

25th May 2023

Dear Families,

So, another half term has come to an end and, as always, there are so many things to reflect upon and look forward to. On page 2 of this letter, you will see what's coming up in the coming weeks and in addition to the phase-specific and site-specific events listed, we are delighted to be launching "Join in June", which has been designed to give you the opportunity to spend time with your child in a specially-chosen activity. We really hope that you enjoy this new initiative.

You will be aware that the first day after half term, Monday 5th June, is a Training Day and has been set aside for annual reviews for approximately 50% of pupils. If your child's review is taking place on this day, you should receive their progress report and an accompanying letter today, outlining the purpose and the process around EHCP reviews.

Whilst only a small number of children have hydrotherapy quantified in their EHCPs, many of our children have benefitted from using the school hydrotherapy pool in the past and for that reason, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you all with a pool update. You may be aware that we have been having ongoing and significant challenges with our pool over many months and we have continued to do everything we can to resolve them. There have been problems with the boilers, affecting the pool temperature and air temperature, and we have also had significant water loss. We have commissioned specialist contractors to get to the bottom of the issues and we are continuing with these investigations during the half term break. We are very much hoping that next week's survey will take us one step closer to identifying exactly what needs to be done and as soon as I am able to provide an update, I will do so. In the meantime, if your child has hydrotherapy identified in their EHCP, I am sorry that we are unable to provide this on-site at the present time but please be assured that we really are doing whatever we can to rectify this. Thank you very much for your continued patience and understanding.

Today is the final day of our Community Experience fortnight, during which time our secondary-aged pupils have experienced a range of different events, workshops and visits, on-site, cross-site and beyond our school gates. There have been so many highlights and I would like to thank the whole school community for reaching out and offering opportunities for our pupils to develop new skills, find new interests and as importantly, step out of their comfort zones. At Riverside School, we always try to strike the balance between providing a safe and nurturing environment whilst at the same time, providing the level of stretch and challenge that we all benefit from. Hearing one pupil exclaim "I did it!" and another say "I felt nervous but I am glad I tried" are just two examples of how we want our pupils to feel and we take our responsibility to prepare your child for life outside, and life beyond Riverside very seriously. We will always strive to focus on the things that really matter to you and your child and our commitment to working in close partnership with you remains as strong as ever. If there is anything else we can do support you, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you a happy and healthy half term and with very best wishes,



Steve Solomons
Headteacher

Date	Time	Event	Site	Families invited?
Monday 5 th June	All day	Training Day (Annual Reviews)	All sites	If it is your own child's Annual Review
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	Tombasella – Expressive Arts Summer Project	SPC (selected pupils from all four sites)	Sorry, not for this one
Wednesday 21 st June	All day	Tombasella – Expressive Arts Summer Project	SPC (selected pupils from all four sites)	Sorry, not for this one
Thursday 22 nd June	10.30 – 12.00	Riverside Connect “What’s out there”	SPC	All families welcome
Friday 23 rd June	All day	Tombasella – Expressive Arts Summer Project	SPC (selected pupils from all four sites)	Sorry, not for this one
Friday 30 th June	10.00 – 1.00	Sibling Day	SPC	Siblings of children on all sites welcome
Saturday 1 st July	12.00 – 2.00	Summer Fair	SPC	All families welcome
Tuesday 4 th July	4.00 – 7.00	Parents’ Evening	Beckenham / Phoenix / West Wickham	Beckenham / Phoenix / West Wickham families
Wednesday 5 th July	4.00 – 7.00	Parents’ Evening	SPC	SPC families
Thursday 6 th July	Morning	Sports Day	SPC Primary	Sorry, not for this one
Thursday 6 th July	Afternoon	Sports Day	SPC Secondary	Sorry, not for this one
Friday 7 th July	All day	Sports Day	West Wickham	Sorry, not for this one
Friday 7 th July	10.30 – 12.00	Riverside Connect “Time for you”	SPC	All families
Tuesday 11 th July	Morning	Sports Day	Beckenham	Sorry, not for this one
Wednesday 12 th July	10.30 – 11.30	Y14 Leavers’ Celebration	SPC	Families of Y14 leavers only
Wednesday 12 th July	4.00 – 6.00	Leavers’ Prom (for all Secondary-aged pupils and ex- pupils)	SPC	Families to collect at 6.00
Thursday 13 th July	10.30 – 11.00	Family Project Production	SPC	All families
Monday 17 th July	1.30	Riverfest	Phoenix	Sorry, not for this one
Tuesday 18 th July	9.30	Riverfest	Beckenham	Sorry, not for this one
Wednesday 19 th July	9.30	Riverfest	West Wickham	Sorry, not for this one
Thursday 20 th July	9.30	Riverfest	SPC	Sorry, not for this one