



RIVERSIDE REVIEW

February 2017

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Mrs Cockayne's Maternity Leave

Friday 20 January saw us bid a fond farewell to Mrs Cockayne as her Maternity leave begins. We wished her all the best and hoped she would be able to put her feet up for a little while! However baby Cockayne had a very different opinion – 5 days later, Mrs Cockayne proudly announced the birth of her son, 'Henry Clifford' on Wednesday 25 January! Both mum and baby are doing great and we wish them both well.

6KC has now become 6RV until the end of the year with Mrs Valand taking the helm.

Foundation Stage – Cinderella

I was very lucky to have joined our Foundation Stage children on their annual visit to the pantomime. We had a fantastic morning cheering and clapping along with the actors and actresses on stage. The children were an absolute credit to school, behaving impeccably throughout the visit. I very much look forward to my next adventure with Foundation Stage!

Basketball

Y6 were very excited to have a special visit from the Leicester Riders on Tuesday last week. The team stars visited the children in the classroom and talked with them about health and well-being as part of the Hoops4Health programme.

The children also took part in a basketball coaching session with some of the players as well as participating in a Riders' promotional video. A massive thank you to Mrs Williams for organising this fantastic event for the Year 6 children and thank you to the Leicester Riders for asking our school to take part in their promotional video!



Reporting an Absence/Sickness

If your child is not in school for any reason please remember you must call or email by 9.15am to let us know the reason. There is a message service/press option 1 to report absences or you can email office@riverside.leics.sch.uk.

If your child is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea it is imperative they don't return to school until they are 48 hours clear of the last episode. We do have some children returning the day after the sickness is reported and we have had to call home for them to be collected. Hopefully, the 48 hour restriction recommended by health professionals will help stem the transmission of infection to other children and staff.

Forthcoming Events

February

7 February - Y6 Netball Festival

13-17 February half term

25 February – Cross Country Festival

28 February – Beaumanor Residential Information evening 6pm

March

2 March – World Book Day

7 & 8 March - Year 4 visiting St James' Church

7 & 8 March - Parents' Evenings

13–15 March – Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor

30 March – SEND Parents' Forum

Class Assemblies

Friday 24 February Class 2HC

Friday 3 March Class 2HM

Friday 17 March Class 1SW

Friday 24 March Class 1LCH

Friday 31 March Class 1GN

Assemblies start at 9.00am

Traffic and Driveway

I have received a number of complaints since we have returned to school regarding the desperate situation on the roads outside our school. I have written to the police and the local council among other people voicing our concerns. Please consider the safety of our children on the roads around school. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, on the corners of streets or in positions that obstruct the view of our crossing patrol. Please drive extra slowly as you pass in front of the school gates. We have 456 children arriving at school each morning which inevitably places huge demands on the road networks around the school. Can I also remind you that the school driveway is not a drop off zone and should not be in use by parents either at the start or at the end of the day.

Cultural Dance Day

Year 6 headed off to the Cedars a couple of weeks ago to take part in a cultural dance day organised by Miss Cooper from the Cedars.

The children experienced dancing in many different styles as well as developing their understanding of why dance is so important to different cultures. A small group of children then volunteered to take part in the Charity dance show that took place on Thursday and Friday evenings last week.

I was immensely proud watching our children on Friday night dancing 'Bollywood Style'! Thank you to all the children who took part. A special mention must go to Ellie Gurney who also performed a solo and a duet during the show. She was spectacular!



Year 3 Ancient Egyptians – New Walk Museum

On Tuesday 24 January both Year 3 classes, SB and SG, went on an all day trip to New Walk Museum. New Walk has a super Egyptian exhibition, which beautifully supports the Year 3 theme 'Walk like an Egyptian'. The children were able to handle exhibits that were thousands of years old, dress up in Egyptian style clothing and learn about many different aspects of ancient Egyptian culture.

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2017	SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 29 th August 2017
	<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 16th to Friday 20th October 2017</i>
	SCHOOL CLOSES	Wednesday 20 th December 2017
SPRING TERM 2018	SCHOOL OPENS	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
	<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018</i>
	SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 23 rd March 2018
SUMMER TERM 2018	SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 9 th April 2018
	<i>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Monday 7th May 2018</i>
	<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018</i>
	SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 13 th July 2018

TRAINING DAYS 2017 – 2018 – SCHOOLS CLOSED TO PUPILS

- Wednesday 23 August 2017
- Thursday 24 August 2017
- Friday 25 August 2017
- Monday 8 January 2018