



# NEWSLETTER

11th July 2014

Dear parents, children & carers,

*The last few weeks have been busy for all classes, preparing for special assemblies and shows; going on a variety of trips and taking part in some great activities. Last Friday was 'Move up day' and we gave a warm welcome to Year 2 children who will be joining us in September and saw Year 6 venture off to their new secondary schools.*

*I will return to school in September on a part-time basis. The Chair of Governors will be updating you next weeks with regards to the leadership arrangements from September.*

*School will close at 3.00pm next Friday for the summer holidays and re-open for children on Tuesday 3rd September.*

*Val Eggleton*

Next week we say goodbye to all our Year 6 children. We hope you take with you some happy memories of your time at Riverside and relish in the new opportunities and experiences your new school will bring. Work hard and enjoy!...but before we say goodbye, don't forget the Year 6 play 'Grease' on Tuesday 15th July at 6.30pm and the Year 6 leavers assembly on Friday at 2.15pm. Parents and carers all welcome.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Pierson and Ms Leatherbarrow next Friday. They will be sadly missed but we all wish them well for the future.

## RIVERSIDE DRESS CODE

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Further to the letter sent home to all parents on 7th July, just a reminder that from September, all Riverside children should wear our new school emerald green polo shirt and a black hoody, jumper or cardigan. Uniform orders are still being taken for September. Further forms available at the school office.

**REMINDER** Please ensure that all outstanding dinner monies and Before and After School club fees are paid in full by next Monday as we need time to process payments before the close of school on Friday.

Thank you.

Don't forget the **Summer BBQ tonight**, 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Friends of Riverside, Stubbings and Central Street have worked really hard to organise what is promised to be a great evening of fun and food. Please come along, everyone welcome.

## SPORTS NEWS

**HX ATHLETICS.** Well done to everyone who took part in the inter-school athletics competition in Halifax last week. The children all did brilliantly. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers too.

**SPORTS DAY.** The Y3/4 and Y5/6 sports days went superbly. Everyone got into the spirit of things and tried their very best. Again, a big thank you to all the parent volunteers.

### **CYCLING**

Pupils in Neptune 5 took part in Bikeability training last Monday and Tuesday. Children practised a variety of skills in the schoolyard before venturing out, under qualified instructors, onto routes around Hebden Bridge. Mercury 5 pupils will be taking part next week, Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th (M5, please remember your bikes and helmets).

Years 3 & 4 haven't missed out either! They have taken part in Bike Skills training in the schoolyard this week.

Calderdale Library Service came into school last week to launch this years **summer reading challenge—Mythical Maze**.

Children should read just 6 library books over the summer holiday and they will be awarded with smelly stickers, a certificate, medal and fried egg goo!

This reading game is free but they must bring their library card to join. If you are not currently a member of Calderdale Libraries, just ask a member of staff, it's really easy to join! Available in all Calderdale Libraries from Saturday 12 July - Saturday 30 August.

*I would just like to say a big thank you on behalf of the governing body to Jo Greenwood and everyone else involved in developing the new school web site. It really is excellent - it is quite simply the best school web site I've seen. I check it out regularly and I look forward to seeing more and more info and, most importantly, more children's blogging as time goes by. Take a look for yourself at [www.riversidejunior.co.uk](http://www.riversidejunior.co.uk)*

*Jon Hairsine, Chair of Governors*

### **BEARDER POETRY FESTIVAL SUCCESS!**

Riverside were winners in their respective Key Stage for their submitted anthologies of poetry at the Calderdale Bearder Poetry Festival. The poems in the anthology submitted by Riverside contained a very large number of poems written during the time of our poet in residence, Pete, who worked with the children on the Biku project. Huge congratulations to everyone involved. The school prize was a cheque for £100.

We have been awarded the **Food for Life Bronze Award**. This award recognises Riverside's commitment to transforming food culture in school. Riverside staff and children have been involved in a variety of activities including farm visits, producing the Riverside Cook Book (*still for sale at £5 from the school office*), gardening & growing club, megabuffets etc.

Big thanks to Learning Mentor Mrs Waldron and all the catering team for driving this initiative forward.