

**OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.**



**'LAUGHING.  
YUMMY CUPCAKES.  
GETTING TOGETHER...  
AND HELPING FAMILIES  
AFFECTED BY CANCER.'**

**Congratulations! SUPERSTARS  
of the week:**

Well done to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables' – **Chloe Litchfield, Ted Wharton-Jones, Isabelle Berry-McPherson, Amelia**

**Davies, Danilo Gillam, Charlie Sutcliffe and Faye Lally.**

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Get Together' - it was wonderful to share the children's achievements with you!

**Harvest Festival:** Harvest Festival will take place in Church on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9:30am in Rivington Church.** We would like to invite parents/carers and members of the school community to celebrate Harvest with us in Church. Each class will be sharing a short presentation, which may be a song, poem or reading.

We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items **to brought to school on the day** (in a plastic bag) to support the **Winter Watch** food bank – please see items request in an attached list. We hope you can join us in our celebrations and know the children will really enjoy seeing you there.

**Fizzy Tree Theatre Company:** Please see the attached flyer for the Fizzy Tree Theatre Company who will be running an after school club in the Church Hall on Fridays from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November for 7 weeks. Please follow the instructions on the flyer to book a place for your child.

**Request for Help from Headteacher, Andy Purcell, St George's Primary School** – A letter has been sent out today about a fundraising event to raise money to help refurbish primary school libraries. Please see the letter for further details about this wonderful event.

**Appointments to see teachers** - Although we operate an 'open door policy', we hope you can appreciate that it may not always be possible to see parents without notice. In the morning teachers are usually making preparations for the day ahead and after school may be involved in meetings or afterschool activities. If you need to see your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment before or after school to ensure they are available to see you and can give you the time and privacy you require. Messages can also be passed to teachers via the school office to be passed to class teachers and don't forget we can be contacted by email.

**Twitter** – This is an invitation to our new and existing parents to join us. Please follow the instructions below to follow us.

To access our school Twitter account please follow the following steps:-

- 1) Set up your own Twitter account if you don't already have one.
- 2) Send an email to [twitter@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) with your Twitter @name, your full name, the name of your child and the class they are in.
- 3) Search for @rivington

We linking our Twitter account to our new website which means it would be available to view without having to go through the steps above. This would also make it available to the public and we would obviously continue to omit those children who cannot be included in photographs. We have

lots of lovely tweets posted by our staff throughout the week. Please join us as you are missing a treat!

**School Bank:** The school bank will take place in the TreeHouse at 2:45pm on Friday. For new starters – details about joining the school bank will be sent out shortly.

### **Holiday Leave:**

Please note our policy on the Leave of Absence. In line with Government instructions, we can no longer authorise Holiday Leave as a matter of course. Government are placing great pressure on schools not to authorise holidays during term times. Both I and the governors do want to work with parents. We will look at holiday requests which fall into exceptional circumstances and where attendance is above 97.5%. Please read the attendance policy on the website before submitting an application.

The 2019-20 holiday pattern will be available shortly.

### **Sickness and hair:**

If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea please do not send them back to school **for 48 hours** after symptoms have passed.

Your child's hair should be of a natural colour no shorter than a number 2 and contain no steps or lines – sorry! Remember when you chose Rivington you chose our rules as well – we embrace them, we are proud of them – please keep them.

Please do not let your child come to school wearing nail varnish, anything other than stud earrings or trainers.

If you require a new tie these are now available in the school office.

**Shout out to year 3 –6. We've entered into Young Voices Choir!** Once again, the children will be supported by the fantastic and talented Mrs. Hodgkinson as well as the equally talented Ms Cadwallader – and just try and stop me from putting on my dancing shoes too! I will be chatting to the children on Monday, and setting up the choir. There will be practices before school. The performance at the MEN in February and I will be sorting tickets nearer the time. Tickets for parents will be at your cost, but school will buy the children's. It should be a cracking experience as always and I'm really looking forward to it. Have a look at the website - <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk> I'll pass on more details over the next week or so.

**HELPERS** – Please let us know if you are able to help with any of the following: reading with the children, school trips, walking to church or if you have skills which you would be willing to share to support teaching and learning e.g. Historians, Musicians, Scientists, Cookery, ICT etc.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning:**

Macmillan Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. They ask people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone they raised over £27 million. We are hosting our own coffee morning in school following Harvest at 10:45am in the Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October and we would love you to come along and enjoy coffee and cake with us and together we can make this another successful year.

### **Planners:**

Please can you ensure that you have **read and signed the home-school agreement and e-safety agreement** in the front of the school planners. There is also a section for you to read and sign with your child – all this goes towards strengthening and sharing our school's values and ethos. Many thanks!

### **Open Day:**

**Our first Open Day for new prospective parents is Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am until 11am and 1:30pm until 2:30pm. Please contact school if you would like to attend. We look forward to meeting you.**

### **School Uniform:**

Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits. Please can you make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons. All children must wear black pumps or suitable trainers for P.E.

**PTFA Meeting:** The AGM for the PTA will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Bay Horse. All welcome.

**Primary Admission Information for 2018:** Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website. **Please note:** Last year there was a change to our pre-school criteria/points. This has had to be made due to direction from LCC Admissions. Please check if you are applying this year.

**School Admissions- Secondary** - Secondary applications can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed. **A reminder that the closing date for Secondary School Admissions is the 31st October 2017.**

**Suggestion Box** – We now have a suggestion box in the reception area just outside the school office. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

### **Clubs and Activities:**

If you would like your child to learn to play the piano, flute, guitar or ukulele please see Mrs Hitchen in the office.

**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.

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

**Adult Helpers:** Do you have a hidden talent that we can utilize in school or would like to offer a 'helping hand' then keep a look out for our parental help register to be sent out shortly.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

