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19.10.2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that this letter finds you and your families well. I write now to thank you for your continued support throughout the half-term.

As you often acknowledge, the staff at Rivington regularly go 'above and beyond' expectations in the time that they devote to our pupils – supporting them with their learning, wellbeing and encouraging them to achieve the very best that they can in all areas of life. As I have shared with you on many occasions, we do believe that this constant investment in our children enables them to truly grow, achieve and flourish.

Whilst to the outside world it may appear that children throughout the country are in school and learning, you have seen first-hand the modifications and adjustments which have had to be made in order for us (like any other organisation), to continue to function successfully during this period. I want to thank my wonderful staff and your constant support as parents in helping to achieve this.

There is no doubt that the last seven weeks have been one of the greatest challenges in our professional lives and the staff, like the pupils, are in desperate need of the restorative benefits of rest; which we hope half-term will bring.

Thank you so much to those of you that have taken the time to email and thank staff for all that they are doing to support your children. Your kind words and recognition of the challenges we face are a great source of motivation and encouragement. Thank you.

It is a blessing that we have been able to remain open this half-term and provide the full curriculum offer to all year groups. We know that could change at any time, but think that the measures we have put in place to have consistent teaching, where possible, and the maturity with which our children have responded to the safety measures, has ensured and will continue success for all.

Best wishes, *Sarah Annette*

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Well done to our Seven Wonders – what an amazing achievement!

❖ **Reception: Holly G and Thomas D – for courageous attempts at phonics this week.**

❖ **Y1: Henry B – for perseverance when writing his own story.**

❖ **Y2: Jack F – for perseverance when writing his own story.**

❖ **Y3: Evie Warburton – for her constant respect to all and complete perseverance.**

❖ **Y4: Louis A – for his fabulous maths work all week.**

❖ **Y5: Jackson L – for his commitment and total perseverance with his writing.**

❖ **Y6: Roxy V – for showing kindness and respect all the time to all her peers.**



**#LetsDoltForLancashire – as half-term approaches, please remember:**

- Coronavirus is still with us.
- We all have a part to play to combat the virus - by taking simple steps.
- Social distancing is key - that means keeping our distance from people not in our households or our 'bubbles'.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering on public transport, and in shops and supermarkets.
- Stay at home if you have symptoms - and don't be a contact.

The morning staggered drop off and afternoon staggered pick-up continues to allow us to ensure a safe start to the school day. Throughout the school day, classes remain in their bubbles.

The challenges we are facing as a school and a community are nationwide challenges and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. As we begin our 8th week, may I take this opportunity to thank everybody for their patience, understanding and flexibility as we manage this period of uncertainty.

**School closes for our October Half Term after school this Thursday at 3:05pm for KS2 and 3.15pm for EYFS and KS1 (or at 6pm if attending After School Club). School will reopen on Monday 2nd November 2020.**

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### **A message from the DfE regarding school closures (for your information):**

*'At all local COVID alert levels, the expectation is that education and childcare provision should continue as normal. The government has been very clear that limiting attendance at schools and other education settings should only be done as a last resort, even in areas where a local alert level is 'high' or 'very high'. Decisions on any restrictions necessary in education or childcare settings are taken separately on a case-by-case basis in the light of local circumstances, including information about the incidence and transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19).'*

**Road Markings/Double Yellow lines outside of school:** Please can parents forward their concerns regarding the approved road markings to:

[keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk)

[phil.durnell@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:phil.durnell@lancashire.gov.uk)

Our local Councillor Kim Snape, who has done a wonderful job in supporting school, would also like to copied into any concerns you express to both Keith Iddon and Phil Durnell at:

[kim.snape@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:kim.snape@chorley.gov.uk)

Many thanks.

**What Parents Need to Know:** National Online Safety have produced an online safety guide on Tellonym. Tellonym is a messaging network that allows children to send messages to each other anonymously.

**Parents Evening:** Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to host our normal 'Parents' Evening'. At Rivington we pride ourselves in our communications with parents. This term class teachers will be sharing their parent evening comments via Zoom. We will be holding a virtual parents evening spread over a four-day period: **Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th November (Y5/6 3rd -5th)**. This will replace our normal parents' evening, which we have had to adapt due to social distancing restrictions. We are excited to be able to connect with you virtually and share in your child's learning journey. Please see Teachers2Parents in order to make an appointment or contact the school office.

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Before booking, please make sure you have read and understood the 'parent disclaimer' and the 'joining instructions' for Zoom (found on the School Website).

**ONLINE BOOKING OPENS: 12pm on Thursday 8th October 2020**

**ONLINE BOOKING CLOSES: Thursday 22nd October 2020.**

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the school office who will assist you.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- You will need to repeat the booking process for each child, if you have a child in more than one year or more than one child in a single year.
- You need to be quick, appointments as ever are booked on a first come, first served basis.
- If you need to Zoom with more than one teacher, please do not book appointments back to back.
- If you are no longer able to attend your appointment, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the office who will cancel the booking and make the appointment available for someone else. The teachers and I look forward to sharing your child/rens progress with you.

**Lancashire Family/Adult Learning:** Now the autumn term is well under way we thought we would share some of Lancashire's FREE wider family learning courses for families. These are all online; take place after school and all families need to take part is a tablet or laptop and internet connection. Parents can enrol directly via the links below:

Family Yoga: Thurs 22nd Oct 3:30pm

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=9452](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=9452)

**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

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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.

**Nasal Flu Vaccinations:** Children in all year groups will be entitled to a flu vaccination in school on **Friday 6th November**. Consent forms will be sent out to all pupils nearer the time.

**Open Day:** Zoom welcomes for prospective parents are available on **Wednesday 4th and the 11th November from 5:00-6:00pm**. Please contact the school office in order to access these.

**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.



**Don't forget** – the clocks go back on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October – an extra hour in bed!

**Halloween/Bonfire Night:** Keep safe and remember to follow the restrictions in place for Covid-19.

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# Fireworks are a **BLAST!**

**Make sure you celebrate with fireworks safely**

- Always have adult supervision.
- Make sure the area is safe for the use of fireworks.
- Always wear eye protection when lighting fireworks.
- Avoid alcohol if you are in charge of lighting the fireworks.
- Follow label instructions and use common sense.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Have water handy.
- Light one firework at a time.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Never attempt to re-light a firework.
- Do not lean or have any body parts over the firework.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.



**Your Event / Fire Station Name Here**

Many thanks,

The  
Rivington  
Team