



Mothers hold their children's  
hands for a short while,  
but their hearts forever.  
~Author Unknown

**Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums, Grans, Nanas, Aunties, Sisters – to all the wonderful people who make a difference in our fantastic children's lives!**

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

**Our Rivington Remarkables are: Isobel Bromilow, Ava Shaw, Bella King, Alex Marsden, Dylan Davies, George Hodgkinson and Daisy Heywood.**

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

**Parklands Performance:** Year 4 and 5 had a fabulous time at Parklands High School on Friday afternoon watching their annual show. It was amazing to see and we even managed to spot a few ex-pupils too! Well done to all the children who went – your behaviour and conduct was outstanding – well done!

**Parent Council:** Due to the bad weather, the next Parent's Council meeting has been rescheduled for: **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10am at the Lower Barn, Rivington** – all are welcome!

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

**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.

**For safeguarding reasons, we would ask for your support in not allowing your child(ren) to wear any watch type device that can record voices and videos or take photographs (for example Apple Watches or V-Tech devices). I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.**

**Rocket Fund:** This week saw the launch of our Rocket Fund fundraising project. Rocket Fund is a crowdfunding site which has been created for schools to raise money for ICT equipment for school. We are raising money for new laptops. **I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who have supported us so far – your generosity is outstanding! If you're interested in supporting us then visit: [www.rocket.fund](http://www.rocket.fund) and search for Rivington. We are already more than half-way to reaching our target. Every donation, big or small, helps! Again, many, many thanks!**

**Snow:** After the tree on Friday - we certainly had a shock yesterday morning with the unexpected arrival of the snow. Although a few schools around us closed, I would like to thank all the staff for their huge efforts to make it into school. I would also like to say thank you to our parents/carers for ensuring your children were in school and for keeping us informed. Please keep an eye on the school website for notices. Please also send your child/children into school with warm shoes and clothing if the weather is particularly cold. Let's hope Spring is on its way!

**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.

**School Illness:** We would like to remind you that there has been confirmed cases of chicken pox at Rivington; therefore we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the procedure for when to keep your child at home and when it is

appropriate to send them back to school, should your child develop the symptoms of chicken pox.

Our school policy states that if a child is suspected of having chicken pox, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child from school. All children should remain at home until **all** chicken pox spots have crusted over to avoid further spread of the illness. Should any child return to school before this time, parents will be contacted and asked to collect them and take them back home.

Can I also inform you that we have had a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever.

We appreciate your understanding on this and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

### **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!

#### **Reception:**

Adding and subtracting games.

#### **Y1/2:**

2-D and 3-D shapes.

#### **Y3/4:**

Translations and Angles

#### **Y5/6:**

Volume and conversions (grams to kilograms, centimetres to metres etc.)

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

**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

