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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 15 th November	All Day	Children in Need Day
Friday 15 th November	9.30 – 10.30 & 2.15 – 3.15	Open Day
Monday 18 th November	P1 9.30 am, P5 10.00 am & P2 11.00 am	P1, P5 & P2 Sharing assemblies
Wednesday 20 th November	All DAY	UNCRC 30 th Birthday
Thursday 21 st November	All day	School closed to pupils (Inset Day)
Friday 22 nd November	All day	School closed to pupils (Inset Day)
Tuesday 26 th November	2.00 – 3.00	P1 Bookbug Afternoon
Saturday 30 th November	11.00 – 2.00	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 3 rd December	All day	Bags to school collection day
Friday 6 th December	9.00 – 10.00	P1 Stay and Play
Tuesday 10 th December	P1 – 9.30 & 1.30 P2, 3 & 4 – 11.00 & 2.30	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11 th December	P5, 6 & 7 – 9.30 & 2.00	Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P1 Christmas Party
Friday 13 th December	9.00 – 10.00	P1 Stay and Play
Friday 13 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P2 Christmas Party
Monday 16 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	12.00 - 2.00	Pupils' Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00 & 2.00	Nursery parties
Thursday 19 th December	1.00 – 3.15	Primary 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	9.30 am	Christmas Service
Friday 20 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P7 Christmas Party
<u>Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January - Holidays</u>		

Christmas Concerts

The children will be sharing with you Christmas Themed Concerts in December. Dates and times indicated below – you will receive a letter in due course regarding how to obtain tickets.

Primary 1 – Tuesday 10th December 9.30 & 1.30

Primary 2, 3 & 4 – Tuesday 10th December 11.00 & 2.30

Primary 5, 6 & 7 – Wednesday 11th December 9.30 & 2.00

Stay and Play

Primary 1 parents' are invited to 'Stay and Play' on Friday 6th of December from 9.00 – 10.00 and on Friday 13th of December at 9.00 – 10.00. Please come along for an opportunity to join in with your child's learning.

Bookbug

The Primary 1 classes are having a Bookbug afternoon on Tuesday 26th November and parents are invited to join from 2.00 – 3.00. We hope you can come along and join us for this.

Children in Need Day

Our Charities Interest Group have decided that for Children in Need Day (which is also our Open Day) pupils can either dress as they please or dress in yellow – they are asking for a donation of £1, which will be collected and donated to this very worthwhile cause. There will also be a 'Guess how many sweets' jar for the children.

Open Day

On Friday 15th of November we are hosting 'open sessions' in the school. The times for these are 9.30 – 10.30 and 2.15 – 3.15. Come along and learn about Visible Learning and each class' 'Learning Pit'. Please enter by the door next to the school office.

UNCRC 30th Birthday

Wednesday 20th November is the 30th birthday of the creation of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNICEF). As a Gold Level Rights Respecting School, this is a very important day for us. The children can come to school that day dressed in blue (colour of UNICEF), and they will also take part in a variety of activities in class relating to the UNCRC. There will be a screening of Paddington for the children as this is the theme for the day. We are not asking parents to donate towards UNICEF on this day.

Thursday 12th December – Election Day

There is a General Election on Thursday 12th December, in the past Riverbank School has been used as polling station, but thanks to the work of the Parent Council this is no longer the case so the school **will remain open** to pupils as normal on this day.

Bags2School

P6P and the Eco schools interest group are again arranged to collect your recyclable clothes, toys and shoes. You will soon receive a bag and an information leaflet about what can be in the bag. Bags should be deposited in the bicycle shed before Tuesday 3rd of December as this is the day the bags are collected.

Fire Evacuation

As I am sure you are aware, we had a Fire Evacuation last week. This was not a drill and the fire alarm had been activated, fortunately it was a false alarm, but we have safety procedures to follow when these events happen.

