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Dear Parents /Carers,

Superstars of the Week – This week's Rivington Remarkables Awards go to:

Layla J (Reception), Louise K (Y1), James Parkin (Y2), Riley Webb (Y3), Thomas Rigby (Y4), Ruby H-S (Y5), Ewan M (Y6) - we are so very, very 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 has been 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 to school by **Friday 9th October** to support Living Waters Food Bank and Urban Outreach. The LW Storehouse has recently posted:

'Our stocks are depleting fast... please can you help? We need:

- Cereal
- Tinned spaghetti
- Rice pudding/custard
- Toothbrushes/paste
- shower gel/shampoo
- Fray Bents Pies
- Corned Beef
- Curry Sauce
- Toilet Roll
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Tinned Ham
- Salmon
- Hot Dogs
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots/Sweet Corn
- Coffee.'

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Macmillan Coffee Morning – thank you to all the children and their families who supported this annual event by wearing green and donating a pound. Macmillan carries out invaluable work across our community and is a much-needed support to many at the most difficult times. I am proud to announce that we raised a fantastic £142 for the charity – a massive achievement for such a small school. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED INCLUDING SHOES

Face Coverings - Following the recent Lancashire COVID 19 restrictions, school has been instructed that staff and visitors should wear face coverings in areas outside the classroom where social distancing cannot easily be maintained, such as corridors and communal areas. **Staff will not be wearing face coverings whilst teaching in the classroom.**

As from Monday 28th September, staff and visitors in school will be following this NEW guidance. Please can I ask that you explain to your children that they may see staff wearing face coverings. I am confident that children will be comfortable with this as they are already used to adults wearing face covering outside in supermarkets etc. This guidance relates only to adults in the school community. Once again thank you for your understanding in these challenging times.

Online Safety and Kindness - The online world can be an unforgiving place. We are now more connected than we have ever been which means opening others and ourselves up to potential online abuse, bullying or negative comments. Sometimes we can overlook the consequences of our actions. That is why this week, we want to promote the message of just 'being kind online' with a reminder towards how we can all develop a more empathetic side and be a more responsible online consumer. Please see the poster attached.

Administering of Medication – If your child requires any form of medication administering during school hours, including any type of inhaler, please could you ensure that the medication is brought into school with a chemist prescription label attached to either the medication or the box. In addition, a medical form is required to be completed by the parent/carer with full details about how the medication should be administered. We cannot give a child any medication without these two requirements. Forms can be obtained from the school office – please ring so that we can send one to you via the classroom staff. Thank you.

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.

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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. We have created a couple of promotional films – one of which is now live on the school website: [Rivington Website](#)

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

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

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 - Please return any changes 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.

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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.

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