



Two Rivers Primary School News

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 10th

September

School Photographs

Friday 13th September

Roald Dahl Day

Monday 16th

September

B1&3 Ashby Fair

Tuesday 18th

September

Stay & Play – Contact
Sue Forest to book a
space

Tuesday 8th October

Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th

October

Harvest Festival

Friday 18th October

Autumn Craft

Friday 25th October

Inset Day – School
Closed for Children

Monday 28th October

– Friday 1st November

Half Term

**You will receive more
information about these
events nearer to the time.**

Friday 6th September 2024: Issue 1

Headteacher's message



Laura Slinn

Headteacher



Marie Povey

Deputy Headteacher

Hello and welcome to Two Rivers Primary School, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting year of learning and development with our wonderful children. This year as a school we are focusing on developing further our independence skills, so watch out for guidance and advice that we will have to share.

You will be pleased to hear that the first week has gone well, the children are beginning to show signs of being used to coming to school, and it has been fantastic to see how smart they all look with their new uniforms on. We are getting to know our new children, and it has been a delight to be back together again.

At the end of each month we will share our newsletter, it includes information from each class about the learning that has taken place, safeguarding information, updates about attendance and other things that we think are important to share. The planned diary dates are on the left of this page, but we will also send out letters, and there is a calendar on our App and our Website, so you can keep up to date with that.

Just a reminder that Marie Povey, is here on a daily basis, and is available for you to meet her, if you should want to. I am also available to meet, but it sometimes needs an appointment, due to me having the role of SEND lead for our MAT, as well as being Headteacher of Two Rivers Primary, just contact reception if you would like to see me.



Lunch Menus



Please take a look at the delicious school lunch menus available this term.

Week commencing 23rd September & 14th October

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">WEEK ONE</p>	<p>AROUND THE World</p> <p>Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas</p>	<p>Italian</p> <p>Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Salad and Sweetcorn or Baked Beans</p>	<p>Roasts</p> <p>Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Carrots or Broccoli</p>	<p>AROUND THE World</p> <p>BBQ Chicken Wrap with Wholegrain Rice and Cauliflower or Salad</p>	<p>Fish & Chips</p> <p>Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p>
	<p>Fresh Pasta and Tomato Sauce available every day</p>				
	<p>Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches are also available</p>				
	<p>Lemon Drizzle Cake</p>	<p>Ice Cream</p>	<p>Vanilla Iced Sponge</p>	<p>Rice Krispie Bar</p>	<p>Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>
	<p>Fresh Bread, Yoghurt, Jelly, Fruit and Tray bakes are available daily</p>				

WEEK COMMENCING:
08/04, 29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07,
22/07, 12/08, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10



DINE

WITH MIQUILL

Week commencing

9th September

30th September

21st October

WEEK TWO

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian Meal

DINE
Jackets or Pasta

Dessert STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY



Cottage Pie with New Potatoes and Peas

TUESDAY



Tuna Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad

WEDNESDAY



Honey Roasted Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Broccoli

THURSDAY



Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice and Cauliflower or Carrots

FRIDAY



Battered Fish with Chips and Mushy Peas or Baked Beans

Fresh Pasta and Tomato Sauce available every day

Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches are also available

Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit Salad

Chocolate Brownie

Apple Sponge & Custard

Flapjack

Fresh Bread, Yoghurt, Jelly, Fruit and Tray bakes are available daily

MIQUILL

WEEK COMMENCING:
15/04, 06/05, 27/05, 17/06, 08/07,
29/07, 19/08, 09/09, 30/09, 21/08

Week commencing

16th September

7th October

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian Meal

DINE
Jackets or Pasta

Dessert STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY



Sausages & Gravy with Mash and Peas or Baked Beans

TUESDAY



Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn

WEDNESDAY



Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage

THURSDAY



Honey Chicken Stir Fry with Rice and Broccoli

FRIDAY



Breaded Fishcake with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans

Fresh Pasta and Tomato Sauce available every day

Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches are also available

Chocolate Courgette Cake

Ice Cream

Shortbread

Carrot Cake

Vanilla Iced Sponge

WEEK COMMENCING:
22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07,
05/08, 26/08, 16/09, 07/10

Fresh Bread, Yoghurt, Jelly, Fruit and Tray bakes are available daily

MIQUILL



Endeavour app



In an attempt to cut down on the cost of paper, printing and postage we will be sending home letters, forms and information via the endeavour app.

When your child starts school you will receive an invitation code that will enable you to access the app.

Simply visit the App or Play store and download the Endeavour app to get started or visit app.weduc.co.uk



If you need anymore information or a copy of your invitation code please contact the school office 01827 426123. Michelle or Gill will be happy to help.



Free School Meals

Please help us to claim more money for the school

Even though your child is automatically entitled to a free school meal for their first three years at school, registering for income assessed free school meals could give the school extra money called pupil premium. We receive an extra £300 (Reception year) and £1345 (KS1 & KS2) pupil premium for each child registered for income assessed free school meals. Over the last year we have used pupil premium for enhancing the provision of communication strategies, play and developing self – help skills - all of these are vital skills for your children in Early Years, please support us by registering your details on the form overleaf.

