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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2018-2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 6 th September	2.30	P1 Curriculum Information Meeting
Tuesday 11 th September – Friday 14 th September	All day	P7 Residential trip to Cromdale.
Friday 21 st September	All day	Local Holiday
Monday 24 th September	All day	Local Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd October	9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00	Open Morning / Afternoon
Monday 8 th October	TBC	P4 and P7 Sharing Assemblies
Monday 15th October – Friday 26th October - Holidays		
Monday 29 th October	9.00	Pupils return for Term 2

Clothing / Indoor shoes

Can you please ensure that all of your children's clothing is clearly marked with their name so that we can ensure that any lost items are returned to them? Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that unnamed personal items / clothing be reunited with their owner.

Every child should have a pair of 'indoor shoes' that are kept in school, we have recently noticed that many of our older children do not have indoor shoes. Please ensure that these shoes are clearly marked with your child's name.

Mobile Phones

Children are permitted to take their mobile phone to school with them, but these must be handed in to their class teacher who will lock them up for the day. Mobile phones are then returned to the children at the end of the day. Please do not try to contact your child on their mobile phone during the day. If in an emergency you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone the school office.

Sharing Assemblies

We have made a change this year to our Sharing Assemblies. Parents were consulted last session about how we could improve these, parents suggested that it would be better if these targeted a particular year group rather than having 3 or 4 year groups at a time. In response to this the first of these sharing assemblies will be on Monday 8th of October. There will be 2 assemblies one for the Primary 4 children and one for the Primary 7 children. Next term we will have assemblies for all the other year groups. As with our current sharing assemblies all family and friends are welcome to attend these. We will confirm the exact timings closer to the date.

Scottish Attainment Challenge and Pupil Equity Funding

We are now in our 3rd year of Scottish Attainment Challenge Funding and our 2nd year of Pupil Equity Funding. The Scottish Government provide this additional funding to enable Riverbank School to close the Attainment Gap. Below is a list of the additional resources that we access for our children that would not be possible without this funding.

Therapeutic Counsellor
Barnardo's Family Worker
Family Learning Home Worker
3 Early Years Practitioners (1 in each P1 class)
Prince William Awards (Primary 6 children)

We are also using funding from this provide training for all school staff in Numeracy and in Visible Learning, both of which will improve the learning and teaching for your children.

Should you have any suggestions or comment regarding this funding please email these to riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Pupil Attendance / Punctuality

It is very important that your child attends school on time every day. It can be quite stressful for children to go in to their class late and they often miss out on some essential information that they may require for the school day.

It is vital if your child is not able to attend school for any reason that you inform us as soon as possible. Aberdeen City Council has a clear policy as to what action should be take in a child is 'Missing from Education'. Below are the stages that will be followed if you child is absent and we are unaware of a reason for this.

- First day of unexplained absence – groupcall text sent to parent
- Second day of unexplained absence – school office staff will call parent
- Third day of unexplained absence – Home School Liaison Officer will make a home visit

If the Home School Liaison Officer is unable to make contact, the school then notifies Aberdeen City Council who will then initiate the 'Children Missing from Education' policy, this could involve NHS, Children's Social and Police Scotland.

I am sure you will understand that these measures are put in place to protect your children and can easily be avoided if you contact the office on your child's first day of absence. You can either call 01224483217 or email riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Annual Calendar

Attached is an initial copy of the School's Annual Calendar, this will be issued periodically, when it is updated.