



# Easter Newsletter

## 27th March 2015



### Cool Milk

We are now registered as a school with Cool Milk and all children can receive milk in school. Milk costs 22p per day, £1.10 per week, but will be free to children receiving free school meals through our Pupil Premium.

If you would like to register your child to receive a daily carton of milk, please go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). If you received free school meals and would like your child to receive milk, please notify the office.

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### Parent View

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be getting inspected by Ofsted sometime during this term. One of the things the inspectors do in advance of their visits is to check what parents have said about the school on the Parent view page of the Ofsted website. At the time of writing, there have been too few entries for Riverside for the results to be even displayed! So, we would really appreciate your help in making sure it is clear to the inspectors that parents are engaged with the school and have made their views, whether positive or negative, known.

Please can you take a moment to go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views> and leave your views. It only takes a couple of minutes to do and, in doing so, you will be both giving us useful feedback and helping to get the inspection off on a good footing.

Regards, John Hairsine (Chair of Governors) & Cathy Greenaway (Interim Head)

### School Money

Following a successful audit of parents, we have now decided to have a trial run of 'School Money'. After Easter all parents will receive their own individual password to access the online payment system and the trial will commence on Wednesday 15th April.

**SchoolMoney**  
Payments Made Easy



**We Are Now an Eco-School** - an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life. Their mission is to help make every school in the country sustainable and to bring about behaviour change in young people and those connected to them so that good habits learned in schools are followed through into homes and communities.

What's more, by addressing environmental issues in school and reducing waste, we will be able to save money, which can be reinvested elsewhere. Benefits of joining Eco-Schools include:

Enhances the curriculum, Links to the community, School improvements, Saving money, Recognition and publicity



We will now begin to follow a seven-step process to address a variety of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and biodiversity. To start with, we are looking at reducing paper waste and one of the ways we can address this is by sending newsletters out via email. **Therefore, this will be our last newsletter issued on paper. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address in order to receive further issues. A paper copy will be available to view from Reception.**

Our pupils will be the driving force behind becoming an Eco-School and they are Freddie Sugarman (Y5), Tallulah Sheehan (Y6), Emily York (Y6), Will Chantler-McCrink (Y3), Jordan Millard (Y4), Tom Owen (Y3), Eva Sirous-Wilby (Y4) and Rebecca Smith (Y5) - they form and lead an Eco-Committee and help to carry out an audit to assess the environmental performance of the school. In conjunction with the rest of the school and the wider community, it's the pupils that decide the environmental themes they want to address and how they're going to do it. Undertaking the Eco-Schools programme is a long term journey and it will take time for us to implement the different elements of the. However, we think it's a journey well worth taking!

## Assemblies

Please note that hot drinks *are not* allowed into our school assemblies and all parents attending assemblies will be required to 'sign in' after the Easter Break.

## Reminders

- Can all year 5/6 parents please ensure that they return their 'walking home' permission slips.
- Can all parents please return our Internet Safety Policies as soon as possible.

## Waddow Hall

Final payments are now due for our Waddow Hall residential trip.  
Can all outstanding balances please be paid as soon as possible. Many thanks!

## SATS WEEK

11th - 14th May (Year 6 Only)

SATS Week is almost upon us. Can parents please ensure that all Year 6 children are in school.



## Mrs Wright

As many parents may already be aware, our Year 5 teacher Mrs Wright made the difficult decision to leave Riverside this term due to personal reasons. I'm sure that you will all join us in wishing her a very fond farewell and every success and happiness for the future.

## School Dress Code

Can we please remind parents of the Riverside dress code which is a jade green polo shirt with logo, and a dark hoodie (with or without logo) and a dark skirt or trousers. Can we please ensure that this dress code is adhered to in the new term. Many thanks!

## Climbing School - An Exciting Opportunity for Riverside School!

We have negotiated a special rate at Todmorden Climbing Skool.

There are 2 sessions available Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10-12pm & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10-12pm.

A Special Discounted price of £3 (Adults can boulder too for discounted price of just £4)

Please contact Climbing Skool Direct for bookings.

Telephone 01706 819100 Email - info @climbingskool.co.uk



**Easter Tennis Camp** - Cragg Vale Tennis Club are still taking bookings for their Easter Tennis Camp!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Does anyone have any sad or lonely potted plants looking for a new home?

We are looking for donations to brighten up our new library, so if your yucca has outgrown it's welcome or your ivy has taken over the kitchen, we will gladly take it off your hands!



**Red Nose Day** - A huge well done to everyone who helped with our Red Nose Day fundraising. We managed to raise £203.50 for this very worthy cause?



Can we take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, relaxing Easter Break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 13th April.**