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Christingle 2020 – thank you for all the wonderful pictures you have shared. Even though we cannot be together, it's made us all feel such joy! Video to follow shortly!



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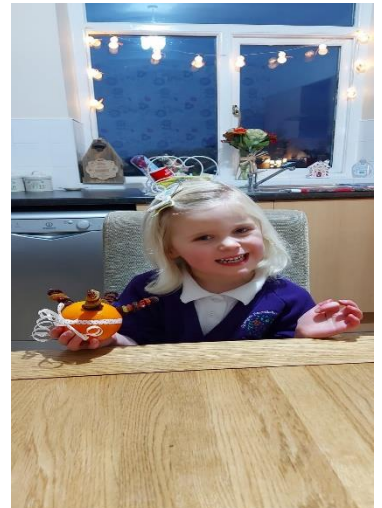


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Happy Birthday: Happy birthday to **Amelia D – 2nd December (Y5), Owen K. – 6th December (Y3) and Sophia M. – 8th December (Pre-School).** We hope that you all had a fab day!

End of Term: School will close for Christmas on **Friday 18th 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.**



A Huge THANK YOU! School would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Isobel (Y3) and Jack's (Reception) Grandad and family who came to our rescue this week and provided a Christmas tree for us to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas. I am sure you will agree that it is the best one ever - it looks amazing. A million 'thank yous' to the Needham family.

A HUGE THANK YOU 2! We would like to say a huge thank you for all the donations that were sent to school last Friday. We have received gifts, toys, chocolate treats and food items - we have been overwhelmed and we know that the food bank will be so grateful for everything you have all done. It is a hard time for a lot of people at the moment and it is wonderful to be able to help those in need where we can.

COVID-19: In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever (>37.8°C), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Please inform the school via phone or email (bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk/head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) and then book a test for the person. The whole household must then self-isolate. If the test returns negative and nobody has any ongoing symptoms, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate. If a positive result is returned, the

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household must self-isolate for 14 days but the positive case can resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

Christmas Jumper Day: Get your Christmas outfits/Jumpers ready for Friday 11th December as we celebrate our annual Christmas Jumper in order to raise money for Save the Children. All the children are invited to wear their Christmas outfits and donate a £1. Many thanks in advance.



Food Donations: LW Storehouse in Chorley are in the process of creating Christmas Hampers for those most in need this Christmas. School has already dropped off our donations from Christingle but I will be making another drop-off at the beginning of next week if you would like to send any further items to school. Alternatively, you are able to drop-off any donations yourself up until the 17th of December:

- Toiletries,
- Chocolate Treats,
- Tinned Ham,
- Coffee,
- Jam,
- Stuffing Mix,

- Christmas Puddings,
- Cranberry/Apple Sause, Sugar,
- Hot Chocolate,
- Gravy,
- Tinned Vegetables.



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
07889 757045

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Production and Nativity DVDs and USB: All the children were filmed performing our Christmas productions on Monday. If you have ordered a DVD or USB please could you pay for these via Parent Pay so that we can send these out to you as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Well done to all the children in Y2 who took part in their phonics screening over the last two weeks. You will be pleased to hear that every child passed – achieving 100% for school. A huge thanks is sent to all the staff who have worked so incredible hard to ensure that the children achieved such an amazing result – Mrs. Sharples, Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Hitchen and Miss. Whitehead have all worked wonders – thank you. And thank you to all the Y2 parents who have worked so hard to support their children at home.

Class Christmas Party Day: On Monday 14th 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 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 18th December. Further information will follow.

Green surface: If you haven't already noticed – the green surface has been removed from the playground and the surface improved around the shelter. This is fantastic news in ensuring that the children are safe whilst playing out or taking part in PE.

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

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our traditional post box in the corridor or running special deliveries to classrooms to protect year group bubbles.

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

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

What parents Need to Know: National Online Safety have produced a free online safety guide on Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War. Black Ops Cold War (CoD) is an online first-person shooter and has an 18 rating. It's available on PC, PlayStation and Xbox. CoD allows players to select from different game modes including campaign, multiplayer and 'zombies'. Players can customise their character and weapons in the game. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as graphic violence & language, in-game payments and talking to strangers.

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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

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

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.

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:

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- 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](#).

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

Many Christmas Blessings to all.

The Rivington Team

