

*'Education is a powerful engine for personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, the son of a mine-worker can become a manager of the mine, and the child of a farm-worker can become president of a proud nation.'* **Nelson Mandela**

### **Our Mission Statement:**

**Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities.**

**Igniting Passion; Embracing Difference.**

**We Are Kind.**

**At Rivington Primary School we believe great learning opens doors and expands horizons.** A love of learning is the greatest gift a school can bestow and should help all its children become the very best that they can be; developing a thirst for knowledge and building learning habits of mind that will last them a lifetime!

### **Happy New School Year!**

Welcome back everyone – I hope that you all had lots of new adventures, a refreshing rest and are raring to go at the start of this exciting new school year. The start of the new year is often exciting and daunting at the same time – a year ahead which is filled with expectation and determination.

At this time I would like to bring to the forefront our School motto: 'Only My Best Will Do' which helps to support and drive us forward in everything we do.

A very special welcome is sent to all of our new Reception and Pre-School children! Their parents must feel very proud, as we are, with how well they have settled into school.

It has been a very busy week in school - I would like to thank all the staff, parents and governors for your continued support. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and to steering our wonderful school on its journey forward.

The children have been extremely helpful too and, as always, I have been very impressed with their wonderful manners and the excellent start they have made in their new classes.

**The School Newsletter:** This is the first letter of the brand new year – they will be sent out weekly, emailed to you and posted on the school website. If you have not received an electronic version of this letter via your e-mail **please can you contact the office to confirm your e-mail details.**

**Meet the Teacher: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – sitting one 3:30-4pm; sitting two 4-4:30pm.  
Y1-6 only – all parents/grandparents welcome!**

**Planners:** The school planners are an invaluable tool for both school and parents to keep in touch with one another about all manner of things. They also are home to the children's reading records and reading rewards. We hope that you find them useful! Please can you ensure that you have read and signed the home-school agreement and e-safety agreement in the front of the planners. There is also a section for you to read and sign with your child – all this goes towards strengthening and sharing our school's values and ethos. Many thanks!

**Health & Safety notes:**

1. As PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday are until 3.10pm, if the lesson is in the yard, please can parents wait only in the area in front of the Reception classroom door until the children go into school. This lessens distraction for some of the children- helps concentration.
2. Breakfast Club is in the playground until 8:45am (weather permitting) if Parents could please not enter the site until this time unless attending a meeting or through absolute necessity. When entering the site can you please make sure that you close any gate behind you. Staff will be around to help support with this.



**We Are So Proud:** Well done to Samuel and Thomas Rigby who helped in the making of 50,000 lunches for children in the Bolton Area. They worked extremely hard and gave up some of their holidays for BL19 Packed Lunch Initiative run by Urban Outreach which feeds children who would typically get free school meals while they are on summer holiday. What kind and generous boys you are and what an admirable thing to spend your time doing – we could not be more proud!

**Admission Information for 2020-21:** Admissions for Reception places opened on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please apply online to LCC by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Our Admissions policy is available from school and on our website. An open day and evening will be available shortly.

**Secondary School Admissions:** Secondary applications can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed. The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **Thursday 31st October 2019.**

**High School Open Days Y6:** Below is a selection of open days for some of the local high schools. More details and further information to follow.

- **St Michael's COE Chorley:** 12 September 2019, 5.30pm – 8.00pm
- **Southlands High School:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 5:30pm-8:00pm
- **Parklands Academy Chorley:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- **Albany Academy Chorley:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm-7:30pm

**The Friday 'Get Together':** Every Friday we hold a family 'Get Together' at 9:10 - 9:45. Parents are invited to join us for this weekly family assembly and join in our celebrations of the children's hard work. Awards are given to the children during our Friday 'Get Together' - parents of children who are to receive a sticker or award will be notified by text on Thursday afternoon to give you the opportunity to attend our Friday celebration.

**Adult Helpers:** Do you have a hidden talent that we can utilize in school or would like to offer a 'helping hand' then keep a look out for our parental help register to be sent out shortly.

**Books and Games:** If anyone has any unwanted books or traditional board games in good condition we would really appreciate any donations to support class/library reading and wet playtimes. Thank you in advance.

**School Uniform:** The uniform is as follows: White shirt, purple tie, purple jumper/cardigan, grey trousers, purple checked kilt and black shoes with low heels. Girls may wear a summer dress at the appropriate time of year. Sweatshirts with the school logo, kilts and ties are available from **Jada, Eaves Lane, Chorley**. PE kits consisting of named white/black T-shirt, purple shorts and pumps should be brought and kept in school in small draw-string PE bags in order to minimise the space taken up in cloakrooms.

No jewellery should be worn other than stud earrings (earrings need to be covered during P.E.) or a watch. Extreme hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school. If in doubt whether a style is unsuitable, contact school prior to having the hair styled.

Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits and make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons next week.

**Water Bottles:** Children can bring sports cap water bottles into school so that they have access to a drink in class throughout the day. Please ensure that their name is on the bottle and that they only fill their bottle with natural water.

**Dropping Off and Picking Up From School:** The road outside of school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians under no circumstances are vehicles to be parked on the zigzag lines. This is dangerous and could cause an accident. Thank you for your understanding.

**Out of School Clubs:** Several after-school clubs will be starting shortly-

- **KS1 Multi-skills after school:** Tue 10/09/2019 15:30-16:30 until 15/10/2019.

- **KS2 Football after school:** Thurs 12/09/2019 15:30-16:30 until 17/10/2019.
- **Running Club KS2:** Tues 10/09/2019 15:30-16:30. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL BUT A WAITING LIST IS OPEN.
- **Taekwondo before school club:** Every Thursday 8-8:50- all ages – please contact the office for further details.
- **Guitar:** Y1 upwards, every Friday afternoon – please contact office for further details.
- **Young Voices:** Tuesday mornings 8-8:45am – further details to follow.
- **KS2 Dance after school:** Tuesday 29.10.2019 15:30-16:30 until 17.12.2019

**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.

**Diary dates are listed below for the Autumn Term.**

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support. I hope that you had a great first week and that you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette x

### Autumn Term Diary Dates:

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.

- **Meet the Teacher – sitting one. September 9 @ 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm**
- **Meet the Teacher – sitting two. September 9 @ 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm**
- **Towerwood Meeting Y6 Parents September 24 @ 8:30 am - 9:00 am**
- **Towerwood Meeting Y6 Parents September 24 @ 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm**
- **Y6 Towerwood Residential October 1 @ 8:00 am - October 4 @ 5:00 pm**
- **Harvest, Rivington Church October 10 @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am**
- **Parent’s Evening October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3-6:30pm**
- **Staff Training day – closed for pupils October 28 @ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**
- **Fun with Phonics EYFS November 1 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm GMT**
- **Help Your Child with Reading – Reception and Y1 November 8 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- **Help Your Child with Reading – EYFS and Y1 November 15 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- **Help Your Child with Reading – EYFS and Year 1 November 22 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**
- **Balance Bikes for Reception November 25 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**
- **Balance Bikes for Reception November 26 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity December 9 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **KS2 Concert December 10 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **Panto Visit – Cinderella – Dukes Theatre, Lancaster December 11 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity December 12 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **KS2 Concert December 13 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **Grandparent’s Tea Party December 16 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**
- **Grandparent’s Tea Party December 16 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **School Closes for Christmas – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 @ 3:15pm**

