

**OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS HONESTY:**



**Congratulations to this half-term Headteacher's Award winners: Zakariyah Aslam, Isobel Bromilow, Taylor Smith, Phoebe Greenhalgh, Finlay Marsland, Harrison Burke and George Hodgkinson.** What an achievement! Well done for all the hard-work, effort and great manners you have shown this term!

Congratulations to our:

**Bronze Award Winners: James Jones, Emily Freeman, Ava Shaw, Ameila Davies, Jack McLoughlin, Alex Marsden, Finley Marsland, Gracie Bolger, Ruby Houseman-Smith, Siam Barrow, Amber Taylor, Finn Tomlinson and Malachi Taylor.**

**Silver Award Winners: Riley Shore, Isobel Bromilow, Jackson Lane, Danilo Gillam, Erin Freeman, Phoebe Greenhalgh, Ellen Marsland, Roxy Vose, Isobel Bromilow and Roman Haydock.**

**Wedding Bells:** Our best wishes and huge congratulations are sent out to Ms Cadwallader and Ms Redmayne who will both be getting married to their respective fiancés over the May holiday. We hope that both couples have the most fantastic day and future together! We will look forward to welcoming you both back as Mrs. Sharp (Ms Cadwallader) and Mrs. Townsend (Ms Redmayne).

**Year 2 SATs:** Well done also to the children in Year 2 who completed their SATs this week. The children worked really hard and put in their best efforts we are very proud of them all. We hope they enjoy restful weekend.



**Parent Curriculum Questionnaire:** We are currently reviewing our school curriculum and collecting ideas from parents, children, staff and governors. We have attached a 'curriculum' questionnaire and would really appreciate your views and input. Please see the attached document. Thank you.

**Life Bus:** Last week, we were lucky enough to have the Life Education Bus to visit. The children across the phase all spent time on the bus learning about decisions, friendships and their bodies etc. The positive responses from the children have shown what an incredibly worthwhile visit this is and they all take a lot away from it.

Of course, a visit to the Life Education Bus, wouldn't be the same without a the special guest - Harold! Even the children higher up the school get excited at the prospect at seeing him once again. It certainly makes the learning memorable for them.



We all look forward to another visit next year!

**We Are Proud:** Well done to Ike Edwards and Jack McLoughlin who competed in the annual Vale of Lune Festival with Bolton RUFC under eights. The players were praised for their hard-work, skill and determination and we could not be more proud of both of them – they even had an article written about their efforts in the Bolton Evening News – **well done boys- we could not be more proud!**

**New Road Marking Proposals:** I have spoken to Councillor Kim Snape this week regarding the current proposals and have passed on the concerns that we share. Hopefully this will further assist the relevant parties to arrive at a safe and sensible conclusion to this matter.

If you would like to voice your concerns, it is crucial that these are expressed through the correct channels as detailed below:

[tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Parking-** Thank you for all your efforts with our impossible situation! Please stay away from the yellow zig-zagged lines - patrols are in place! Please can you not leave cars near to the entrance to the rear carpark – these cars are requiring children and families to walk into the road – presenting families with a very dangerous situation.

**School respectfully asks Parents/Carers/Grandparents not to park on the Church driveway opposite school.** It is used by people attending the church to visit graves, attend a service or those dealing with general church business. It is crucial for school that we have the best relationship possible with our neighbours – especially the Church. **Shortly, the driveway will be completely inaccessible as the church creates a new car park for parishioners. Many thanks for your support on this matter.**



**Name in Uniform:** Please could all parents ensure that their child's uniform is named. With the weather getting warmer children are taking off cardigans and jumpers during the day and they are being misplaced. Please be aware that the iron-on nametags soon start to come off. Please also write names in shoes as several children tend to have the same style. Thank you.

**Toothpaste and Toothbrush Recycling:** The School Council have been looking at ways to increase recycling in school, therefore we have joined the toothpaste recycling scheme with Tetracycle. Old toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, toothpaste packaging and electric toothbrush heads can be brought into school and deposited in the box in school entrance. School will earn points for the amount that we collect in exchange for cash. Let's see how quickly we can fill the box!

**Fizzy Tree Theatre:** This outstanding after-school club will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks from 3:30-4:30pm. All ages are welcome –Fizzy Tree offers a creative, dynamic and challenging after school workshop which will enhance skills such as confidence, speech, communication and performance through acting, singing and dance. The workshops offer an education in all aspects of the arts and encourage young people to discover and unleash their talents in a fun and supportive environment. This is a fantastic club and the children really do shine and learn so much whilst having a great deal of fun with highly qualified and experienced staff. The course costs £39 pounds for the six weeks and parents/carers are able to book at:

**[www.fizzytree.co.uk](http://www.fizzytree.co.uk)**

**SATs: Sports Day: ALL CHANGE! SAVE THE DATE!** This will take place on the morning of **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Albany Academy High School, Bolton Road, Chorley**. We are lucky to have accessed these wonderful facilities and we will be assisted by Chorley Schools Sports Partnership which should mean that the children and our families will have a wonderful experience. The event will take place during the morning and parents are invited to attend. Albany is allowing school to stay at the venue for the full day but with no families in the afternoon so that we can make further use of their wonderful sports facilities. We are hoping that this means that the children can be dropped off and picked-up using the same kind of arrangements school had in place during our stay at the school last summer. Further details of the final arrangements and logistics to follow soon.

**PE Kit: Every class from Reception to Year 6 has two lessons of PE a week and there is a timetable of when their lessons are. However, there needs to be some flexibility due to PE lessons sometimes having to change days (for reasons such as World Day, school trips, productions, provision that term or adverse weather). We therefore always ask that PE kits be taken home on a Friday and brought back into school on a Monday. This means that your child should never miss a single PE lesson!**

Can I also remind parents that school PE kit includes: purple shorts, black tracksuit bottoms, purple hoodie (optional), white t-shirt and black PE pumps or trainers. Children should not be wearing sportswear with logos.

## **PE NEXT HALF-TERM WILL BE ON A TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS.**

**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 which may include meeting together to discuss the best way to support you.** 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.

**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.

### **"Technology is not the problem. It is how we use it!"**

Attached this week is guidance on What's App and online bullying. School are becoming increasingly concerned with the nature of the videos and discussions our children are having on these social media platforms. They are presenting worrying safeguarding and friendship issues. School would appreciate parents support in monitoring your child's actions online.

**Class Assembly Dates:** 5th July for Reception.

**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)



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

**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.

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

Have a lovely Half-Term!

Mrs. Annette x



# Rivington Foundation Primary School 2019 'Out and About' Week:

