



Congratulations to this week's Rivington Remarkables: **Emily Murphy, Evie Warburton, Harry Buckley, Zain Anglesea-Khan, Siam Burrow, Evie Mae Fishwick, Tobey Percival.**

E-Safety: There will be an e-safety presentation for parents on Tuesday night in Y5/6. It will begin at 4:30pm. If you fit it in around Parents Evening then it will be really useful. We are finding that there are more and more safeguarding issues and friendship disputes around the use of social media and gaming. We have an online

safeguarding expert with us who will be able to offer invaluable advice on how to support your children and about safer internet use. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR INVALUABLE ADVICE!

Mrs Roberts: Mrs. Roberts leaves us this week after 16 years of service at our wonderful school. Mrs. Roberts has always embedded the qualities and values that make our school so unique. She has always encouraged our children to be the very best that they can be and has provided such a wealth of knowledge and experiences to our children both in school hours and beyond. She is such a bright and talented lady and a good friend to us all – she will be really, really missed. If you would like to make a contribution to Mrs. Roberts leaving present then please see Ms. Redmayne in the office.

Moving: The move back to school will require 'all hands on deck' and it's crucial that we ensure the safety of all our families and children. **School will be closed on Friday 15th February so that staff are able to clear the site and empty the portable classroom for its removal which will begin on Monday 18th February.**

Parents Evening Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th February: Our Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 11th February and Tuesday 12th February. Attendance is required and the children's interim reports will be given out. Meetings will take place in the Church Hall and you will also have the opportunity to come along earlier and have a look at the work they have been doing this year so far.

We have joined the 21st century! Parents evening appointments are now available to book online through ParentPay accounts. Please can you ensure that you leave at least 20mins between appointments for siblings. **CAN NURSERY PARENTS PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MONDAY EVENING WHEN MRS. ORGILL WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION FOR YOU – THANK YOU.**

Headlice: As most of you are aware there is a recurring problem of head lice. Parents are treating their children and then they catch it again very soon afterwards. Would ALL parents please check their child's head regularly and if they find head lice please treat as soon as possible. If you already have these unwelcome visitors, the first step is to get an effective treatment which will kill the lice, and to treat ALL THE FAMILY WITH IT. Head lice treatment is available on the NHS minor ailment scheme free of charge. Anyone who doesn't normally have to pay for prescriptions from their GP - for example because they're under 16, over 60 or on benefits - is eligible for the scheme and will not need to pay for the medicine that the pharmacist suggests. Not all pharmacies are part of the scheme but Tesco pharmacy at Buckshaw Village and Chorley Extra are. If you require any further advice or support please do not hesitate to contact school.

For further information:

https://www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/media/Publications/CHild_Family_Health_Service/head%20lice.pdf <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx>

Please be mindful when parking at the school. We appreciate the support of all our parents/carers in ensuring the safety of all our children. Thank you.



We are so proud number: Ellen and Finlay Marland have both been made seconders at Brownies and Cubs in the same week. This is an amazing achievement – we could not be more proud! Well done and congratulations!

If you would like to share any of your children's achievements outside of school on the newsletter please e-mail: head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk

New dates for your diary have been added to the school website:

To upload them directly to your calendar, follow these simple steps:

Copy and Paste this address into your browser (it will not work if you click on the link through Facebook)

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/events/>

Scroll down to +export events and click on that

Full list will appear, click on "add all" in the top right hand corner.

Then click done.

Internet Safety: At Rivington we aim to keep everyone safe whilst at the same time enjoying the internet. The schools Online Safety & Mobile Technology policy is available in the policy section of the website which details how we manage e-safety

in school but you will also find lots of information here on how to keep your children safe on-line outside of school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINIMUM AGE TO USE SNAPCHAT, FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM IS 13, WHATSAPP IS 16.

We urge parents and carers to review and monitor what your child is accessing and discussing whilst online. School strongly recommends that these apps are not used until the legal age is reached.

New Gate: New markings and signage are being placed at the top of the drive to further deter people from parking there. In addition, School is replacing the gate at the top of the drive to one that better supports pedestrians and vehicles entering the site

The BiG Shave: Mr Cairns, our music teacher, is taking part in the BiG Shave where he will be having all his hair shaved off in order to raise awareness of Isabel Morison and raise much needed funds for lifesaving treatment costs for a brain tumour. To read more and if you would like to donate please click on the attached link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/rzv6w-the-big-shave>

Duathlon: Tony Hesketh from the Horwich Harriers contacted School to ask for participants in the annual Rivington Duathlon. It is on the 25th May and in aid of the Christie Hospital, to enter please contact Tony Hesketh on 07552657789.

Attendance: The happiness and educational progress of all our children are our main priorities and we believe that good attendance is a major way in which these priorities can be achieved. The pace of the curriculum is such that when your child is away from school, the learning they miss will significantly have an effect on future learning and can often not 'be made up'. Rivington Foundation Primary School follows Lancashire County Council guidelines regarding authorised and unauthorised absences. We monitor attendance every term and we will write to you if your child's attendance falls below 95%. At this stage in the year if this is due to illness this figure often increases as we progress through the year. If your child's attendance falls below 90% this is classed as persistent absence and in these cases we would like to support you as much as possible.

We ask for your support in this matter and if you would like any advice in relation to attendance please do not hesitate to contact school.

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

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.

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.

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.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette and all the Rivington Staff