



# Riverview C of E Primary and Nursery School

Ewell Family Centre with Riverview Daycare

*Every child matters, every moment counts*

Headteacher: Mrs M Atkins

20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **This week:**

We have made it to the end of term! It has been a long, challenging year but we have made it together and safe. It was wonderful to have all classes back with us – a full house for our last week!

- Filming of the KS2 Production took place on Wednesday – It will be available to watch on Google Classroom until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. All the children managed their parts well – especially as some were rehearsing during their bubble's isolation.
- School reports have been sent home. We hope you have enjoyed reading them.
- Gold Class finally managed to celebrate their '*Leavers' Festival*' with pizza and a film.
- Over the last few weeks, Gold Class have taken part in an African Drumming workshop, and performed magnificently at their Leavers' Service on Friday. It was good to see so many parents attend although we were sorry that we had to limit this to one parent per child. It is always an emotional ceremony when we are saying goodbye and good luck!
- Sapphire Class were pleased to meet their new class teacher for September. Mr Stewart joined us this week.
- Please make sure you order your child's new school uniform through **Mapac** before **2<sup>nd</sup> August** to ensure it arrives in time for the start of school in September.
- We have had a total of **14** cases of COVID across the school. Our protective measures are still in place and will continue to be so until the end of term.
- Please ensure your **child's dinner money account is paid in-full**. Payments are made directly to Surrey County Council's bank account through ParentMail and we are being chased for outstanding debts to be cleared by the end of the week.

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- School dinners from **September** will cost **£12.25** per week and should be paid in advance.
- A reminder that children in Silver class moving into the Juniors will need to wear a V-necked sweatshirt, school tie and white collared shirt. They are also no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals.
- Please speak to the office if your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

## INSPIRATIONAL AND CHALLENGING EVENTS THIS YEAR

**It has been a challenging year and many of our normal events have either been cancelled or postponed. However, we are still proud that we managed the following achievements.**

- Public Health England praised us for getting to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 without having to close one bubble! Thank you to all of you for your support and flexibility in adhering to our protective measures which we have maintained throughout the year and which helped us achieve this.
- Despite the unusual circumstances we still managed to raise around £1,000 for the charities we supported this year.
- We added school pets to our team and welcomed Billie & Luna - the Degus and, of course, Tara the dog.
- The majority of the school community contributed to our 'What is Nature?' exhibition.
- Close ties are being built once again with Ruxley Church with the arrival of Reverend Fiona Ellingham.
- EYFS and KS1 performed their nativities which were filmed and shared with parents.
- Parents, children and staff are now experts on Google Classroom!
- Some classes managed to perform their assemblies 'live' to parents – hopefully next year it will be all classes.

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- Bonnie in Sapphires took the plunge and had her hair cut short so that she could donate it to the *Little Princess Trust* who make wigs for child cancer patients.
- The whole school took part in the Young Reader's Project which included dressing up for World Book Day and a virtual visit from a local author and all children received 3 free books each.
- We have a brand new website which is updated weekly with photographs of your children. Please remember to look.
- Sapphires enjoyed 10 weeks' of swimming lessons at the Malden Centre.
- A very different Sport's Day took place on the field in bubbles and without parents or our usual family picnic. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day – especially when Bathisan bravely took on some of the teachers in a running race! They were all extremely competitive!
- Gold Class took part in the Epsom and Ewell and Mole Valley 'Junior Citizen' Event at Epsom Downs.
- Watts Gallery led Emeralds in an art class and some masterpieces were created.
- New governors were appointed and a new teacher for Emerald Class in September.
- Our last Facebook Story for this year was read so beautifully by 'Mr David'.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a well-earned summer break whatever you are doing. Thank you for your kind words in cards and gifts at the end of term. Riverview is a very special community that has worked so well together to keep each other safe. A difficult job has been made easier with great families to work with.

Rest, relax, have fun, and come back refreshed in September.

Stay safe everyone.

**Mrs Atkins**  
**Headteacher**

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