

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well. It has been another happy and busy week at Riverside School, with everything from football coaching to fencing; and new swimming trips to time with our visiting therapy dogs.

In last week's letter I wrote that, for the first time in 18 months, we weren't able to provide any COVID figures due to testing no longer being widely available. This is not to say that we are complacent though and we will continue to do our best to keep all bugs, coronavirus or otherwise at bay as much as we possibly can. What this will mean however, is that we can focus our energies on the things that we all took for granted pre-pandemic and we will continue to share what we are up to on a weekly basis.

Next week, we will be celebrating International Dance Day and we will be hosting a very special immersive experience, based on Macbeth, created and performed by our close community partners from Rose Bruford College. With our passion for Expressive and Performing Arts, we are very excited about sharing a couple of special films with you next week, so please watch this space ....

Thinking a little further ahead, you will have received information about the Annual Review Question & Answer session run by the Local Authority next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and for families of children in Year 9 and above, you will also have received details of our Transition Event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. There are so many other exciting events to look forward to in the coming months and we will send out the full calendar for the Summer Term next week.

In the meantime, next week will be a shorter one due to Bank Holiday Monday (and school closed at Riverside West Wickham only on Thursday due to the building being used as a Polling Station), but we will certainly aim to pack in all the things that your children tell us, or show us that they love. It will always be their voices and your voices that we listen to and if you ever have any questions about anything related to your child's experiences at Riverside School, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Steve Solomons  
Headteacher