

Rivington Foundation Primary School

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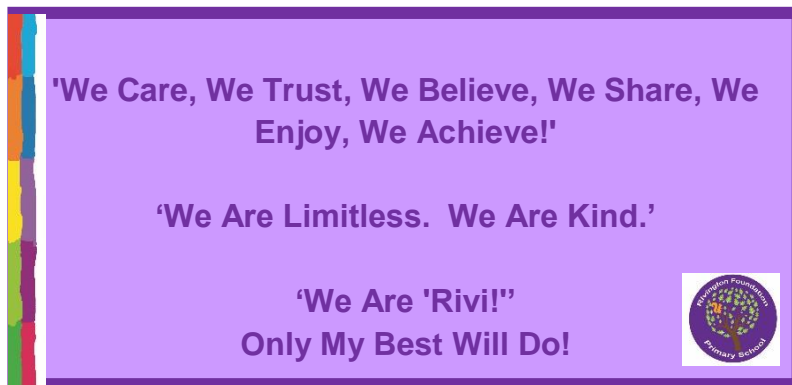
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'Elizabeth, by the Grace of God Queen of England France & Ireland defender of the Faith etc. to all men to whom these our present letters shall come sends greeting be it known to you that... for our faithful & Leige people Inhabiting the village or hamlet of Rivington... a Grammar School there to be erected & established for ever, for a continual bringing up teaching & learning of Children & youth of the Village or Hamlet of Rivington...& other good learning to continue for ever...'

Thirteenth Day of May in the Eight Year of our Reign -- annoque Domini 1566'

An extract from the Queen Elizabeth I Grant, 1566 to establish our wonderful school – signed by Queen Elizabeth I herself.



Welcome Back – What a fantastic three days - it has been an absolute joy to have school full of your wonderful children once again. I would like to thank all children, parents and other family members for your support and enthusiasm this week. It was lovely to see so many smiley faces on Wednesday morning. The children have been amazing and it is wonderful to have them all back in school. They have embraced our routines without fuss, transitioned to their new teachers and classrooms with ease and made our days so enjoyable. They are a blessing to us all.

I would also like to thank our parents for your patience and understanding, as we have navigated our way through the last few days. The rain did not help at all at the end of our first day. We have made some small changes to our original plans which should ease the drop off and collection routines and I'm sure this will also improve over time.

I would also like to thank our fantastic team for their support in implementing the routines and ensuring the children have had an enjoyable and smooth return to school. It is early days and we will be carefully planning how to approach some of our usual events and

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celebrations. Although things will be different, we will be working very hard to involve our families in school life as much as possible. We are really happy to be back!

Newsletter – The weekly newsletter will now be sent out on a **Monday**. Many thanks.

Welcome No1 - Reception Class 2020 – Mrs. Davies Mrs Orgill and Mrs. Shaw have had a very enjoyable three days meeting our new children and their parents (socially distanced of course!) Thank you to our new families for your lovely welcome. I have been informed your children are delightful. We are very excited to be welcoming them into school on Monday – Friday on a full-time basis. We cannot wait to meet our new Nursery children on a part-time basis this week. Both groups will get to enjoy the beautiful new floor that has been fitted in the EYFS classroom this weekend.

Welcome No2 – We would like to say a huge welcome to Miss. Lucy Whitehead who has joined Rivington as our new HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). Miss. Whitehead is a fully qualified teacher with a first-class honours degree in Physical Education. She has fitted into the team seamlessly and all the children appear to highly approve of her appointment. Once again, we are extremely lucky to have acquired such a talented member of staff.

Welcome No3 – We would like to say another huge welcome to Miss. Hannah Berry who has joined the 'Rivi' team as our new late-stay assistant. Miss. Berry is a highly experienced Nursery Nurse who also works in a local and highly regarded Nursery. Again, Miss. Berry has fitted into the team seamlessly and all the children have greatly warmed to her. Once again, we have been extremely lucky to have acquired such a talented member of staff.

