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This Terms Value is: Kindness

“ Kindness is
a gift everyone can
afford to give.”

- Unknown

Congratulations to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables': Oscar Clayton-Stead, Ava Dunleavy, Isobel Bromilow, Isabelle Berry-McPherson, Emily Freeman, Gracie Bolger and Alex Murray.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Thank you for your support towards this worthwhile cause – I will inform you of the final amount raised next week.

Harvest Celebration: Wednesday 9th October -

We will be holding our annual harvest celebration in church and we would like to invite parents/carers and members of the church community to attend. Each class will perform a short harvest presentation – our theme is 'One Can'. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought to school on the day to support Living Waters Food Bank – please see the attached suggestion list.

Mrs. Gell Bubble Rush and 5K a day in September: Joanne Gell – our outstanding TA who I know you all (and we) value incredibly – ran the Bubble Rush earlier this month and is in the process of running 5K a day in September in order to raise funds for Bolton Hospice and her close friend - Jo - and her Breast Cancer Charity. Breast Cancer research is close to my heart too – going through Breast Cancer treatment myself over the last 12 months has made me realise how important early detection and research is to eradicating this awful disease once and for all. Mrs. Gell has written a short statement that she would like to share with you all regarding her own motives for her fundraising:

'I am raising money for a cause close to my heart after being ill myself in 2011 with a tumour – fortunately after surgery I was back to full health. A few years later, a close friend became ill with secondary breast cancer where we are still trying to find a 'drug' Joanne (my friend) needs to fight this disease.

Please help me to raise money to support the Joanne Myatt Charity and Bolton Hospice.

I am running 5K each day in September to raise money for both charities for the past, present and future.'

If you would like to sponsor Mrs. Gell please feel free to approach her or Mrs. Townsend in the office. Many thanks in advance.



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We Are So Proud: Well done to Finlay Munro who has won a bounty of medals and trophies for BMX racing. What a superstar – we could not be more proud! Well done Finn!

School Photos: The Children will have their photographs taken by Tempest Photography on **Friday 11th October 2019**. Siblings will have their photographs taken together as well as individual photographs.

Whole School Pantomime visit: The whole school will be going to the Dukes Theatre Lancaster on December 11th 2019 to watch Sleeping Beauty. Please see the office if you have not received a letter regarding this.

Parents Evening: Parents evenings can be booked through our on line parents evening system.

ALDI's Kit for Schools: We are collecting Team GB stickers with ALDI's Kit for Schools. When you spend £30 in any ALDI store you will receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000! **Thank you for your support.**

Road Markings: Councillor Keith Iddon met with myself at school on Friday to look at the challenges we are facing and to discuss options available to us – I know there are a few of you who had the chance to air your views. They are looking at working with us and United Utilities to expand car-parking options and school crossings. **Thank you for all your support in this matter – I will endeavour to keep you informed of any further news.**

Parent Governors: We have two vacancies for parent Governors on our hard-working and committed governing body. Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is 4 years. The school has high expectations of the time and commitment required from its governors in order to effectively fulfil their roles.

Training is available for all governors and those new to being a governor are encouraged to attend induction training. All of our governors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

Forms to complete are being sent out via e-mail on Monday.

Martha's Hedgehog Help: Martha needs your help! Martha's aunty helps to run a hedgehog rescue centre in the local area. They are desperate for supplies of Kitten Biscuits, Go-Cat, Kitchen Rolls, old blankets, newspaper and old towels.



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We will place a box in Mrs. Townsend's office for any donations. Please see the attached letter from Martha herself!

Reading: One of our school improvement priorities this year is to develop reading across school and home. If you are able to spare some time to help hear children read in school for a morning or afternoon a week please let us know. This help is invaluable to us and our children and really appreciated.

Bulb planting in school: We are planning a gardening day. We are hoping to plant lots of bulbs in our school grounds to add lots of colour when they flower in Spring. Our children said they wanted the school grounds to be more colourful. All of the children will be involved. If you are able to help please let Mrs Townsend know in the office. We are hoping to do this by half term and hope that the weather will be kind to us when we set a date.

KIND REMINDER: Please could label all uniform and PE kits and make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

Admission Information for 2020-21: Admissions for Reception places opened on Monday 2nd September. Please apply online to LCC by January 15th 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.**

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



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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.

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



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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 9 @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am**
- **Parent's Evening October 17th @ 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 20th December 2019 @ 3:15pm**



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