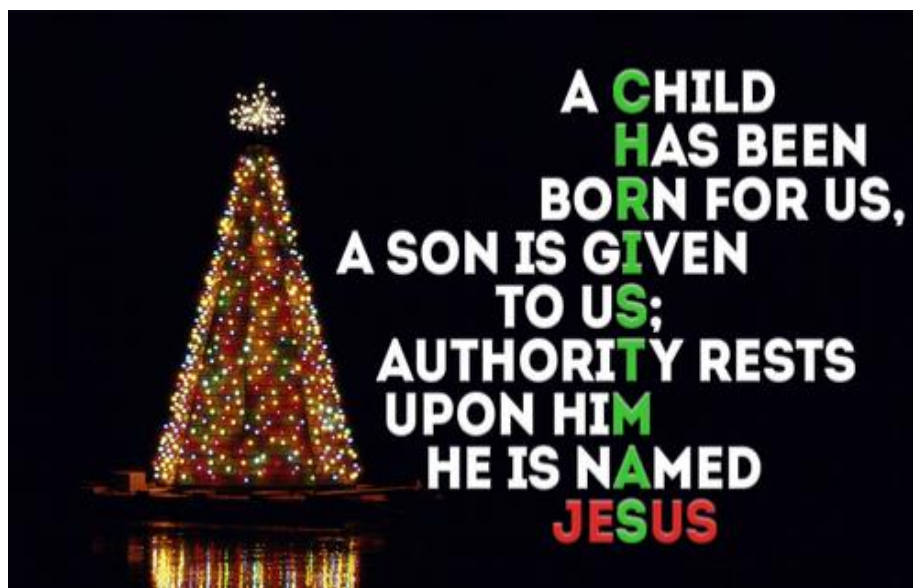


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Over the past week, parents, grandparents, friends and I have been treated to a number of magnificent Christmas performances and shows by Reception class, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. As always, I was

amazed by the confidence of the children and their wonderful skills in terms of acting, singing and narrating - they were absolutely amazing and a credit to you all! I must also say a big thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events; along with the teaching of reading, writing and mathematics, they can now add dressmaking, choreography and halo and wing repairing to their list of accomplishments!

Although Santa must be very busy at the moment, he did manage to make an appearance in school this week - at Breakfast with Santa organised by the Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary School. What a beautiful event – as always- it's the most magical experience for the children. My thanks go to all the parents and grandparents involved for their continued hard work in supporting the school – they were preparing, cooking and cleaning for most of Thursday and Friday. Special thanks go to Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs. Hodgkinson who spend many months preparing for this wonderful event.

Although I know that the Christmas break is often a very busy time of year for many families, it would be fantastic if you could hear your children read. Thank you for your support with this, it really does make a difference to the children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and governors for making this term so enjoyable. I am very fortunate to work with such a positive and committed team and I am very much looking forward to moving into 2020 with them. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to each of you, the support I have received from you has been very much appreciated. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the children for those special moments I have been very privileged to experience as Headteacher.

I know that I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say that we are all extremely proud of the Rivington children. There have been many more special moments this term. As a school community we have come together to support our families and members of the wider community, which we can all feel very privileged to be part of. We all would like to

wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope you enjoy a special time with family and friends. Please remember to think of our families in need at this time.



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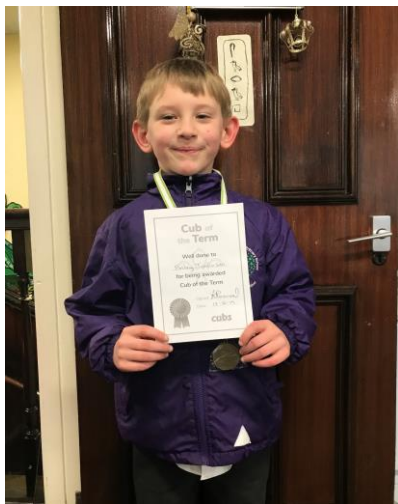
Autumn Term 2 Headteacher's Awards: **Daisy Horne, Jessica Bramwell, Isobel Bromilow, Bella King, Ava Shaw, Roxy Vose and Maisie Hitchen.**

**A Midwife Crisis:** Wow! What a performance. Well done to our infant children who performed brilliantly this week in their Christmas Production. You made us all so proud. The dancing and the singing was amazing and we know you all worked so hard to learn lots of lines and dance routines. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in putting the show together and our parents for help with costumes. There were lots of smiles and lovely comments afterwards. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets.



**Breakfast with Santa:** What a wonderful event – a firm favourite with everyone! I have to say that the hall has never looked more beautiful and it was an absolute joy to see the happiness on the children’s faces as they came face to face with the man in red! And as for the food – it was nothing short of fantastic! Thank you to all of you who attended and a special, huge thanks to the PTA who organised this fantastic event – special thanks must be given to Mrs. Hodgkinson and Mrs. Greenhalgh who worked well into the

night to ensure that Santa was comfortable and that our children could experience the true magic of Christmas!



**We are so proud!** Wow! Finn Tomlinson has managed to achieve 2 ‘We Are So Prouds!’ this week! Finn has so many talents! To start – Finn achieved the ‘Cub of the Term’ award for his enthusiasm, commitment, helping others, being a good friend and, most of all, for tackling everything with a smile! Secondly, Finn has been practising extremely hard for his grade 2 piano – what a talent – there is a video on our Twitter feed. Finn – you are a star and a lovely young man – we could not be more proud!

**Well done** to all the children who performed in the **ukulele and guitar concert.** What talented children and a huge thank you to Max who has nurtured and developed their talent. We wish Max the best of luck as he moves onto his new position at Front row Music.



**Well done to all the children in Y1/2 for your amazing homework on the Great Fire of London.** You have created some amazing models and your knowledge on the subject is outstanding – it is great to see your passion for learning – a love of learning is the greatest gift you can bestow as a teacher on a child. Left is Tao showing off his wonderful model! Well done everyone!

**Primary School Admissions:** 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 Primary School Admissions is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

**Afterschool Club Games Donations:** If you are having a Christmas clear out of any games, DVD's or board games (in excellent condition and no pieces missing), our Afterschool Club would be very grateful.

**Free School Meals:** If you think you may qualify for free school please but are not sure, please contact us and we can help you. Who can get free school meals? Who can register for pupil premium? 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 check and apply on line at:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childreducation-families/schools/free-schoolmeals.aspx>

**School will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 – many thanks!**

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support. May I take this opportunity to again wish you a wonderful Christmas with all the blessings that it brings!

Have a lovely Christmas!

Mrs. Annette