



20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may know, there has been some staff absence this week. Mrs Maxmilan is isolating. We have successfully used Google Meets since Wednesday to enable her to be in the class virtually and teach! A great first and step forward. The children have responded really well- they are Rubies so a great achievement by them. Thank you to the staff that have helped to make this happen. Miss Greene has also been poorly but not Covid related. Also, we have a member of staff who is shielding because of lockdown.

### This week

- An important part of Riverview's curriculum is our trips and visitors. This week Sapphires welcomed a Roman visitor where they learnt lots about life in Rome.
- I had a meeting with the Inclusion Officer about attendance. The majority of families are doing really well with informing the school and checking with us on the current process.
- We will be **opening up orders for fleeces today on ParentMail, for one week** as some parents missed the previous order. We need a minimum of 12 orders to be able to send it to Mapac, the uniform suppliers. We will not have spare stock of fleeces in school so please order now if you would like your child to have a fleece.
- Thank you for providing a change of footwear for your children so that we can still use the field. It is important that we still use the field, as it is a measure for distancing our bubbles.
- Our final total for Children in Need is **£246**. Thank you for your incredible support for this worthwhile charity.
- As isolation becomes part of the new normal, we are looking at using Google Meets so that teachers can teach from home. We are also using supply teachers as well. The leadership team are monitoring carefully and making changes where necessary

### Next week

- There is singing in small groups back in the school! The nativity rehearsals are still going strong. Thank you for support with costumes. Please let us know if you have any difficulties
- Christmas Lunch deadline is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- If your child does not have a change of shoes, **please send a pair in on Monday.**

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### **Staffing Update**

Due to personal reasons, we are saying farewell to Mrs Maxmillan at the end of term. She has become part of the Riverview team very quickly and I know that the children settled back into learning well with her. We have appointed Miss Lei, who will be starting with us in December. This means that there will be a handover for over two weeks and Miss Lei can get to know the children alongside Mrs Maxmillan. We would like to wish Mrs Maxmillan all the very best for the future.

Ms Carnevale Jones, who was working in Gold Class has also resigned from her SCITT post. We would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Lewry, who works in our younger classes, is also leaving us on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Lewry has been part of our Riverview Team for over 20 years, supporting children with their language development and vocabulary. Thank you Mrs Lewry for your commitment and dedication to the children of Riverview.

Although it is challenging, thank you for always maintaining our measures and following the procedures to keep us all safe. This helps to keep a sense of normality for the children.

**Mrs M Atkins**