

**Never be afraid to raise  
your voice for honesty and truth  
and compassion against  
injustice and lying and greed.  
If people all over the world...  
would do this, it would change  
the earth.**

— William Faulkner

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## Newsletter 6 18.02.2019

What a wonderfully busy half term. It has flown by and everyone has worked so hard. The children have enjoyed so many activities this half term that have brought learning to life. There have been trips to Style Mill, walks in Rivington, Sports Competitions, Young Voices, Weather Days, oh yes

and we even coped with snow!

**We're back!** The children will return to school to their old (although much improved) classrooms. Staff spent much of Friday getting us ready for the new half-term and it's looking great! We have ordered new furniture for the classrooms using the money raised by the PTA at the end of last year and prior to Christmas. We still want to raise further funds to develop the area even further and to change the floor in the EYFS classroom.

Plans are already in place for the heating and electrics updates upstairs during the summer holidays. This part of the work will not take as long as there is no work being carried out on the floor upstairs.

Now we are returning to 'normal' School will open at 8:50am and not at 8:45am. Y1/2 will need accompanying to their classroom where staff will be waiting to greet them.

Once again, many thanks for all your support and patience during this time.

**Young Voices: What a fantastic day and evening – the children were absolutely amazing!** They didn't stop all day – the dancing carried on until the very last note played – I was so incredibly proud of all your hard work and hope that you enjoyed



it as much as me! Thank you to Mrs Hodgkinson and all her time and dedication to the event – we are as wonderful as you make us!

**Well done to our School Football Team who came third in the County Small Schools competition – We are so, so, so very proud!**



We played the best from the other pool and ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall! 3<sup>rd</sup> Best in Lancashire is incredible! What an amazing achievement. WELL DONE TEAM RIVVY

**Mrs Roberts:** We said goodbye to our wonderful colleague – Mrs. Roberts. Mrs Roberts has been a major asset to Rivington during her 16 years of service and she will be greatly missed! We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and we know that she won't be a stranger!

**Friend of Rivington Foundation Primary School Meeting (PTA):**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the School office for any parents/grandparents who would like to be involved in supporting events during this half-term. Many thanks.

**\*\* Additional Year 6 booster \*\***

Mrs Cliffe will be running an extra SATs booster on Tuesday after school until 4. All of Year 6 invited! Starting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**World Book Day:** Advanced Notice – We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March by dressing up as book characters. The lead up to the day will see the children involved in a number of workshops and activities including a visit by Wes Magee. Watch out for some exciting Tweets!

**Year 6 Bike-ability:** Y6 cycling proficiency will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Further details will follow.

**Non-uniform Days:** There will be two non-uniform days on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Children are asked to bring in an Easter Egg in return for wearing non-uniform. These will be used to raise money at the Easter Bingo for further improvements in school.

**Easter Bingo:** This will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in the Church Hall. Further details to follow.

**SATS Meeting:** There will be a meeting for Y6 and Y2 parents' regarding SATs on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Further details to follow.

**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.

**We are so proud!** Ellen Marsland has been in the St Georges pantomime production of Aladdin this week.

Ellen has been rehearsing for this since November and all her hard work has paid off as she has performed in 4 performances this week. Well done Ellen!



**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.

**Class Assembly Dates:** 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](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) or [head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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 had a lovely half-term!

**Mrs. Annette and all the Rivington Staff**