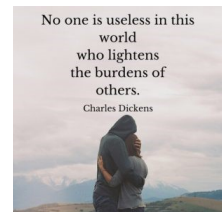


We hope you are all well and are finding ways to enjoy the sunshine safely. In this newsletter we wanted to show what has continued to be done during these unusual times. Just because the school has been closed to the majority of students the work behind the scene has continued. The team effort has proven what a fantastic supportive team you have working at Riverside. The effort is driven to provide support for our children and their families.

We have also welcomed our new executive Head Teacher Mr Enright who has been working very closely with Mrs Hill, our Deputy Head Teacher, and the SLT team to drive forward the future of Riverside. No doubt you will get to meet him soon.

- Staff printing off food vouchers for families who have no internet and delivering
- Sourcing then delivering laptops to families for children to continue their studies
- Printing and making up packs of work, driving round and posting them through doors every time they are requested.
- Being a friendly voice on the end of the phone to listen when things have been tough for families and children.
- Driving around collecting paint, donated items and roping husbands in with trucks to fetch sheds.
- All this while working from home!



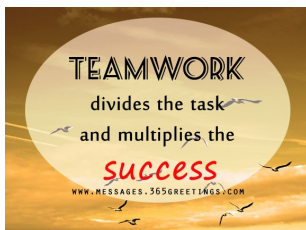
★ We have received some fantastic feedback from our parents and pupils, which encourages everyone to do even more;

- "We are missing school and the staff "
 - "I'm bored and want to come back"
 - "Can I have some more work please"
 - "The school looks so much better since its been painted"
 - About work set "yes he loved it, thank you so much!!!!!"
 - "Thank you to Mr Price for all the support you have given myself and my son though a tricky time in our lives".
 - "It doesn't feel like his teacher phoning its more like a friend ringing me for a chat"
 - "Mrs Sutton, "you have done so much for our family, so much more than from my other child's school"
 - "Thank you for all the support shown from all the staff"
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- A pink rectangular box containing the text "WHEN PEOPLE SUPPORT EACH OTHER, INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN." in a bold, white, serif font, arranged in seven lines.

Office staff

You all know the office team and probably on first name terms with some.

They have been working hard to continue with finance administration as normal but also with getting to grips with the new Food Voucher scheme which has very much been appreciated by many of our families. Organising and rearranging the transport for pupils. They are also supporting teachers with the new systems to record exam results, making sure our pupils achieve their potential for moving on.



CLAINES UNITED CHARITIES

Mrs Hill had the most wonderful visit from Reverend Jo Musson this week who some of you might remember, as she performs the most special and interesting assemblies for our children. She is part of St Georges parish in Barbourne and is always a great supporter of our school. Through her links with Claines United Charities, which she is a Trustee of, she was able to give us a cheque for **£1300.**

Claines United Charities are a Worcestershire based charity that provides support to the local communities including:

- Children/young people
- Elderly/old people
- General charitable purposes
- Makes grants to individuals
- Makes grants to organisations
- Other charitable or voluntary bodies
- People with disabilities



The only advice given was to spend it on the children at Riversides to improve enjoyment at school. Mrs Hill has set upon a plan that will benefit every child in the school, which is to improve the outside area for them to share. Here are some pictures of the area now and in the next newsletter I will show you what has been achieved, if the children don't tell you first.

A massive thank you must go to the charities as without this donation it might have been next year before we were going to be able to make these changes.



Careers Advice



As the Careers Advisor working with Riversides I have been actively phoning all Year 11 leavers to discuss their plans for September. Helping with any advice and guidance regarding college/training provider courses for those that haven't already applied and for those that have keeping up to date with colleges/training providers regarding plans for transition. I can support students with completion of any application forms too. Have also been happy to speak with any parents of students in Year 9 or 10 if and when required and towards end of this term will start planning Careers meetings with Year 10's in the Autumn term ready to help support them with their post school options and choices.

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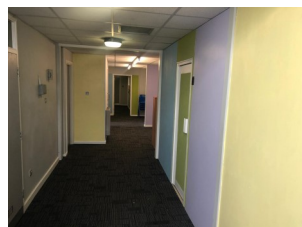
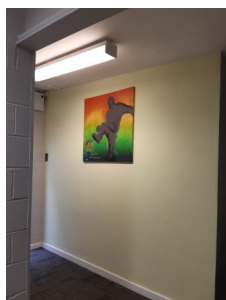
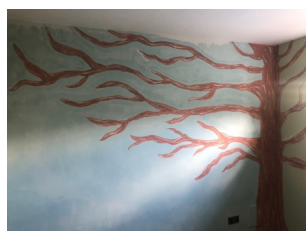
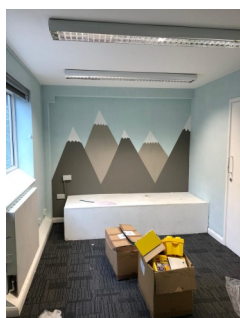
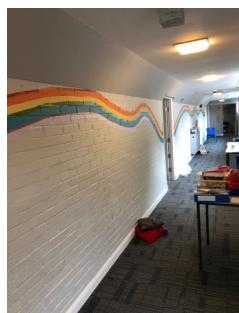


We would like to say massive thank you to a few special companies who have donated vouchers and products to help us create an inviting, colourful and relaxing school. Also to staff who have taken their own time to drive round and safely collect donations from shops and the public who have also generously donated tins of paint, brushes, art products, and even a garden sheds. Also a chandelier, I feel may not be put up however I can see it making a great art project somewhere. Thank you Elaine Cowles who has donated lots of toys to us however some have not been able to be used at this point, so Amanda has been selling these items on a website for other children to enjoy and the money will go back into school. Every little helps!

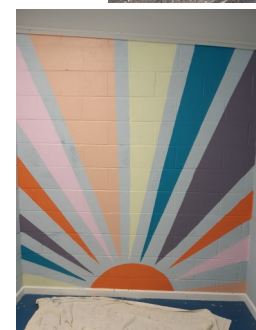
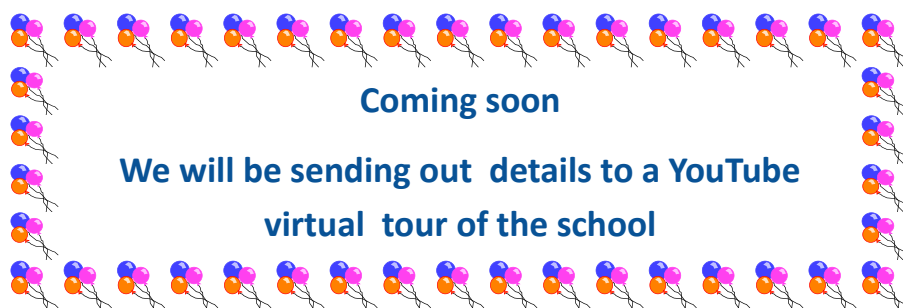
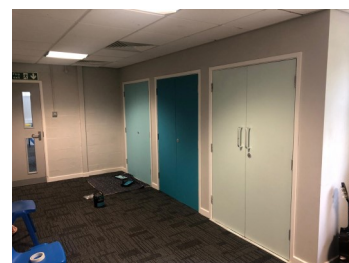
Homebase donated £50 vouchers, St Peters Garden Centre donated £50 worth of plants, and Dulux donated nearly £200 worth of products.



HOMEBASE



Just a taster of all the
work completed so
far.



Celebrating our children

This has been a very strange time for the children and we are so proud of how they have adapted in their own way to the lockdown. It has been hard and challenging at times but we would like to celebrate the effort they have shown. Some children have attend RSS and others have been busy working at home completing packs of work or using websites provided by staff and have also had to get to grips with ZOOM just like the staff. There have been some interesting zoom meetings showing staff around rooms, favourite toys, quizzes, funny walks, drinking from a can while wearing a helmet.



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I will answer what these words mean.

Omnivores—they eat both meat and plants

Carnivores—they eat meat

Herbivores— an environment that anyone lives in

Extinct— something that has lost all of its kind, EG:
Dodo Birds

Endangered – something that has only a few left of
its kind EG: Panda

Hope you like it !

