

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.



Congratulations!
SUPERSTARS of the
term:

Well done to this term
Headteacher's Awards: **Connor Dobson, Leyton Bowden, Thomas Rigby, Amelia Davies, Finlay Marsland, Alfie Gibson and Charlie Hart.**



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

2014-2018 WWI Centenary – After half term we will be marking the WWI Centenary in school through a number of activities. As this is such a significant and meaningful event we would like to invite the children to take part in a poetry recital. Children who wish to take part are asked to learn a war/victory poem off by heart to perform to their class. Children will be selected from each class to perform to the whole school. We would also like to invite parents to the recital which will take place at the end of the school day on Friday 9th November at 9:10am. Please see the information sent via e-mail for war and victory poem ideas and websites.

Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary: I'm so sorry for late cancelation. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th October at 1:30pm. Many thanks.

Max 'Running for Rivi': The school's wonderful guitar & ukulele tutor Max ran a half marathon in September in order to raise money to support Rivington Foundation Primary!

If you want to keep up to date with how he got on, or sponsor him for his run, here's the link to his fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfund.../raisemoneyforrivington>

We're really proud of Max - he's a fantastic tutor, and we love that he's going out of his way to support the school. If you have a message you'd like us to pass on to encourage Max, please send it over and we'll make sure he sees it - I'm sure he'll need all the support he can get!

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.

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

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 7th November for 7 weeks. Please follow the instructions on the flyer to book a place for your child.

School Bank: We are desperately in need of volunteers to run the School Bank on Fridays at 2:30pm. If you can help please go and see Ms Redmayne or myself. Many thanks.

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.

PTFA – The PTFA has gone through some slight changes and we welcome Mrs. Roberts as our new chair. We are also re-branding the name and it will now be known as the **'Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary'**. This will allow past and present parents to be involved in events but will also ensure that our long-standing traditions (alongside new ones!) continue into the future. This organisation has always been central to the Rivington community. School as a whole will have a greater lead in organising events in the hope of enticing more of you to come and offer you much-valued support. This organisation is now crucial to School development and supports our School development plans in so many ways. The next date of a provisional meeting for anyone who wants to help school in the planning of the Christmas Fair, Christmas Shopping Night, Grandparents Tea Party and Breakfast with Santa will take place at 1:30pm on Friday 19th October in Mrs. Annette's office – ALL ARE WELCOME – the more 'hands on deck' – the more we can achieve!

Smarties – Thank you for all your efforts so far – the response has been fantastic! We desperately need to raise money for new furniture, blinds and storage in the ground floor classroom. Chairs alone cost £20 each so with up to 70 to hopefully replace you can already see the mounting costs. School has already contributed 2 years' worth of devolved capital funding into the Y1/2 toilet area which was not included into our condition led funding given by Lancashire County Council. Your efforts in this area really do make such a difference and we cannot thank you enough!

Class Assembly Dates: 9th November Y6, 8th January 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.

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!

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.

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.

Below are some dates for the forthcoming half-term.

HALF TERM

Monday 23 rd October		
Tuesday 24 th October		
Wednesday 25 th October		
Thursday 26 th October		
Friday 27 th October		
Monday 30 th October	Full Governors	4:30pm Y5/6
Tuesday 31 st October		
Wednesday 1 st November		
Thursday 2 nd November		
Friday 3 rd November		
Monday 5 th November	WWI Week	
Tuesday 6 th November	Finance Committee Meeting	9:30am Head's Office
Wednesday 7 th November	Junior Parent Workshop: R/Wr/Maths	Hall or classroom: 3.15pm and 5.30pm
Thursday 8 th November		
Friday 9 th November	Y5/6 Assembly Remembrance Day (11-11-18)	9:10am Church Hall
Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Tuesday 13 th November		
Wednesday 14 th November	Computer Day	Whole School
Thursday 15 th November		
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Appeal	
Monday 19 th November	Road Safety Week	
Tuesday 21 st November		
Wednesday 22 nd November	Open Day for Prospective Parents	
Thursday 23 rd November		
Friday 24 th November		
Monday 26 th November		
Tuesday 27 th November	Full Governors	4:30pm Y5/6
Wednesday 28 th November	Rev Jo Assembly	10:30am Hall
Thursday 29 th November		
Friday 30 th November		

Monday 3 rd December	Christmas Art Gallery	Whole school
Tuesday 4 th December		
Wednesday 5 th December		
Thursday 6 th December		
Friday 7 th December	Christingle	2pm Church
Monday 10 th December		
Tuesday 11 th December	Concerts	
Wednesday 12 th December	Concerts	
Thursday 13 th December	Concerts	
Friday 14 th December	Grandparents Tea Party	9.30am and 1pm
Monday 17 th December	EYFS/Infant party	PM
Tuesday 18 th December	Junior Party: PM	PM
Wednesday 19 th December	Rev Jo Assembly	10:30am Hall
Thursday 20 th December	Carol Service	2pm Hall
Friday 21 st December	Breakfast with Santa	7:30am start

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

Have a lovely half-term!

Mrs. Annette

