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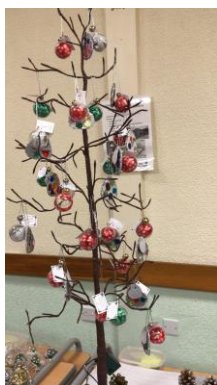


Christingle: We have had a lovely trip to Rivington Church today for our fantastic Christingle service. The Christingles the children had made were amazing. We sang some wonderful hymns and Reverend Michael shared an important message. I always think the service reflects the true meaning of Christmas. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. I can confirm that we raised £91.60 pounds towards the Namibian Child Appeal. Blessings of the season to you all.

Staff WOW! Of the Week: Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in getting everything ready for the Christmas Fair, Christingle, Concerts and Panto Trip. You have all been – as always – absolutely amazing – where would I or the children be without you? And thank you for looking after me and the children when we are not well!xx

Christmas Fair: Thank you to all who attended – it was a tight squeeze at one point! We hope you enjoyed it and got to sample some of Rivington’s famous cakes! We can confirm that we raised around £650 pounds which will be used for:

- Phonics resources in KS1;
- New Flooring in EYFS;
- Maths equipment for EFYS;
- Reading and writing materials for KS2;
- Refurbishment of the Junior Toilets;
- School timeline and improvements in the playground.



Christmas Jumper Day: We are inviting the children to come to school on **Monday 16th December** in their Christmas jumpers with school uniform on their bottom half for Grandparent’s Tea Party. Many thanks!



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Grandparent's Tea Party: The afternoon session is full so please return forms as soon as possible for the last few seats remaining in the morning.

Breakfast with Santa: The second sitting is completely full. If you would like tickets for the first sitting please speak to Mrs Townsend in the office. Get there quickly to avoid disappointment!

Concerts and nativity: There are still tickets available for the performances. Please contact the office for further details.

PLEASE CAN ALL TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS BE PAID ON PARENT PAY - MANY THANKS.



- Sugar
- Rice
- Jam
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Soap

DESPERATE! DESPERATE! ❄️

Due to the heavy demand of Christmas Living Water Storehouse are struggling to keep up with certain food items. Their shelves are looking depleted!

Please can you help with the following items for needy families:

- Tinned meat
- Corned beef, ham, Curry
- Jars of sauce for pasta

Items can be dropped off on Friday at Living Waters Church cafe between 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or placed in the supermarket trolleys by the Checkout at Morrisons Chorley, ASDA Chorley, ASDA Clayton Brook and Tesco Buckshaw.

Thank you from the School Council 🙌😊

Nursery and reception posted their letters to Father Christmas this week and enjoyed a lovely walk too! Fingers crossed that you receive what you have asked for on your



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list!

“Technology is not the problem. It is how we use it!”

As wonderful as technology is we are finding that it is causing a small number of problems in school. Some children are playing games with each other online with no restrictions on who can ‘chat’ to them – this presents serious safeguarding concerns. Other children are ‘falling out’ with one another in games and then these fallouts continue and escalate in school. We are also noticing that children who are playing for long periods are often tired and finding it hard to concentrate.

School feels it is important to again pass on the following information/things to think about:

- **What is the age restrictions of a game?**
- Are the voice chat systems off?
- Can the text message service within the game be turned off?
- Can send anyone messages? Can you block messages?
- Be very careful syncing a bank card to a game, in Fortnite you can buy skins and other items to personalise your avatar. These items cost real money, prices range from £34.99 to £119.99;
- **Is there animated violence within the game?**
- Parents are advised to talk to their children about the game and the dangers;
- Children should play games with an agreed time limit - gaming can be very addictive;
- Keep technology downstairs in a family room, parents can then keep an eye on what is going on;
- Children wearing headsets is dangerous as we can’t hear who they are talking to;
- Children need to come away from the game before they go to bed. Bedrooms should be digital free zones;
- Set up an online safety family agreement at home.

The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child’s online safety: 0808 800 5000.

Two websites which are really useful for advice and guidance about individual games such as age limits and content are:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>



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School appreciates your support in this matter.

PARKING: PLEASE CAN I ASK ALL PARENTS NOT TO PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAG LINES/PAVEMENTS or BENDS – IT IS RESULTING IN PARENTS, PRAMS AND CHILDREN HAVING TO WALK IN THE ROAD.

Christingle: Please see the letter attached regarding Christingle arrangements.

Whole School Pantomime visit: The whole school will be going to the Dukes Theatre Lancaster on December 11th 2019 to watch Sleeping Beauty.

Pupil Premium: Pupil premium is the additional funding provided to schools by the government. Are you entitled? If you are then you could get help towards payments for trips and Free School Meals for your child. It's easy to do. All you need to do is call the South Area Education Office on 01772 532109. It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings. You will need to provide your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number. They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone. If you need help in applying then please call Mrs Townsend in the school office or email at bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk with your details. Thank you.

Curriculum: Parents/carers are able to view our school curriculum (what we will be teaching your children during the year) through our school website. Please follow the signpost '**Learning**' to view our curriculum internet statement, curriculum areas and class yearly overviews and topic webs. We will be continually adding more information to this area of our website.

School Admissions: Primary 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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS: The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Wednesday 15th January 2020. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.

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.



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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.

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.



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- **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 17 @ 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**
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- **School Closes for Christmas – Friday 20th December 2019 @ 2pm**

