**To All Our Wonderful Y6:** Last week would have been SATs week. But, as I've always said, you don't need a test to tell me how amazing you all are - and this year has proven that! Miss you and I am so proud of all the work you have done and know that you will the reach the stars moving forward – always believe and remember - Rivington is always your home. Can't wait to celebrate together! A poem for you (cannot take the credit for it but it's sent with all my love!):

Today is the day that SATs would have started, The classroom set up and the tables parted. The rules on the board, the display walls all covered, Your workbooks away, out of sight in the cupboard, Instead you are home, you're doing your bit, Protecting your families from getting sick, It's important right now, we're in lockdown you see, Being part of world history, You've all worked so hard, you should be so proud, You've practised your SPAG and times tables out loud, You've learnt algebra to the Nth degree, And now the tests, they will no longer be. Some may be sad that they can't take the tests, "Hip hip hooray," I've no doubt said the rest, Whilst the tests are on hold and you stay home this term, Remember that tests can't measure everything you learn, And I don't need SATs results to tell me, How hard you have worked, it's easy to see, Rivington's Year 6, let me shout it out loud, You've made all your teachers so very proud, So please continue to learn, fill that brain up full, And remember, we think you're all wonderful!

**Year 6 Leavers Hoodies:** Please could parents return their orders for the Year 6 hoodies to bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Thank you!

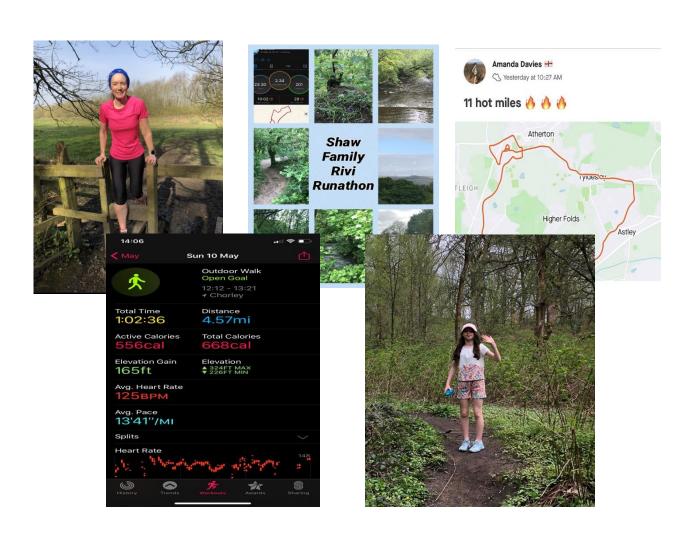
Rivington 'Run-athon': How far did we run? We all worked hard to complete our Rivington Run. It was fantastic to read all your commitments and to watch your results rolling in!

'The Freeman's are going to do 2 mile walk today!'

'Riley will be running 2 miles tomorrow for the Run-athon'

'Aimee would love to take part in the 'run-athon' now she is feeling better. We are going to try and aim for 2.5 miles brisk walk!'

Hi- we will join in thank you - The 'Hitchen' Crew x



### Well done to:

- Mrs. Davies 11 miles!
- Mrs. Cliffe 4.57 miles!
- Mrs. Shaw, Max and Ava 2.34 miles!
- Mrs. Shore and Riley 3 miles!
- Mrs. Annette 4 miles!
- The Freeman Family 2 miles!
- Riley Webb 2 miles!
- Aimee-Rose 2.5 miles!
- Mrs. Hitchen and Maisie 2 miles!
- Mrs. Sharp 3 miles! (And pregnant so we are doubling to 6!)

THE GRAND TOTAL SO FAR IS... **39.41miles!** Brilliant we've reached Cuddington Primary School, Cheshire – We are going to ask the children in school to send a postcard – If you would like to send a message to the school – send to <a href="mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk">head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk</a>

Which school will we end up at next? Prior warning -we are heading further!



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Esme Rose(Y1) 19<sup>th</sup> May, Connor (Y1) 16<sup>th</sup> May, Jack (Y1) 18<sup>th</sup> May, Riley S (Y2) 15<sup>th</sup> May, Alice (Y2) 8<sup>th</sup> May, Louis A (Y3) 9<sup>th</sup> May, Harry (Y3) 10<sup>th</sup> May, Roxy (Y5) 17<sup>th</sup> May, Sam (Y5) 12<sup>th</sup> May, Sophie (Y6) 4<sup>th</sup> May!

