Newsletter 12/07/19 OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS RESPONSIBILTY:



Well done to our Bronze Award winners: Archie Noblett, Zakariyah Aslam, Emily Murphy, Toby Charnock and Finn Tomlinson.

Well done to our Silver Award winners: Archie Noblett, Lucas Hill, Louis Ball, George Morris, Ariana Haydock, Evie Warburton, Leyton Bowden, George Parkin, Taylor Smith, Finn Tomlinson, Archie Noblett.

Well done to our Gold Award winners: Danilo Gillam, James Parkin, Riley Shore, Elliot Lally, Alice Whitwood

and Martha Coleman.

Congratultions to our Rivington Remarkables winners: James Jones, Roman Haydock, Bella King, Amelia Davies and Finlay Marsland.

Sports Day – Thursday 4th July: The children were brilliant on Sports Day we are very proud of them all. They were so supporting and encouraging of each other and tried their very best in all events showing great resilience. Most importantly the children looked like they had lots of fun! Thank you to everyone who came to support us and to Chorley Sports Partnership who help to organise the event. A huge thanks goes to Albany Academy in Chorley who were once again outstanding in accommodating school in any way they could – thank you Mr. Mayhew and all your team! We would also like to say a massive thank you to the Y8's who supported us at Albany during the day – they were impeccable in every sense of the word – well done!



Reception Assembly: We went on a Bear Hunt and managed to escape! The EYFS children (as always) blew us all away with their talent and enthusiasm! You were such stars and managed to pull on all of our emotional 'heart strings'. Well done EYFS – we could not be more proud!



Gillies Mar-Jan Dance Show: I was fortunate enough to be able to spend my Sunday afternoon watching a number of our pupils past and present – perform in their dance show. It was absolutely amazing – they were absolutely amazing. I cannot explain how proud of them I was! **Well done Mika Kucharski, Isobel Bromilow, Ellen Marsland, Phoebe Greenhalgh, Aimee-Rose Hope, Niamh McColl** – you were shining stars – I just wished I could have joined in!









Primary Engineers Competition: We won! WOW!



Congratulations to **Roman Haydock, Riley Shore and Ted Wharton-Jones** for their outstanding engineering skills! The boys attended the Primary Engineers Competition last week where they came first out of around 10 schools – amazing – what talented young men – well done! We are so proud!





Rivington Football Team at Adlington Carnival: Well done to the boys in Y5/6 who got up early on Sunday to take part in the Adlington Carnival Football competition. As always, they played really well and showed great team-spirit – what outstanding representatives! The boys came third – we could not be more proud! A huge thank you to Mrs. Cliffe who organised the team and went to support



them.

Adlington Carnival: Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Adlington Carnival Parade – I hear from a variety of sources that you were outstanding – well done!

Summer Concert: The Summer Concerts will take place on Tuesday 16th July at 6:30pm and on Thursday 18th July at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.

Summer Fair: We would like to say a huge thank you to The Friends of Rivington Primary School and our families for all your support. The Summer Fair raised an amazing amount of money and the raffle will continue this week! The children had great fun. We would especially like to thank the Friends of Rivington Primary School who put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure the children had lots to do and lots of fun and a thank you too to all the staff who helped to run the stalls! It was a huge success. We are so grateful for all the hard work and all the funds raised go a long way to support your children in school. The next Friends of Rivington Primary School meeting is on Friday 6th September. Please come along to get to know the team. We have some very exciting plans for the new academic year. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Faith Week: This week, children across the whole school have been learning about different faiths. There have been visits to places of worship, presentations from speakers, exploration and discussion of religious artefacts, researching, designing and making symbols of faith, alongside some very creative outcomes.

Hike-up-the-Pike! Details regarding Hike to the Pike and Sponsor Forms will be sent home with the children today.



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-tomark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day

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.

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.

<u>School respectfully asks Parents/Carers/Grandparents not to park on the Church driveway</u> <u>opposite school.</u> 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.

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.

<u>PE THIS HALF-TERM WILL BE ON A TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY</u> <mark>FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS.</mark>

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 – <u>bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk</u> or <u>head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk</u>



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





