



NEWSLETTER

9th January 2015

Dear parents, children & carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I have received a lovely warm welcome from everyone here at Riverside this week. I am enjoying getting to know you all and looking forward to working with everyone over the coming months. I will be in school 3 to 4 days each week but not on Fridays.

Cathy Greenaway



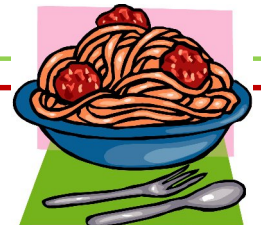
DONATIONS of unusual objects wanted!

Has anyone got any old (pre 1980s) cameras, phones, gadgets, items etc they could donate to school please? We are making a display case of things that will inspire conversation, discussion and vocabulary. Thank you.



We are moving our parent assemblies to 9.05am on THURSDAYS from next week, 15th January so Cathy Greenaway, our acting head, can be involved.

Our school meals provision goes from strength to strength. Catering staff, Cheryl Jeffries, Sharon Leydon and Jo Dobie have been joined by additional staff, Leanne Hewitt and Katy Elliot. The number of weekly school meals served by the kitchen to the four other local schools and Riverside is now in excess of 1700 meals—an amazing feat of culinary skills and organisation!



All meals are cooked from scratch using local produce where possible. We are once again inviting parents in to have lunch with their child so keep the following dates free. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Friday 13th Feb— Valentines lunch invite for all parents

Friday 13th March—Y5/6 parents invited to lunch

Free Choral workshop. Saturday 7th February 10.30am to 5.00pm at Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Grammar School, Halifax. The workshop is aimed at children with an interest in singing, in Years 3 to 5 and will end with an afternoon performance at Bradford Cathedral.

Further details/application forms available from school office.

SPORTS NEWS:

Bouldering trip: We had an amazing response to the proposed Y5/6 bouldering trip. We will now be taking 48 children to Rockover bouldering centre in Manchester on Tuesday 27th January for a bouldering coaching session. Thank you to all the offers of help from parents, I will be in touch with you in the next week or so. This trip is now FULL.

SSCO update: Our new school sports co-ordinator and replacement for Mary Smith is Gill Bridge, a TA from Scout Road Academy. She will be organising all the festivals and tournaments for the HX7 areas in the future and is looking forward to meeting you all.

PE KITS: Most children came to school this week with a fresh PE kit but those who didn't have had to temporarily borrow kit and it caused some disruption to PE lessons. Please can we ask that all children have a PE kit in school at all times. Thank you.

SWIMMING: We are sending our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils who have not yet achieved the National Curriculum level for swimming to lessons at Todmorden pool on Tuesdays. These lessons are free and are for this term only. We invited 35 children by letter but only 25 swam this week as some forgot their kit and some were ill. Please can those children who have been invited to swim, ensure they bring their towel and costume on Tuesdays and shoulder length hair (boys and girls) **MUST** be tied up. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS: We have a variety of clubs now running after school. Letters have been sent out to pupils and further copies are available from the office. All the clubs below have spaces available.

Parcour/Cheerleading Tuesdays £1pw for 11 weeks starting 13th January

Dodgeball Wednesdays £3pw for 5 weeks starting 14th January

Netball/Basketball Wednesdays £1pw for 11 weeks starting 14th January

Hip Hop Theatre Thursdays £3pw for 6 weeks starting 8th January

We say **FAREWELL** to Mrs Stobbs today who has worked in our school office for the last 5 years. Mrs Stobbs has worked tirelessly, to organise PE trips, book minibuses/trains, sort clubs and she will be sadly missed by all the staff and we wish her a cheery goodbye.

Mrs Scarf