Unfortunately, it was raining that day so whilst we established the circumstances the children and staff did get wet. They all then went to wait in the Lads Club building whilst we waited for the Fire Brigade to arrive and confirm it was safe for us to re-entr. Once the fire alarm has been activated, we are not permitted to return to the building until the emergency services confirm it is safe to do.

Food Health and Safety

A reminder to all parents of the following health and safety measures regarding food:

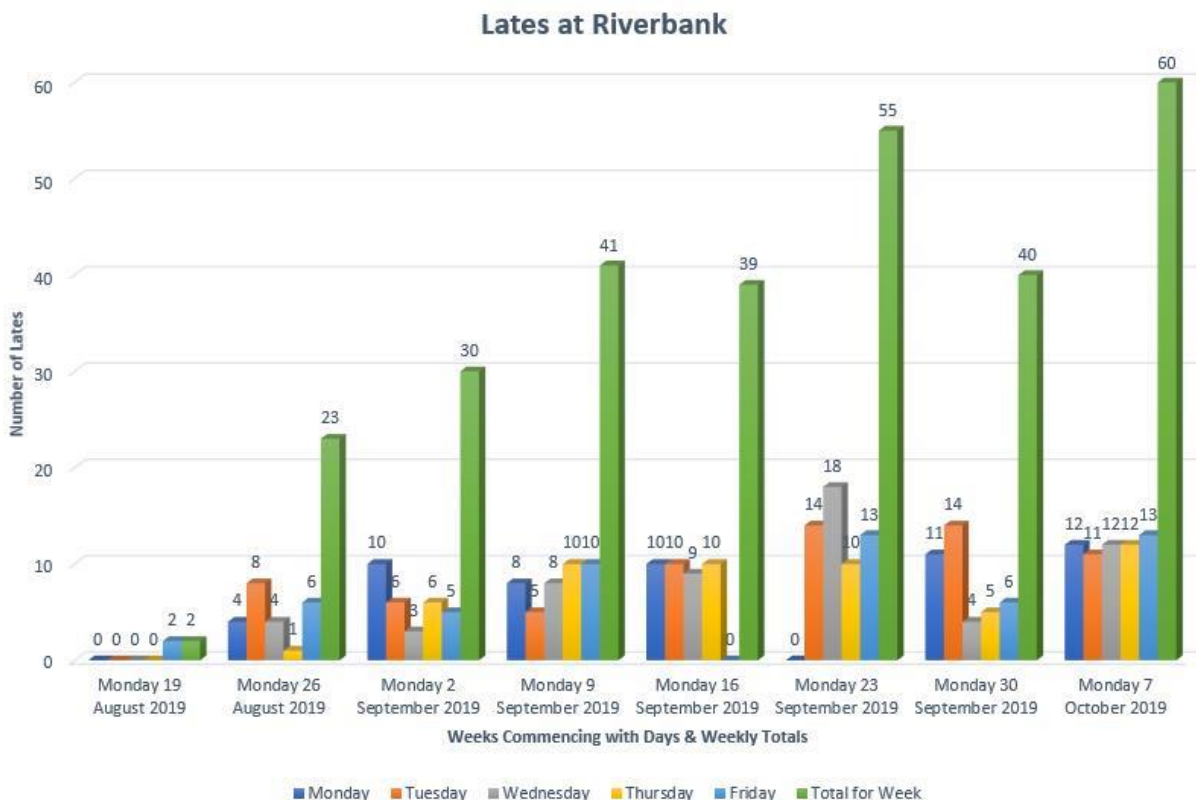
- If you provide your child with grapes these must be cut (length ways)
- Birthday cake / treats – due to a variety of food allergies we cannot accept these at school
- Children should not be given lollipops to eat at school as these can be a choking hazard
- Children should not eat chewing gum at school, again there are concerns re choking
- Children should not share their food with others (we know they are being kind but may be unaware of possible dangers associated with food allergies)

Should you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ironside.

