



OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS  
FORGIVENESS.



Congratulations to our award winners this week:



Bronze Awards: **Aimee Rose Hope, Maison Austerberry, Lewis Blackledge,**

**Louis Armstrong, Lucas Hill, Naomi Hilton, Katie Houseman-Smith, Alfie Gibson, Ariana Haydock, Niamh Loftus and Mackenzie Bowden.**

Gold Award: **Mae Roper and Sebastian Austerberry.**

Writing Journey: **Sebastian Austerberry**

Our 'Rivington Remarkables' are: **Alice Whitwood, Maison Austerberry, Thomas Cleworth, Ewan McColl, Eloise Whitwood, Tobey Percival and Jack Horrocks.**

Our Seven Wonders are: **Aimee Rose Hope, Ollie Hart, Amber Taylor, Eve Anthony-Smith, Ava Austerberry and Daniella Gillam.**

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

**This week's attendance winners are Y5/6 with 99.3% - well done!**

**Reception Class: WOW!** - The Reception children have been very busy learning all about Chinese New Year. As well as learning some fascinating facts they have made beautiful Chinese fans, Chinese lanterns and even tasted Chinese noodles!

**Year 3 and 4 Assembly: WOW!** - Year 3 and 4 have been busy learning all about Early Britain. As well as learning some fascinating facts they have been completing cave paintings and have studied different kinds of rocks. All of this culminated in the performance of an outstanding assembly today. I cannot believe how much you have learnt and discovered as well as all the lines you have memorised! I sure Parents will agree when I say that we are very, very proud of you all!

**Fun with Maths:** Our last session was held in the TreeHouse today with children joining their Parents and Grandparents to share their learning. A fantastic response and I hope that you all gathered some valuable ideas! All this will go a significant way to enabling outstanding progress for your children – well done!

**Pre-Learning:** Over the half-term we will be sending home some pre-learning homework to help support your child/children with their next topic. Homework is a vital and crucial support in your child's learning – if it is used correctly! Standard primary homework has been shown to just have 0.02 as a powerful effect whereas learning that is introduced to children before a topic begins – 'Go and find out about the water-cycle.' – has a 0.93 powerful effect. This type of homework gives children the confidence and knowledge to tackle more interesting concepts! Furthermore, reading with your child followed by a chat about the text both at home and at school has a 0.62 powerful effect so thank you to all of you for your commitment to home reading – it really does have a huge influence on progress! Mrs. Green asks you to keep chanting your times-tables too! **See separate sheet for your holiday tasks – it's up to you how you present it – verbal, written, pictorial – awards will be given!**

**Attendance** - Our attendance data is very good and we really do appreciate your commitment to ensuring your child is in school. We are aware that there have been a number of illnesses in school during the last term, which impact on your child's attendance. In addition, there may well be exceptional reasons why you need to take your child out of school for a holiday or occasion/event. If that is the case, I strongly encourage you to contact me about it, preferably before any bookings are made. Termly letters are sent to parents/carers to advise you if your child's attendance falls below 97%. Often as the year progresses this can be improved upon very quickly. We are very keen to continue to support our families and ask that you contact us if there is anything we can do to help. If you receive a letter and wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

**PE Lessons:** Children take part in two sessions of Physical Education a week – some indoor, some outdoor. **Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. Participation in PE is hugely important for the development of health, fitness and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. We have noticed a number of children are regularly forgetting their PE kit. All children should bring PE kits at the start of each half term and take them home at the end of the half term to wash.**

### PE Kit:

- White –t-shirt (with or without logo),
- Purple shorts/black tracksuit bottom/black leggings – **due to the colder months and the floor in the church hall we would ask that black tracksuit bottoms/leggings are supplied for PE,**
- Purple hoodie (not required),
- Black pumps/sensible trainers.

Thank you to those children who consistently wear the correct PE kit during lessons. Please could we remind you that it is essential for all pupils to wear appropriate kit for their PE lessons to ensure personal hygiene and safety.

During PE lessons children are not allowed to wear jewellery of any kind, including watches, necklaces and earrings, please ensure these can be removed or send in plasters or micro-tape so that small studs can be covered.

**Late-stay and Breakfast Club:** Please can all parents/carers please ensure that they **pass over and sign in and out their child from breakfast club and late-stay.** On dark, early mornings it is crucial that children are not entering the school grounds on their own. Thank you for your continued help in ensuring the safety of all our children.

**Parent Help Register:** Thank you for being so patient. We are having to understand some new data-protection regulations coming into force and we will be with you shortly! Many thanks!

**World Book Day** – On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. To raise money for reading development in school we will be inviting the children to bring in £1 and come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. There will be a prize for the most original and inventive costume in each class. Please see the link below for some ideas which are both simple and can be made using items you may already have!

<https://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

**Parent Council:** If 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.

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

**Dropping Off and Picking Up From School** – The issue of parking round school continues to be a major cause of concern. Thank you to all of you who adhere road markings around school. Tonight, your child will be bringing home a letter from

**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.

**Goodbye:** It's always sad to say farewell to any of our children and families but may I take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck to two of our families who are about to embark on new lives in other parts of the country – good luck to the Eastwoods and Austerberrys – you will greatly missed and good luck in your future adventures – please don't be strangers!

## **Spring Term 2nd Half:**

**Friday 2nd March:** World Book Day – see above!

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

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

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**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.

**Don't be late! Children need to be in School for 9am each day. 5 minutes late per day= 3 missed days of school per year!**

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

