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Dear Parents /Carers,

Superstars of the Week – This week's Seven Wonders Awards go to:

Charlie (Reception), Oscar (Y1), Ruby (Y2), Evie (Y3), Louis B (Y4), Amber (Y6) and Siam (Y6). Well done to all of you – we are so very, very proud!

We could not be more proud 1: Well done to Leyton B in Y3 who was voted player of the year by his rugby team and mangers. This is an amazing achievement particularly as Leyton plays in a squad which is a school year older than him. Leyton was also the highest try scorer for the season – what an achievement! We'll keep watching this space – I'm sure that there are even greater achievements ahead! Well done Leyton – we could not be more proud!

We could not be more proud 2: Well done to Aimee-Rose in Y4 who was awarded a medal and certificate this week for her dance exam. Aimee-Rose had to perform for the examiner over Zoom during lockdown – a scary thought – and, as always, performed brilliantly. You work so hard at everything you do Aimee – there is no end to your talents. Well done – we could not be more proud!

M and M Productions: On Tuesday 29th September we are pleased to welcome the M and M theatre company to school. M and M will transform the Church hall into a magical and interactive theatrical experience, using a giant cinema quality screen to present one of their unique and interactive cross curricular productions – The Wizard of Oz. To support class 'bubbles', the cast will perform the production 3 times. School are kindly requesting a voluntary contribution of £8 in order to fund this experience. This will be placed on Parent Pay if you would like to contribute. Many thanks in advance.

Reporting an Illness - If your child is poorly please contact the school to let us know as soon as possible and keep us updated. It is important that when leaving a message that all parents/carers please inform us of the reason/symptoms for the absence. If a Parent/Carer is reporting a positive test result can you, please speak to the office rather than leave a message. This week we have sent all parents/carers a useful 'COVID-19 Quick Guide' and key question responses to help if you may suspect your child has COVID-19 symptoms and what action to take. We are very appreciative for all our families taking these necessary precautions and helping to continue to keep our children, our staff and our families safe and well. Thank you.

Harvest Celebration – Unfortunately we are unable to celebrate Harvest in the usual way this year but we will be celebrating virtually with the children in school. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school from Friday 9th October to support Living Waters Food Bank and Urban Outreach, especially during these challenging times. A list of possible items will Thank you for your support.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - This year we are unable to host our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning due to the current Government restrictions on visitors in school. However, we feel this is an important cause and we would like to continue to support the charity.

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Therefore, instead we will have a 'Wear Green Day' on Friday 25th September 2020 for the children to wear a green head band, socks or a whole green outfit in return for a £1.00 donation! In these difficult times charities still need our support so we hope you will feel able to help. **(PLEASE DO NOT GO TO ANY EXPENSE TO PURCHASE A GREEN ITEM).**

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

Open Day – At this time of year we usually invite prospective parents into school to view school for admissions for the next academic year. Unfortunately, we are not able to run the open days as we normally would, but we obviously still want to give prospective parents as much information about our school as we possibly can. During the next couple of weeks, we will be producing a couple of promotional films, one of the whole school and one for EYFS. We will incorporate these onto our website once they are complete at <https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/home/>

There is also lots of information on our Twitter page and in our weekly newsletters, all of which can be accessed via our school website.

School Video – Over the next couple of weeks we will be filming a promotional video for the school. We are fully aware of children that cannot be filmed. If any other parent/carer does not want their child to be involved in the filming, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Online Safety – House Party: In the current environment, many of us are using different ways to try and keep in touch with our friends and family. One app that has risen in popularity is House Party, which gained the no.1 spot on the app store after becoming one of the most downloaded apps since social isolation was introduced. Billed as a 'face to face social network' the platform launched in 2016 but isn't as widely known as Facebook, WhatsApp or Snapchat. That's why we've created this guide for parents and carers to help them understand exactly what House Party is all about and the dangers it could present. Please note that House Party is for 13+years.

School Lunches - To reduce children numbers in the hall, children are having packed lunches in their classrooms with the exception of children from EYFS and Y1/2 who eat in the hall. To enhance our service Lancashire Catering are now providing a hot sandwich choice within the packed lunch menu. Please contact the school office for further information.

Celebration Worship – As we are unable to invite parents into school for Celebration Worship on Friday mornings, we have planned other ways to celebrate the children's achievements. We will be holding a Zoom Worship in school for the children so the classes can listen to and celebrate each other. We are also able to invite Parents to join us on Zoom. Achievement Stickers, Certificates and Reading Awards will be handed out in class and teachers will Tweet a photograph of all the children who have received an award. For achievements 'out of school', we are asking parents to send in a photograph of their children holding their award and brief information about the award. We will share these pictures with the children in school on Friday mornings and post them on newsletter each week. Please

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ensure photographs are sent via email to bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk no later than 12pm each Wednesday.

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.

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 this 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. 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.

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.

Albany Academy – Virtual Open Day online, 4pm 24th September.

Southlands – To be confirmed.

Rivington and Blackrod – to be confirmed.

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Holy Cross RC - Zoom Presentation.

Holy Cross would like to invite you to a Zoom presentation as detailed below

Date Tuesday 22 September 2020 Time 6.00 pm Zoom Link

<https://zoom.us/j/7131621252?pwd=MIRFRHZKajdKYnMvL0krVIM3MjB3dz09>

Meeting ID 713 162 1252

Passcode 0mGPgD

Parklands - Available online.

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>

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Rivington Team