So that we continue to receive this vital additional funding, please help us by completing the application form which can be found on the website (address at the bottom of the page) for all your children at the school if you receive any of the following benefits -

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

Website address to claim: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.aspx>



Morning Drop Off and After School Collection

This is a very busy part of the day for the school and we ask for your cooperation in the process to help us ensure that all children arrive safely at school.

Important Health and Safety information:

Morning Drop off:

- We ask that children who are brought to school by parents/carers arrive at school no earlier than 9.10am. At this time, you can drive on to site and park in a numbered bay.
- We ask that you drop off your child at the designated front entrance where they will be met by staff and taken to their classroom.
- Registration closes at 9:30am.
- Children who arrive on LA transport will be wait in their bus or taxi until 9:00am and will be collected by staff from their transport.
- We will wait for LA vehicles to move off site, before parent cars are allowed onsite – this is to manage the traffic on the car park safely.

After School Collection:

- Children will be brought to the buses at 3.00pm, by class staff.
- Parents/Carers are asked not to arrive before 3.10pm due to heavy traffic congestion, arriving at 3:10pm will mean, you are able to drive on site and park in a numbered bay. Once you have been seen we will call your child to come to be handed over to you. This may take a little time but is a safe way for the children to depart from school.
- Parents who walk on to site, we ask to wait at the designated spot with a member of staff from the senior team – who will radio staff for your child. This is to reduce congestion.
- Children who are collected by LA transport will wait in class with a member of staff and will be escorted out to their transport by school staff.



SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Our school is committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care.

Our school will support all children by:

- **Promoting a caring, safe, and positive environment**
- **Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness**
- **Effectively tackling bullying and harassment**

We recognise that some children may be the victims of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse. Staff working with children are well placed to identify such abuse.

At our school, in order to protect our children, we aim to:

- **Create an atmosphere where all our children feel secure, valued, and listened to**
- **Recognise signs and symptoms of abuse**
- **Respond quickly, appropriately, and effectively to cases of suspected abuse**

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally), you must contact one of the following staff members as quickly as possible:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

EYFS



Richard Bryan

DSL



Marie Povey

DDSL



Laura Slinn

Executive Headteacher



Simone Parry

DSL



Amy Newman

DDSL

If your concern is regarding the Executive Headteacher please contact the Chair of Governor

Everyone working with our children, their parents and carers should be aware that their role is to:

- **Listen** and carefully note any observations which could indicate abuse.
- Not attempt to investigate once the initial concern is raised.
- **Refer** to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately.
- Contact the Deputy DDSL (or member of Senior Leadership Team) if the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is not available.
- **Remember** disclosures of abuse or harm from children may be made at any time.

If anything worries you or concerns you, report it straight away.



**If you wish to report a concern, please speak to
Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)
Richard Bryan (Primary School)
Simone Parry (EYFS)**



**If any of the above DSLs are not available, please report your
concerns to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
(DDSLs) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team**



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs):
Marie Povey or Laura Slinn
(Primary)
Amy Newman (EYFS)**

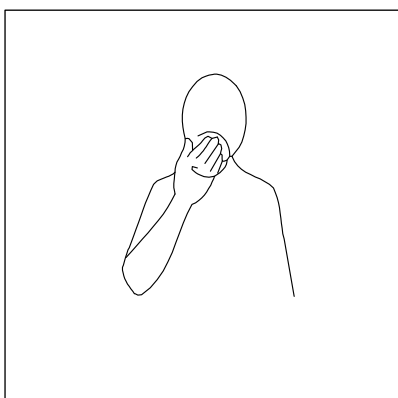
**Senior Leadership Team:
Stephen Bradbury or
Michelle Roberts
(EYFS/Primary)**



**If you are unable to speak to any of the above, please ring
the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or
Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Team
on 0300 111 8007**



Sign of the week



School

Our sign of the week is School – Make small circular movements in front of face.

You can see how to do the sign here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI9Vwf4A9R2SWL4cbnWjloHy92tjxXmU9>

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school everyone

Each month we will share information about each classes attendance, please make sure that if your child is unwell and you need to keep them at home, that you call the school office and let us know. If we don't hear from you, we will be calling to find out how everybody is. Our school phone number is **01827 426123**.





Fundraising

Do you shop at ASDA? If you do, you can donate to Two Rivers Primary through the ASDA rewards App. Follow the how to guide below to set up.

ASDA

**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



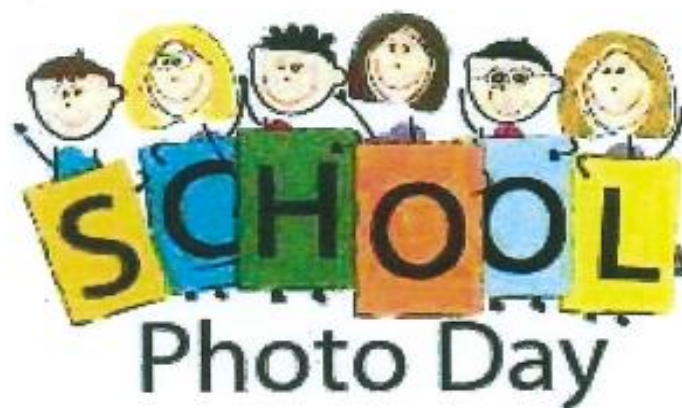


School Photos will be conducted on

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Please ensure full uniform is worn (if possible) and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.





Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Maria Howard chairs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to change their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils best performance is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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