



1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

I think we can all safely say that this has, once again, been an eventful term. It did not start the way that 'normal' terms start and there were changes along the way. To sum up

- We returned for 1 day on Monday 7th January. School closed that evening.
- Remote education started on Wednesday 9th January with lockdown school for 32% of the Riverview community
- Nearly 90% of the school regularly accessed Google Classroom whilst in lockdown
- We stay connected through live lessons and assemblies
- The majority of the school community contributed to our 'What is Nature?' exhibition
- We returned on 8th March for four weeks
- Assessments were carried out. These were more positive than the assessments in September 2020 with few gaps within the children's knowledge and skills – well done parents
- We have not closed a bubble as a result of Covid 19. This has happened as a result of the whole community maintaining measures to keep us all safe.
- If your child has medication in school, they will be bringing this home today. Please check it is in date before returning it to school next term
- We have 3 new school pets – 2 degus based in Diamonds and Tara the dog. All our pets have brought so much happiness and joy to the children, staff and parents.

Thank you for welcoming Tara to Riverview. Some parents have asked if they could contribute anything for Tara. A very thoughtful and generous offer. Mr and Mrs Bashford suggested the following

- Poo bags
- Treats
- Chewing toys for dogs that are hard to chew- she is getting through a few of these!

There will be a donation box by the Office, in the front playground if you would like to contribute.

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NEXT TERM

We are looking forward to some kind of normality – watch this space. Some changes to come:

- We have a new TA joining our team. Mrs Boreham will be starting on Monday 19th April and will be running the After School Club on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as working in school
- The office will bring some sample uniform to the playground for you to look at to see sizes during the first week back. This will still need to be ordered via ParentMail.
- Please let the office know 1 week in advance if your child is changing from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa.
- If your child has school dinners, please make sure their dinner money account is in credit

As lockdown eases, we will await updated guidance from the Government. Once we have this, we will contact you. Please keep checking ParentMail during the holidays so that you are up-to-date.

Thank you for your incredible support this term and with all the changes that have been made. I know the Riverview Team and I greatly appreciate this and it makes learning at Riverview better. I hope that you keep safe and well over the holidays.

Mrs Atkins