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Twitter: This is just a reminder that parents can access our Twitter feed through the school website. Just follow the link to our website

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/>.

There are lots of great pictures for you to see.

Coronavirus Update: please see the letter sent out via e-mail which is also on the school website under newsletters.

POSTPONED: As a precautionary measure we are postponing Easter Bingo which was due to be held on Thursday 2nd April. Currently only essential school activities will take place and all non-essential activities will be postponed until further notice – this includes Friday Assembly.

Online Safety: This time last year I wrote to you about the 'Momo Challenge' and its associated images. This year I'll repeat my advice to you regarding WhatsApp. Did you know that the age for WhatsApp usage is actually 16? The other social media platform out there, is TikTok. The age for TikTok is 13.... So it shouldn't be an issue in a primary school, yet - alas - it is. I really can't over emphasise how proactive adults must be at home to prevent children accessing, seeing, discussing and engaging with anything on TikToc. Even on the highest privacy settings TikTok is accessible to all people which on its extreme could be dangerous, but even on its lowest level exposes children to images, videos and words that they're not really ready to experience.... Just because it's out there doesn't mean they have to have it. Social media is great—I'm not saying keep away from it. I couldn't, and you wouldn't! But like everything; go slowly at it.... And use it safely, downstairs next to your Mum or Dad.... If you don't do that, what you're doing is probably inappropriate. And parents—see social media as a lunch time at school.... But imagine your horror if I wrote to you saying no one is on duty anymore, where leaving the kids to do what they want, with who they want. That's what's social media is like. A mass party, or playtime, to which anyone is invited.... But there's no adults on duty.

Sports Day: I wanted to let you know in advance that Sports Day will take place at Albany Academy on July 8th 2020 in the morning. Further details will follow closer to the time.

40acts: Take the 40-day generosity challenge for Lent – follow this link <https://40acts.org.uk/>

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Can you carry out 40 acts of generosity during Lent? Share with your class what you have been doing?

Reading Help: We have just a few volunteers who come into school to help listen to the children read. If you think you can spare one or two hours a week to listen to the children read especially in the infants please contact Mrs. Townsend in the school office. Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who have offered their time already.

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.

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.

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 lovely weekend.

Mrs. Annette x