### Happy Birthday to you ALL!

#### Dear Parents/carers,

What a wonderful school community we have! Thank you for all so much the wonderful photographs that you shared with us of your family VE Day celebrations. We have had far too many to post each and every one of them on our YouTube channel we have put together this little video of them all. Please click on this link to have a look at the wonderful memories made on such a special day. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1S8m4CBJZs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1S8m4CBJZs</a>

Mae performed a beautiful dance to We'll Meet Again and it really made me smile – see the website to see her wonderful efforts!

Following the government announcement last week regarding plans for a phased re opening of school, we have written to you throughout the week to keep you informed of our planning and preparation. I am aware that this has caused anxiety and concern for some of our families and we want to reassure you that the staff and Governors are working hard to consider the guidance and what it means for our school. It will take time to make the necessary plans and preparations and the safety and well-being of every member of our school community remains our main priority. We will continue to keep you informed as we make our preparations and are thankful that we are able to communicate with our families regularly to reassure you and respond to any concerns you may have. Please continue to contact us with any questions you may have and we will do our very best to respond at any given time.

In the meantime, stay safe and look after each other.

Miss you all lots!

Mrs. Annette and all the Rivington Staff!

**Keeping In Touch:** Thank you to everyone for sending in your pictures and work from home on Seesaw. You are all doing an amazing job! We are now posting all your pictures and news on our Twitter page, take a look and please keep them coming, send them to <a href="head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk">head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk</a>

Wildlife Trusts 30 Days Wild Challenge: Thought some of the children and their families might be interested in this. I've signed up! This June we challenge you and your family to do one wild thing a day! Take part in 30 Days Wild!

Sign up for 30 Days Wild

Thank a Teacher Day: The Thank a Teacher Campaign is run by The Teaching Awards Trust. The charity's mission is to raise the profile of the teaching profession, highlight the positive impact teachers and school leaders have in our society – with pupils, parents and the wider community, and show teachers how much they are valued. This is done through the annual Pearson National Teaching Awards and the Thank a Teacher Campaign. The influence of a good teacher lasts a lifetime. How has your Teacher helped you in these difficult times? Send in a special message of Thanks to your teacher and be a part of this special day.

Ideas of how you can do this:



- Record a music video! If you love singing then please share your version of a special thank you song, or if you're feeling shy you can just mime! You could do a 'star-themed' song or just choose one that suits your teacher best!
- Are you a budding Tik Tok
   Star? Why not send in your Tik
   Tok videos dedicated to a

special teacher. Can you make everyone laugh or impress with your moves?

- Feeling creative? How about a drawing of your teacher?
- Are you a budding actor? How about a short clip of you doing an impression of your teacher?
- Been practising your footy skills? How about impressing your teachers? Record a clip
  of your mad sports skills.

These are just ideas. If you have your own creative way of thanking your teacher that would be great too. For more info how to take part and how to send in your messages go to:

https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day https://twitter.com/ukthankateacher

**Primary School Nursing Team:** The school nursing team will continue to operate whilst schools are closed. Should you or your child need to access the school nurse then please telephone 0300 247 0040. This service is available Monday to Friday 9-5.

**Picture News:** Enjoy learning from the world around us by exploring this week's Picture News. Further resources and supporting information can be found following this link:

### **British Gymnastics Challenge**

This week's gymnastics challenge is: How many skips can you do in 30 seconds?

**Free School Meals:** If you find your personal circumstances have changed due to Coronavirus you may be able to receive help with Free School Meals at home for your child. Currently an entitled family can receive £15 per week per child in vouchers to spend on food at a local supermarket. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits you can apply by clicking on the link below.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

**Department for Education Guidance:** Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children. Please follow the link for guidance which may be helpful <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-schoolchildren-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-schoolchildren-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19</a>

**Special Educational Needs:** Please follow the link to Key Information – SEND, for updates and newsletters which are posted here. Also see Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice for parents and carers looking after children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-educationduring-coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-educationduring-coronavirus-covid-19</a>

Thinking of you and missing you all!

Mrs. Annette