

15th January 2018

Dear Families,

We are writing to share our exciting new structure within the Primary Phase at Riverside SPC. The Primary Phase will now be divided into two groups: Primary Explorers and Primary Adventurers. The Primary Explorers are made up of our Early Years classes – Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Rabbits, along with Penguins, Koalas and Giraffes. The Primary Adventurers are made up of Tigers, Elephants, Kangaroos, Zebras and Lions.

Amy Skelton is leading our Primary Explorers and they have returned from the Christmas break full of enthusiasm for discovering the world around them. They have loved exploring our brand new indoor woodland sensory area and our wonderful new Early Years playground and we can't wait to see how they continue to blossom as they progress through the school.

Charlotte Downs is leading our Primary Adventurers and they have particularly enjoyed learning outside the classroom, both within the school grounds and in the local community. Our Adventurers are also looking forward to extending links with other schools for some exciting integration opportunities, as well as building relationships and developing friendships both within and outside of school.

Please look out for our Explorer and Adventurer updates, particularly the "Explorer and Adventurer of the Week Award". These awards are given to pupils who have achieved something particularly special during the week and their reward is to celebrate with Amy and Charlotte around our indoor sensory camp fire!

We also wanted to share the following information with you. Following continued liaison between the school and Local Authority, and taking into account the views of families and supporters of the school at the various consultation events last year, statutory consultation around the opening of provision for nursery-aged children at the start of the Summer Term is now underway. We are absolutely passionate about achieving our mission to transform our children's lives and the lives of their families and would love to have the opportunity to make a start one year earlier than we have previously been able to. You will be receiving a letter about the Local Authority's formal consultation process and a further consultation meeting has been arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 24th January 2018, to be held at Riverside SPC. We are hoping for an extremely positive response to the proposal and look forward to receiving any comments you may have through the consultation process.

This really is a very exciting time for everyone associated with Riverside School and we look forward to working in close partnership with you both now and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher