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Holidays 2019/2020: As you are probably aware, next year's early May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020 to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. We have sent out a new copy of the list via the School E-mail this week. You can also find a copy of the updated holiday list on our school website. Below is the Dfe reasoning for the change:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>

Non-uniform Days: The Summer Fair will take place at 3:15pm on Friday 12th July. We intend to use any money raised to help buy a new maths scheme (Power Maths EYFS-Y6), to replace the EYFS floor with a more natural (calming) and easier to clean surface and to decorate Y5/6 and the entrance way. To help with stalls we are having three non-uniform days – **Friday 21st for bottles, Friday 28th for Sweets and Friday 5th for outdoor toys/games.** If anyone has anything they could offer for raffle prizes they would be gratefully appreciated! If you know someone who would like to run a stall please contact school or myself. There will be an organising meeting at 2pm on Friday 28th June – ALL WELCOME! I want to thank you in advance for your contributions towards this.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES THE END OF YEAR PERFORMANCES WILL BE ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY AT 1:30PM, THURSDAY 18TH JULY AT 1:30PM AND THURSDAY 18TH JULY AT 6:30PM. THE END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 23RD JULY AT 1PM FOLLOWED BY THE LEAVERS SERVICE IN CHURCH AT 2PM. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Welcome: We would like to welcome Thomas Kelly who has joined us in Y2 – welcome to the Rivington family Thomas!

Wedding Bells: Huge congratulations are sent out to Ms Cadwallader and Ms Redmayne who both got married to their respective fiancés over the May holiday. We hope that both couples have a wonderful future together! We welcome you back to school as Mrs. Sharp (Ms Cadwallader) and Mrs. Townsend (Ms Redmayne).

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.

Travels in China: Thank you to Ike Edwards in Y3 who shared a video of his amazing and highly interesting travels in China during the holidays – we all learnt so much – thank you!

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

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.

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.

Sports Day: ALL CHANGE! SAVE THE DATE! This will take place on the morning of **Thursday 4th 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 THIS 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 or 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.

I hope that you've had a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette x



