

“Working together to achieve our best”

Our theme for worship this half term is **Hope**

I would like to wish all of our children and their families a very Happy Half Term,

Mrs O’Keeffe-Pullan



### **Requests for Critical Worker/Vulnerable Children Places in School**

Further to a number of requests, please understand that we are currently unable to increase the number of places available in school. The supporting measures that we have in place are based on our risk assessment and staff ratio. Therefore, please do not commit to additional shifts/work patterns on the assumption that your child may attend school. Please factor in how you intend to manage your children’s learning at home if you choose to change your circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Postponed TED day—Monday 22nd February**

Reminder— We will not be holding a TED day on Monday 22nd February. School will remain open for critical worker children and vulnerable children. Home learning will continue as normal.

### **Reporting positive COVID cases to school over half term for children of critical workers and vulnerable children**

We need to ensure that we continue to monitor confirmed cases of Covid-19 during half term. If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result you must inform us at [covid@riverscofe.co.uk](mailto:covid@riverscofe.co.uk) so that we can notify other families of a confirmed case in school, if needed. Thank you.

### **Parents’ Evening Wednesday 10th February**

Please ensure that you are able to access your appointment by checking your invite email has a Teams link. If you have not received your appointment, please contact the school office on 01905 772138 or [spoffice@riverscofe.co.uk](mailto:spoffice@riverscofe.co.uk) by 4.30pm today.

### **St. Peter’s PTA Logo Competition**

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) need your help! We do not currently have a logo and think you could do a better job at designing one than we can! If you would like to enter our competition, please take a look at the attached form.

### **Safer Internet Day Tuesday 9th February 2021**



Today we will be promoting Safer Internet Day 2021 with all pupils. We also thought it would be useful for you to have a link to [Safer Internet Day resources](#) that are specifically designed for parents and carers. You may also want to use the following guidance to review the [parental controls](#) for your internet access at home. Please see additional attachment provided by The Rivers C of E Academy.

### **Fundraising after St Joseph’s School Fire**

As many of you will be aware, in the early hours of Monday 25th January, a severe fire at St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School in Droitwich broke out. The fire has caused catastrophic damage, the staff and pupils are devastated. Parents of St. Joseph’s have started a [St. Joseph’s fundraiser](#) to help the school raise funds for toys, books and stationery that have been damaged in the fire.



## Lockdown Support—Be Kind to Yourself and Look After Each Other



Covid has brought about incredibly challenging times and has had an impact on all of our lives. It is important to reflect on your own mental health and well being and remember the support that is available to you.



National Domestic Abuse Helpline:  
0808 2000 247

The government has launched the Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) codeword scheme to enable victims of domestic abuse to access immediate help from the police, or other support services, from the safety of their local pharmacy.

[nationaldahelpline.org.uk](https://nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

## Monday 22nd February—World Thinking Day



All Brownies and Rainbows are invited to wear their club uniform on Monday 22nd February to celebrate World Thinking Day. Brownies and Rainbows that are currently attending the critical worker hub are also invited to wear their club uniform to school. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world. This day was chosen as it was the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

## Remote Learning Questionnaire

Reminder that questionnaires need to be emailed to school by end of day—Wednesday 10th February, thank you.



## Star of the Week certificates

Certificates will be kept in school for those children who are currently learning at home and have been awarded a Star of the Week certificate.

## Information: EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

The Home Office would appreciate your support in reminding parents, families, young people and your staff that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). The application deadline, for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

Children and young people require their own Immigration status and are not covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family. A parent or guardian can apply on behalf of a child and link it to their own application (if applicable), or they can apply in their own right. There's lots [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on [GOV.UK](#). Information on what is needed to apply can also be found on [GOV.UK](#). Successful applicants get either settled status or pre-settled status ensuring they can continue to live and work in the UK after 30 June 2021, whilst remaining eligible to access the benefits and services they could before the UK left the EU.

For questions about applications, call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and Saturday to Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm). [Find out about call charges](#).