6pm - 7.30pm

Monday 12 February

Staff development - school & nursery closed to pupils

Tuesday 13 February

Staff development - school & nursery closed to pupils

Wednesday 14 February - Friday 16 February

School closed to staff & pupils - local holiday. School reopens on Monday 19 February.

Thursday 14 March

Parental consultations (evening) - details to follow

Wednesday 20 March

Parental consultations (after school) - details to follow

Wednesday 27 March

Easter Celebration 10am (in school) - details to follow

Thursday 28 March

School closes for Spring holidays

Monday 15 April

School reopens for summer term 9am

Tuesday 23 April

Ragbag donation - details to follow

Friday 3 May

Staff development - school & nursery closed to pupils

Monday 6 May

Local holiday - school closed to staff and pupils

Friday 28 June

School closes for the summer holidays

SCHOOL APP APP NA SGOILE

As our School App is our main form of communication with you, please ensure that you have downloaded the App.

Please let us know if you require log-in details (you may require these again if you renew your mobile phone).



SCHOOL TRIPS TURAS-SGOILE

For classes that have not already attended a school trip, your class teachers will be planning an upcoming school trip for the class. These trips will be in context with child led topics the class have recently covered. We are trying to minimize the cost of these trips and different stages may be sharing transport to the same venue but experiencing different workshops in line with their own individual contexts.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE FIOS COMHAIRLE PHÀRANTAN

It's been a busy term for the parent council and we want to say a huge thanks to all our volunteers, families, carers and kids who have made the last term so much fun! The Christmas Fayre was a great success thanks to the staff, volunteers and everyone who came along to help raise over £2000!

Healthy tuck continues to run every Friday at morning break, thanks to all who have volunteered and all our smiling customers.

RAPP End of Term meeting will take place at Riverside Primary, Thurs 8th February 6-7:30pm. All welcome to this friendly opportunity to share ideas, ask questions and hear more about how RAPP and the school will be working together over the coming term. If you are unable to make it but have a question, suggestion or item to raise please drop us an email to rappstirling@gmail.com.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - NEW HOODIES DEISE-SGOILE

Following a full consultation with children, staff and parents, we will be introducing hoodies to the uniform for next session 2024-2025. We have been liaising with our supplier and there will be two types available - overhead and zip up (the zip up option will not be available in P7 Sky Blue). The hoodies will be available to purchase online from School Wear Made Easy in May. Our Parent Council have supported this addition to the uniform.

We believe that this will provide more choice and be more comfortable for some children, particularly with our emphasis on outdoor learning, where the children can be outside throughout the school week.



NURSERY UPDATE SGOIL-ÀRAICH



**DIGITAL
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We continue to use X (formerly Twitter) as another way of celebrating our successes & sharing our news.

Our Weekly Digital Noticeboard, available each Friday on X & The School App, highlights the following week's activities/events.

Click the icons below to access our different digital comms



**School
App for
Parents**

It has been great to welcome all our new families to nursery. We have exciting opportunities ahead as we are working with Riverside Naturally to support growing and planting in our community. We are also working with Tree Link Stirling, supporting to plant trees back into local areas. We are focusing on STEM opportunities building our skills and developing our knowledge of different careers. We have also built a great partnership with our P7s, where we are carrying out experiments, making predictions and making discoveries. This is supporting us to apply for our STEM Nation Award.

We have recently received our silver communication award from speech therapy and are committed to finding ways to support children's language and communication skills.

Our next Stay and Play session is Friday the 9th February, where families are welcome to come into nursery. During this time we will be promoting Children's Mental Health week, we will have lots of opportunities to explore ways we can support children's physical and emotional wellbeing. Please don't forget to regularly check our X page (formally known as Twitter page) and our Facebook page where we regularly share our learning.

Nursery Enrolment for August 2024

Please share this information with friends and neighbours who have a child who is eligible to start nursery in August 2024. All children need to have their applications in by **Friday 23 February 2024**. We will be allocating spaces for the whole academic year so for children who turn 3 later in the year they still must apply by this date. Here is the link to application forms:

<https://www.riversideprimaryschool.co.uk/information-for-nursery-parents>

Please pass on our nursery number for any enquiries - 01786 237942.

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

Please call the school office on 01786 237933 to report your child's absence between 8.45-10.00am. If your child has not arrived at school and we have not heard from you, we aim to follow up any unexplained absences by phoning your contact numbers. It is important that the school have the most up to date contact numbers at all times. At times messages are left on phones if there is no response, so please take this into account when giving us contact numbers. This system has been set up to support you in keeping your child safe. If your child has been absent from school, please let us know the reason either in writing, by telephone or via email. All schools are required to provide The Scottish Government with attendance and absence statistics. In an effort to ensure that the information we pass on is as accurate as possible, we follow up any unexplained absences on a regular basis. An increasing amount of time is being spent following up unexplained absences. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Those absences where we have not received a response will be recorded as unauthorised. I am sure that you will appreciate the need for accurate figures and thank you for your support and co-operation regarding this process.