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23.11.2020

Well done to our Rivington Remarkables – what an amazing achievement!

- ❖ **Reception: Selby H – for persevering with phonics and always trying hard in everything.**
- ❖ **Y1: Iwan M – for persevering with his writing.**
- ❖ **Y2: Jessica B – for writing with consistently beautiful joined up writing!**
- ❖ **Y3: Mae R – for a fabulous start to her fairy tale – well done!**
- ❖ **Y4: Louis A – for working tremendously hard all week!**
- ❖ **Y5: Emily F – for being a constant support to all her peers.**
- ❖ **Y6: Samuel R – for showing such resilience in maths.**



**Happy Birthday: Ted W-J (Y3) and Ruby S (Y2). Happy Birthday to both of you – we hope that you had a fab day!**

**End of Term:** School will close for Christmas on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at:

- **2pm Y5/6, Y3/4 and siblings;**
- **2:10pm Y1/2 and EYFS;**

This is so that a deep clean and sort can be carried out by staff and external cleaners in preparation for our return in January. **The school day will begin at the normal times.**



**Food Donations:** LW Storehouse in Chorley are in the process of creating Christmas Hampers for those most in need this Christmas. Some of these will be delivered to our own families. This is a cause close to my heart so if you could donate any of the following the Storehouse will be immensely grateful. School will be collecting donations of any of the following to the Storehouse on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Alternatively, you are able to drop-off any donations yourself up until the 17<sup>th</sup> of December:

- **Toiletries,**
- **Chocolate Treats,**
- **Tinned Ham,**
- **Coffee,**
- **Jam,**
- **Stuffing Mix,**
- **Christmas Puddings,**
- **Cranberry/Apple Sause, Sugar,**
- **Hot Chocolate,**
- **Gravy,**
- **Tinned Vegetables.**

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We appreciate your generosity

if you would like to give a gift or set up a standing order please use our bank details below

TSB LW Storehouse  
Account 08135168  
Sort code 77-06-06

cheques can be made payable to LW Storehouse and posted to  
Living Waters Storehouse  
33/45 Bolton St Chorley PR7 3AB  
email [storehouse@lwchurch.co.uk](mailto:storehouse@lwchurch.co.uk)  
07889 757045

**School Performances:** Although this year's nativity/Performances will be a little bit different due to current Covid-19 restrictions, we still want to give our children the opportunity to act, sing and dance in front of an audience and retell the important story of the birth of Jesus through their performance. The children are very excited to be taking part in this year's productions 'The Nativity' and 'Straw and Order'. Sadly, we are unable to invite visitors into school to watch our production live, however this year's production will be filmed in school on Monday 7th December and will be available to for you to purchase and watch together at home. There will be a charge of £7 per DVD and £10 per USB. For further details about ordering please see letter that will be sent home this week to all parents/carers. Thank you.

**Christingle:** Christingle will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the children's class 'Bubbles'. Unfortunately, Parents/Carers will not be able to attend but we will video each class to share on Seesaw etc.

**Class Christmas Party Day:** On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having their class 'bubble' Christmas Party. Children are able to come to school in party clothes – please make sure that they are warm, have a coat and are wearing appropriate footwear for playing outside. We are inviting all the children to bring in a 'Christmas Packed Lunch' on this day – where they can have a few treats. Those

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children on school dinners can either bring in their own lunch on this day or add a couple of items to eat from home for their lunch.

If anyone would like to donate any Christmas Crackers or Christmas Table Cloths for the occasion – we would be extremely grateful.

**Breakfast with Santa:** Will take place in Class 'Bubbles' on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Further information will follow.

**Christmas Dinner:** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our whole school Christmas lunch. Letters have been sent home last week. Please complete the form and return to school by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Do not complete if your child usually has a school dinner. If your child usually has sandwiches but would like to join in the Christmas dinner you will need to pay £2.30 (no payment for Year Rec, 1 and 2) by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December via ParentPay. Thank you.

**A Huge THANK YOU!** School would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Hart who have kindly sourced and paid for the new barriers in the playground. Without these it would be difficult to maintain our 'playtime bubbles' and would have caused major logistical problems with school dinners. We cannot thank you enough – in a school with only one playground – it has enabled us to help keep our children as safe as possible.

**Another Huge THANK YOU!** School would like to say another massive 'thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Anglesea-Khan who have donated a present for each child to be given at Breakfast with Santa. Thank you so much – it means so much to us all!

**Christmas Cards** To minimise any potential C-19 transmission between our numerous households we would politely request that Christmas cards are not sent into school and between classes or bubbles. Our older children usually manage the sorting and delivery of the many hundreds of Christmas cards in school but this year they are not able to travel around the school. Consequently, we will not be hosting our traditional post box in the corridor or running special deliveries to classrooms to protect year group bubbles.

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Children will still be given the opportunity to make Christmas cards in school for family members and will be stored safely for the appropriate time-scales in accordance with current DfE guidance, before being sent home.

**'Toy Day'** Due to current Covid-19 hygiene protocols, children will not be able to bring in toys or games on the last day of term (Boo!). Staff will ensure that they are kept busy with festive fun and activities (Hurrah!).

**Link to school video and on Twitter-** We hope you have enjoyed watching our school promotional video. The video is on the website and our You Tube channel. Please remember, if you know anyone who is interested in joining our lovely school family then please direct them to our website or ask them to give me a ring. If you haven't seen it yet, follow this link:

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/>

**School Admissions:** Primary 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.

**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.

**Break the Rules Days:** There will be a fundraising day on the 27<sup>th</sup> November where children can 'break the rules' at a cost! Please see separate letter.

**Term Dates 2021/2022:** The term dates for 2021/2022 are now live on the school website.

**What Parents Need to Know:** Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why National Online Safety have created a guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential issues such as creating a safe learning environment, adhering to school policies and making sure the appropriate

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systems and communication channels are in place so that educators, parents and carers get the most out of their remote education experience.

I have also attached a guide to support pupils in ensuring that their remote learning experience is as safe as it can be.

**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)

I spoke to Mr. Iddon last week and have aired school's major concerns once again.

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)

We know the situation is horrendous at the moment but could School kindly request that Parents/Carers do not park on or in front of private drives and entrances near school which includes the Church. Parishioners often require the space to visit family graves.

Many thanks.

**EU Settlement Scheme:** Could I please bring to your attention the following information regarding the EU Settlement Scheme:

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. You can also apply if you're the family member of [an eligible person of Northern Ireland](#).

If your application is successful, you'll **get either settled or pre-settled status**.

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

You may be able to [stay in the UK without applying](#) - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or already have indefinite leave to remain.

### **When you can apply**

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can [apply now](#) if you meet the criteria.

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. You must have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

[Which status you get](#) may depend on when you apply.

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Except in a few cases, you need to apply if:

- you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but your family member is (or is an eligible person of Northern Ireland)

This means you need to apply even if you:

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen - you can check if you're a British citizen if you're not sure
- have a UK 'permanent residence document'
- are a family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who does not need to apply - including if they're from Ireland
- are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member

If you have children, you need to apply for them separately.

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and you have a family member who is an eligible person of Northern Ireland, you may be able to choose which way you apply.

**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.

Hopefully, this letter will reassure families that we will do our utmost to ensure all of the children enjoy their Christmas in school and end the term with well-deserved festive fun and experiences.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation,

*The Rivington Team*