

Newsletter 3 Spring Term  
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**OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS FORGIVENESS.**



**Congratulations to our award winners this week:**

**Bronze Awards: Riley Shore, Eve Anthony-Smith, Emily Freeman, Freya Corlett, Jacob Clarkson and George Morris.**

**Silver Award: Maisie Hitchen.**

**Our 'Rivington Remarkables' are: Roman Haydock, Daniel Owen, Ruby Houseman-Smith, Erin Freeman, Jessica Snape, Alex Murray, Oliver Brennan and Mackenzie Bowden.**


**Our Seven Wonders are: Leyton Bowden, Bella King, Archie Noblett, Amber Taylor, Charlie Sutcliffe, Oliver Freeman and Kian Fishwick.**

**Well done to you all and keep up the progress and hard-work!**

**Fun with Maths:** Attached is a flyer and letter about a Maths workshop to be held in the TreeHouse for the parents/carers/grandparents of children in Reception and Year 1. The two sessions provide an opportunity for parents/carers and grandparents to learn how your child is taught Maths and early number skills in Reception and Year 1. A hard-copy of the parental response form will be sent out to children on Monday.

**Home Time Routines** - The safety of our pupils is our top priority. At 3:15pm we have nearly 90 children attempting to leave school out of one door and this is causing major congestion issues at the bottom of the stairs. To help find a solution **Y3/4 will now exit from their cloakroom door where staff will call their name when their parent/family member can be seen. For Y1/2, the children are asked to tell staff when they can see the adult who is collecting them. If there is no one to collect them the children must wait with an adult in school.**

If you are delayed for any reason please inform the school office as soon as possible. We appreciate that there are some occasions when alternative arrangements are made. In these circumstances we need to be informed of the end of day arrangements via email, in writing or a telephone call in advance. It is



extremely important that we are informed of any alternative arrangements you may make e.g. parents who make arrangements with other parents to take their child/children home (this may be on a regular basis, every now and again or a contingency plan).

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to parents prior to this message being sent and we hope we can work together in order to ensure the safety of our pupils at all times. Thank you for your continued support.

**Parents Evening:** Yesterday, you will have received a letter regarding your child/children's Parents Evening. Please complete the return slip so that your child's teacher can arrange a convenient appointment for you. **Please note that Reception and Nursery appointments are only for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Parent Council:** Thank you to all of who attended the last meeting. The discussions that take part are of a real benefit to a shared vision for school improvement. If you were unable to attend but would like to discuss school improvement please see Miss Redmayne who can point you in the right direction or see Lisa Horrocks – a parent in Y6. Many thanks.

**Parental help questionnaires:** All staff have been provided with information regarding families and parents offering to help in school. Thank you all so much for donating your time – we look forward to utilising all your skills as much as we can!

**Parent Pay:** Please can you ensure that all Parent Pay accounts are up-to-date.

**Open-Door Policy:** At Rivington we are proud to operate an Open Door Policy. The purpose of our Open Door Policy is to encourage open communication, feedback and discussion. We value the input parents make to the school. Class teachers will usually be available for an Open Door meeting at the end of the school day, during handover. Can we kindly request that parents avoid coming into the building until after the children have left after 3:30pm. In some cases, the teacher may not be available for genuine reasons and a different meeting time should be arranged. If you feel that the matter needs more than 10 minutes to discuss, then parents should phone the school office to make an appointment to see the member of staff at a mutually convenient time. Staff may also be available to take phone calls, when they are not available please leave a contact number so that the member of staff may call you back at a different time.

In the spirit of our Open Door Policy, the Parents Council meets termly to discuss new initiatives, issues/policies and events.

Thank you so much for your continued co-operation.

**Dropping Off and Picking Up From School** –In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, please avoid parking on the zig-zag lines or near the

terrible bend or on the pavement in any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Reporting your child absent:** If your child is unwell and won't be able to attend school, please contact school to inform us of the absence. This can be done by telephoning school and selecting option 1.

**Parent Drop in Tuesday mornings 10:00am** Every Tuesday morning at 10:00am Mr Sands (Chair of Governors) will be in school to meet with Mrs Annette. If any parents/ carers have anything they wish to discuss please let us know in advance and we will make sure we are available.

### **SCHOOL BANK!**

Our School Bank takes place in 'The Tree House' every Friday from 2:45pm.

**Free School Meals :** All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for universal free school meals. However children in the infants and the juniors may qualify for free school meals because you are in receipt of certain benefits, in which case you need to register your eligibility. If you are eligible your child could qualify for Pupil Premium funding from the Government which will come into school to improve pupil attainment or provide additional opportunities. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### **Maths Pre-Learning!**

Do you want to give your child an advantage in their learning in Maths for next week? These activities will help give your child a solid start with next week's learning!

#### **If you have a child in Nursery and Reception:**

Time! Look for different types of clocks. Can you time your child doing tasks e.g. getting dressed? What other activities could you time? What can you do in a minute?

#### **If you have a child in Y1/2:**

Money! What things can your child learn about money this weekend? Coins? Change? Can you play shop or go to the shop?

#### **If you have a child in Y3/4:**

Fractions of amounts – what is half of ... what is a quarter of... what is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of... What could you do to give your child an 'edge' in their learning? Quick-fire times-tables practise will also help this too!

#### **If you have a child in Y5/6:**

Have you got the Battleships board game in the cupboard? An atlas? Your child is looking at co-ordinates! What could you find out about this to give your child an 'edge' in their learning?

## Spring Term Dates:

**Friday February 2nd:** 'Fun With Maths' Parents only in the TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

**Tuesday February 6th:** Safer Internet Day.

**Wednesday February 7th:** Parents Evening – 3 – 6:30pm.

**Thursday February 8th:** Parents Evening – 3 - 6:30pm.

**Friday 9th February:** 'Fun with Maths' Parents and children, TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Number Day in school.

## Spring Term 2nd Half:

**Friday 2nd March:** World Book Day

**Wednesday 7th March:** Alternative Book Shop for World Book Day – More details to follow!

**Monday March 5th:** Full Governors Meeting 4:30pm

**Wednesday 7th March:** Alternative Book Shop for World Book Day – More details to follow!

**Thursday 8th March:** Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

**Friday March 9th:** Y1/2 Mother's Day Assembly.

**Thursday 15th March:** Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

**Wednesday March 21st:** Egg-rolling 1:30pm in the school grounds.

**Thursday March 22nd:** Easter Service in Church 1:30pm.

**Thursday March 22nd:** Easter Bingo PTA – more details to follow!

**Friday 23rd March:** Easter Parade in the Hall.

**Friday March 23rd:** Easter 'Get Together' 2pm in the Hall.

Please come and see me if there are any issues with the above.

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