Amazon Gift List – A huge, huge thank you to all of you who have bought items from our Amazon gift list. With our usual avenues of fund-raising closed, your generous and much-appreciated gifts have gone a long-way to ensure we can provide the rich and enjoyable curriculum and provision our children deserve. Altogether, over £600 worth of equipment has been gifted by you to school. I know that the staff and children are immensely grateful and during these difficult times, your generosity has been both humbling and a blessing to us all. Many, many heart-felt thanks.

Behaviour Policy - We have written an addendum to our Behaviour Policy detailing expectations linked to our additional health and safety routines. This has also been placed on our COVID Home School Agreement. This was sent out to all parents this week and can be found on our website in both the policies and Home Learning pages. Please read this with your child to ensure they understand what is expected of everyone and if you have any questions please contact us.

School Photo's – Individual school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 30th September 2020. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances we are unable to include babies and pre-school siblings in the photographs.

Permission for Photographs – On Friday a Survey Monkey was sent out to all our families regarding permission for taking photographs, videos and the publishing of

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children's work. Thank you to all of you who have responded already. You can find the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DJYTPRN>

There is also a QR code which will take you to the link:



Lunch Menu – As the children in Y3-6 are eating their lunches in their classroom's the kitchen are unable to serve hot meals. Each day, school dinner children will now have the choice of a hot or cold sandwich. These will be served to the children in picnic bags in their classes. EYFS and Y1/2 children will eat their lunches in the dinner hall.

Coats – Please could all children bring a coat with a hood into school for break times as the weather is now becoming a little more unpredictable.

Data Collection Sheets - Data collection forms will be sent out next week. Please return these to school as soon as possible to ensure all our records are up to date, especially any new or existing medical conditions. If your child requires an inhaler or any other medication in school, please ensure it is clearly labelled and in date. Please also include an email address and at least 2 people who should be contacted in the case of emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking – The road outside school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. Please can parents/ carers show patience and consideration towards each other and the general public. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, in no circumstances should anyone park on the zig zag lines or the pavement. Please show consideration for local residents when dropping off and picking up children. I am sure we can all appreciate how frustrating this can be to residents who already have to cope with how busy this road becomes at certain times of the day. Thank you to those parents who show this consideration and park a short distance away and walk to school from there. This also ensures the safety of all our children which is obviously the primary concern for everyone. Thank you.

Reading Books - Due to the abrupt ending to the 19/20 term we were not able to collect in all reading and library books. If you have not done so already, please could all school reading and library books be returned as soon as possible. We want to begin to reissue books imminently and continue the brilliant reading culture we have developed in this school. However, books need to be kept untouched for 72 hours before they can be reissued which leads to a reduction in available texts at any one time. We simply may not have enough books or enough of the correct books if some remain unreturned. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

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Reminder: Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Admissions Primary and 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2020

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is 15th January 2021. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.

Rivington Foundation Primary Open Day – Next week we will be sharing details of our Open Days for parents wishing to view school for the next academic year.

High School Open Days – St Michaels - This year, due to the current Covid 19 situation, Open Evening at St Michael's CE High School will take place remotely. Open Evening information will be available on the school website at www.saint-michaels.com from 5:30pm to 8:00pm on Thursday 10th September and parents and pupils will be able to hear the Headteacher's speech, listen to the staff in the various curriculum areas and hear the pupils talk about their school.

Parkland's - Thursday 17th September - VIRTUAL Open Evening 5.15pm till 8.15pm.

Albany Academy – To be confirmed. **Southlands** – To be confirmed.

Rivington and Blackrod – to be confirmed.

Gardening Club- Green fingers –If you think you can commit to keeping our gardens tidy once or twice a week (this can be done safely following the Government Guidance) please let us know.

Thank you Useful Information - Please see below a link from our school nursing team to a resource developed by the Anna Freud Centre which you may find useful for your children who may be experiencing anxiety.

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11459/7waysanxiety.pdf>

Thank you for a great, if slightly different, start to the term. Best wishes,

The Rivington Team.