



Congratulations!
SUPERSTARS of the
week:

Well done to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables':
Esme-Rose Blythe, Owen Kewley, Taylor Smith, Ava Shaw, Leland Armstrong, Naomi Hilton and Leah Harvey McPherson.

Well done our 'Seven Wonders': Jack Ford and Oliver Brennand.

Congratulations to this week's 'Writers of the Week':
Ruby Shepherd, Martha Coleman, Jacob Clarkson, Archie Noblett, Ewan McColl, Alfie Gibson and Leah Harvey-McPherson.

Congratulations to our Bronze Award winners: **Ellen Marsland, Erin Freeman and Jessica Snape.**

Children In Need: The children and school council have done a fantastic job in supporting such a worthwhile cause. They all looked amazing in their spots and thank you to you all for every effort made in raising money. At home time on Friday we were still counting the money we had raised so I will confirm the amount next week but many thanks in advance!

Sweets for Christmas Fair: Once again, you have been so generous in providing a bounty of sweets to go onto the sweet tombola at the Christmas Fair. This all helps in supporting school in improving provision given and the in driving improvements throughout school.

Anti-bullying week: This week the children have been involved in lots of activities in class which support and encourage positive relationships and reinforce our zero-tolerance of bullying in any form. It has been fantastic to hear them sharing what they respect and like in each other and I am always proud of how caring and considerate our children are – well done everyone!

Change of holiday dates: Thank you for your support in the adaption of our calendar for the academic year 2019-20. I appreciate that this may present some problems for a number of people so please come and see me and we can discuss how school can support you moving forward. School are aiming to provide holiday care on these days to support those of you who work – coming from a full-time working family I completely understand these pressures. School and its Governors wholeheartedly believe that these Inset days are crucial to school development. Many thanks once again.

Online safety: The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child's online safety: 0808 800 5000

Open Day: Our next Open Day will be Wednesday 21st November 9.30am to 10.30am and 1.15pm to 2.15pm for prospective and existing parents. Please come along to look around school. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Fair: Due to circumstances we have to move the Christmas Fair to **Thursday 6th December**. We hope that you are still able to join us! Many thanks for your understanding.

Non-Uniform Days: This Friday (16/11) will be our first of three Fridays to collect items for the Christmas Fair. This Friday we are inviting the children to bring in sweets for the sweet tombola! In return the children can come to school in their own clothes and spots for Children In Need. Many thanks in advance – the Christmas Fair will support each classroom in purchasing resources and in replacing the flooring in the EYFS classroom. Below are all the details of the non-uniform days for the next three weeks

- Friday 16th November – sweets.
- Friday 23rd November – fill a jar for our jar tombola.
- Friday 30th November – bottles.
- Wednesday 5th December – cakes.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November: Please help us raise money to help children at home and in other countries. In exchange for £1 children can wear spotty clothes or spotty pyjamas. If you don't have any spotty clothes you could make your face spotty with face paints. If you would like to bring in any loose change you have we will see how much extra we can raise. Children can wear a combination of spots and their own clothes for our Christmas Fair appeal.

Reading in the 'Extreme': We're zooshing up the profile of reading at school. Part of this is we're re running the "extreme reading" challenge! So kids, and adults come on... where are you reading this week? E-mail your pictures!

Reading is crucial... it underpins everything... So 15 minutes each day kids please.... Read/ be read to/ discuss/ predict.... And do it all in weird, wonderful, exciting, yet safe places! Remember extreme reading is not just for our kids at school – parents, siblings you can join in as well!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: Shoe Boxes are available for any families who would like to fill a box with items for babies, children or teenagers to be distributed to various countries for disadvantaged children at Christmas. You can either send in the slip for a box to be sent home or you can collect one from the school office. Thank you for your support.

Data Collection Sheets: We still have a few of the Data Collection, Medical and ICT Acceptable Use Policy forms outstanding – found in the front of the school planners. If you have not completed your forms you will have had extra copies sent home this week. Please could these be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE Kits: Children are to wear School PE kits for PE lessons: Purple shorts, white/black t-shirt, socks (if tights need to be taken off), tracksuit bottoms and top (dark if possible) so that PE can be carried out outside if required.

PLEASE CAN ALL UNIFORM BE LABELLED SO THAT IT HAS A LITTLE LESS CHANCE OF GOING MISSING.

Lost uniform: We have a basket of lost/unclaimed uniform. Please come and see Ms Redmayne if you have lost any items – they may be in there! Unclaimed uniform will be placed on a stall at the Christmas Fair.

Attendance: Being at school is the most important way to ensure that our children make great progress. We have an attendance target of 97% because we believe hitting this target will improve the progress of all children. We ask you to do all you can to support us with this issue.

NEW WEBSITE: Our new website is live! Mr King (Bella's Dad in Y2) has done an outstanding job in creating our site – it looks amazing and is so easy to use – a blessing for staff! Thank you Mr. King - you have worked so hard to create a 'first-rate' product!

Have a look at: www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS / SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS -

Please remember to complete your child's application to high school online www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools by the deadline of 31st October 2018. Supplementary faith forms must be taken directly to the faith school you are applying to.

Primary Admission Information for 2018: Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4th September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15th 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.

'Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary': We held our first meeting this week and are looking for help for a number of events leading up to Christmas. Please sign up to the Rivington Mums and Dads page on Facebook to see more details.

Smarties: Thank you for all your efforts so far – the response has been fantastic! You have raised more than £500 pounds for improvements in the school building. Prizes for the class and child who have raised the most will be awarded this week.

Class Assembly Dates: 9th November Y5/6, 8th February Y3/4, 15th February, 29th March Y1/2, 5th July Rec.

Parking- Thank you for all your efforts with our impossible situation! Please stay away from the yellow zig-zagged lines - patrols are in place!

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 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.

Contacting school – bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk

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.

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.

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!

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 Ms Redmayne 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

