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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 th October	3.30 P6 & P7 drop in session St Machar Academy
Thursday 5 th October	2.00 pm Parent Council Meeting
Friday 6 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Friday 6 th October	Sharing Assembly
Friday 13 th October	Primary 4 – Primary 7 (9.30 – 10.30)
	Sharing Assembly
	Primary 1 – Primary 3 (9.30 – 10.30)
Monday 16 th – Friday 27 th October	School Holidays
Monday 6 th November	Photographer in school (individual photos)
Tuesday 7 th November	Photographer in school (individual photos)
Tuesday 14 th November	5.00 – 8.00 Parent Interviews
Thursday 16 th November	4.00 – 6.00 Parent Interviews
Friday 17 th November	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Lost items

Please ensure that you name all of your child's belongings, if the item has a name on it we will do our utmost to reunite it with its owner, otherwise it will be placed in lost property from where you can retrieve it.

SHMU

P6N have been working with staff from SHMU on presenting a radio show; a small group of children from P6N will be appearing on the community show on Tuesday 10th of October at 11.00 – 12.00, please tune in to hear the children of Riverbank.

Show Racism the Red Card

The children are being asked to wear red on Friday 6th of October to show their support for the anti-racism charity – we are not asking for donations on this day.

Open Day Feedback

We are keen to hear your views on our recent Open Day and if you did not attend perhaps you could share with us the reason why not. Please email your feedback to riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk by Monday 9th of October.

Sharing Assemblies

Please come along and join us for our sharing assemblies on Friday 6th October (P4-P7) and Friday 13th of October (P1-P3) from 9.30 – 10.30.

Staffing

Mrs Alison Henderson is due to go on maternity leave at the end of this term and Mrs Rachel Wood is due to retire on October the 13th. Mrs Wood has been a long standing member of staff at Riverbank and prior to this at St Machar Primary. She has had a variety of teaching roles whilst working in Tillydrone and we wish her well in her retirement.

One of our PSA staff Kieron Christie is leaving us on Friday 6th of October to take up a full time post elsewhere.

We recently held interviews for class teachers to replace Mrs Henderson and Mrs Wood and successfully appointed two teachers. Due to notice periods in their current posts both of these teachers are unlikely to start before mid-November. P2WS will be taught by current school staff on a Monday and Tuesday until the new staff start at Riverbank. We will advise P2WS parents directly of when the change will take place.

We have also appointed an Early Years Practitioner to work with the Primary 1 children, this post is funded by the Scottish Attainment Challenge, we anticipate that this appointment will also begin mid-November.

Medical Appointments

If at all possible all medical appointments should be arranged for outwith the school day but if this is not possible children should not take a whole day off school to attend these appointments. When arranging to collect your child it is advisable to give a time for collection that allows a little time for your child not being at the office immediately as classrooms are very busy places and sometimes the children and the teaching staff will forget they have to meet you at the office for their appointment.

Late arrival at school

All late arrivals at school must come in through the office, please do not knock on classroom doors as the staff have all been advised not to let the children in if they are late as they must register with the office staff. Please remember that parents are only permitted to enter the school via the office. Children who are late will be expected to make their own way to their class and parents will not be able to escort them.

Head Lice

We still have an ongoing issue with Head Lice in some classes in the school. It is very important that you check your child for head lice and that you only treat them with the chemical shampoo if you find a live louse. In order to ensure your child is clear of head lice you must continue 'combing' for two weeks after you treat with the shampoo (not forgetting to retreat after a week). The local pharmacy is able to offer support and guidance on how to treat head lice.

It is important that everyone remains vigilant as it can be very frustrating for parents if their child is re-infested. Also can we ask that if your child has head lice you inform the school office, obviously this remains confidential, but will allow us to alert the parents of the other children in the class to check their children. Once your child has been treated they should return to school, it is not appropriate for a child to be off school due to head lice.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school.

Lost property

Can you please ensure that your child's name is on all their clothing / shoes, so that we can reunite your children with their property if it gets lost – several parents have come looking for jumpers but as these were not named we had no way of knowing who they belong to.