

Friday 25th September 2020

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy and successful couple of weeks at Two Rivers and we are all settling in well to the new routines and structures of the day. Thank you so much for all of your support over the last few weeks and I look forward to getting to know the school community more over the next few weeks. I hope that the fortnightly newsletter will serve as a way of keeping you up to date with events and information about Two Rivers.

Kind regards,
Mrs Carver

Star of the week!



Class Names

This week, we have been thinking about our new class name. We thought about animals that we might see around the riverbank and in the countryside. The children then came up with some ideas (We did have elephant and crocodile at the beginning of the discussion!) and then we voted. The most popular names were Butterfly class and Ladybird class. We have decided that our class will be called **Butterfly class** and when we are eventually two form entry, the other Reception class will be called Ladybird class. Over the next few terms, we will think about possible names for the other classes ready for when the school grows much larger – a real honour for the current class.



Staffing news

This week we welcomed Miss Morris to Butterfly class. She will work each morning with us to support learning and development in the classroom – may I extend a warm welcome to her.

Tapestry

Thank you for engaging with Tapestry, the online journal, where we can share observations of children's learning. It has been great to see all of the wonderful experiences that children are having at home too! Some cyclists, beach combers and tobogganists in the making! Over the coming weeks, the adults in Butterfly class will begin to have focus children. Each child will have an opportunity to be the focus child for the week and this is where we build up a bigger picture of them as a learner, meaning observations

are longer and help us to inform our plans and deliver very personalised learning. More information will follow about this in the next couple of weeks.

Seaside Lunch!

Thursday 1st October is census day and Zest catering are preparing a delicious seaside themed hot school lunch for children that order a school lunch on this day. The hot lunch will be safely delivered to the children in classrooms in the same way that the cold packed lunches are currently being delivered. I would like to encourage parents to take up this offer as the figure from the uptake influences the amount of money that the school and in turn, your children, receive.

Individual Photographs

The children in Butterfly class will be having individual photographs taken on Wednesday 30th September so please ensure that children have their school jumpers/cardigans in school on that day.

Coats

As the weather is getting a bit colder and wetter please remember to send your child into school with a showerproof coat each day.

Vision and Values

We have started thinking about the Vision and Values for Two Rivers CofE Primary and will be sending activities to complete at home via Tapestry in term 2. In anticipation of this, I would like to ask if you could keep any magazines and newspapers for a task that I would like you to do with your child. More information will follow at the beginning of term 2.

Covid – 19

We are pleased that we have not had any positive cases of Covid in our school. However, if there were to be a positive test result, we would want to be able to seek advice from the Department for Education and communicate our plans to you as soon as possible. During school times we would ask you to inform the school by telephone once the result comes through. If this is out of school hours, including weekends and school holidays, please use the email link found in the 'report a positive Covid test' area that has been set up on our school website. This is monitored out of hours and will enable us to respond and communicate with you in a timely manner.

Please see term dates below

Dates for terms 1 and 2, 2020-2021

Wednesday 30 th September	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 8th October	Virtual Harvest Assembly 10.00am – children only.
Thursday 22nd October	Virtual Phonics presentation will be shared with parents.
Wednesday 14th October	Autumn Parents' Evening 1, 3.30 – 6.30pm. Telephone appointments
Thursday 22nd October	Autumn Parents' Evening 2, 3.30-6.30pm. Telephone appointments
Friday 23rd October	Last day of term 1 for pupils
<u>Term 2, 2020-2021</u>	
Monday 2 th November	INSET day, School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 3rd November	Term 2 starts for all pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu vaccine for Reception pupils
W/C 16 th November	National Anti-bullying week including 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 16 th .
November, tbc	Children in Need Day
Friday 4th December	Christmas Craft morning and tree lighting. Parent involvement tbc if permitted during COVID restrictions
Thursday 10th December	Reception Christmas lunch
Friday 18th December	Christmas party! Last day of Term 2.