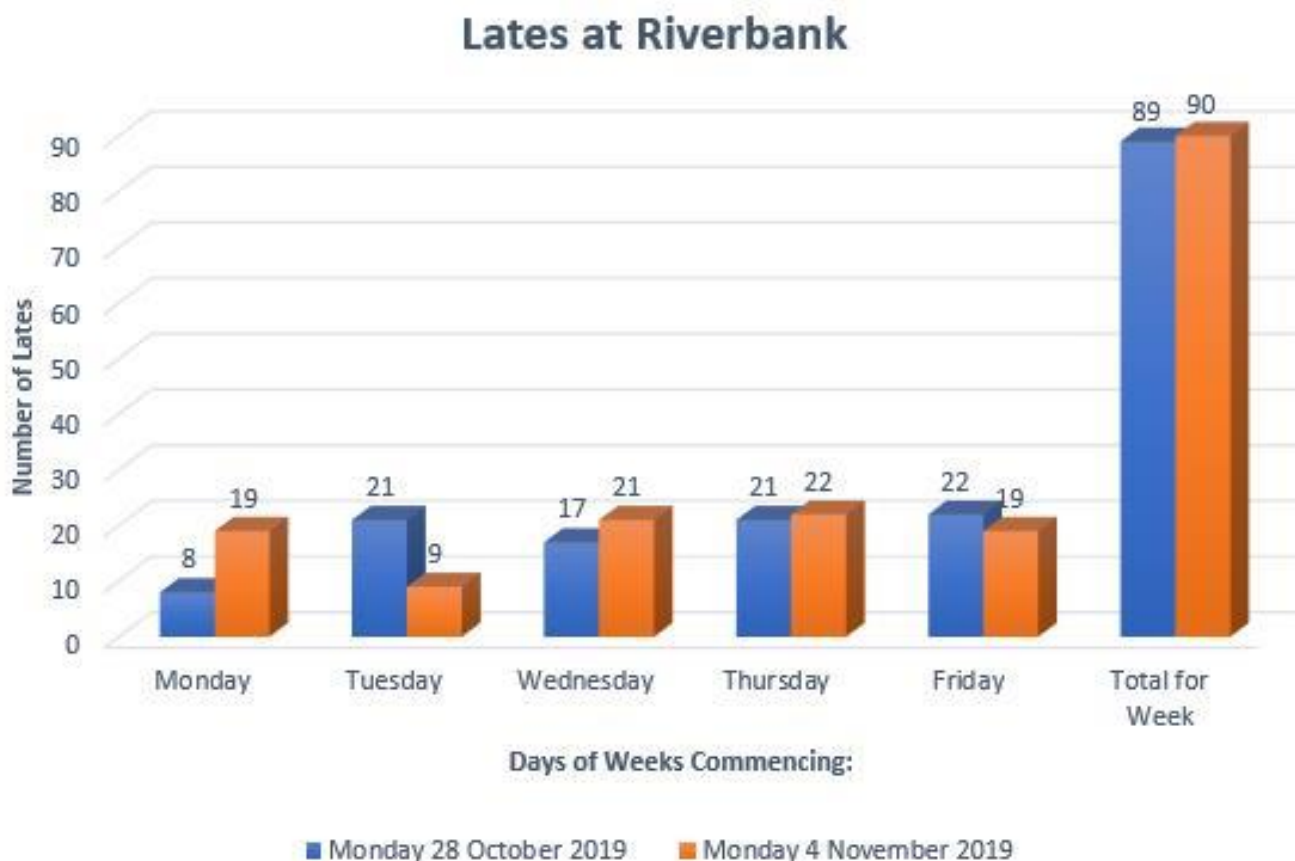
Lateness

We have an increasing number of children who are late for school. We all appreciate that occasionally everyone can be late but for some children this has developed into a habit, that they may need support to break. We are always here to offer support with this.

Below is a graph showing the number of lates last term.



And here are the recorded lates for the first two weeks of this term.



We will continue to monitor this and will directly contact parents of pupils who are regularly late.