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14.12.2020

It is difficult to find the words to sum-up this term... I hope that when we all look back we will do so with immense pride in all that we as a community have achieved.

This week my prayers will be for you to have...

- a wonderful pre-Christmas week;
- the joy and smiles that only Christmas in at Rivington can bring;
- a happy and healthy end to the term;
- a rest this Christmas time;
- a wonderful 2021 - as we look forward with hope & joy;
- the peace that comes with knowing that, whatever we have faced, we have all stepped-up for our community and for our children... and that will **never** be forgotten.

Love to you all and thank you!

*Sarah Annette*



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

- ❖ **Reception: Harry H – for working incredibly hard in phonics demonstrating massive perseverance.**
- ❖ **Y1: Emily Mc – for perseverance in all areas.**
- ❖ **Y2: Ruby S – for excellent work in all areas – showing such resourcefulness.**
- ❖ **Y3: Elliot L – for reflecting on our prior learning of fronted adverbials – spotting all of them in a newspaper report!**
- ❖ **Y4: Freya C – for using her knowledge of the 3x table to support her with questions about the 6x table!**
- ❖ **Y5: Finley T – for using all his prior knowledge and skills in maths.**
- ❖ **Y6: Amber T – for showing such resilience in maths.**



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**Happy Birthday:** Amelia D (Y6) 02.12.2020; Owen K (Y3)

06.12.2020; Sophia M (Nursery) 08.12.2020; Anya H (Y2)

13.12.2020; Abigail W (Y1) 13.12.2020 and Daisy H (Y1)

14.12.2020. 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.**



**Breakfast with Santa** will take place in Class 'Bubbles' on **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>**

**December.** Children will be given a choice of healthy breakfast items to drink and eat. **Please can you inform school of any allergies your child may have that we may not be aware of.** We are starting school a little earlier so that we can all be ready for Santa when he arrives!

- Y3/4 and Y5/6 are invited to come into school at 8:30am.
- Y1/2 and EYFS are invited to come into school at 8:40am.

If you can only drop off at the usual time – do not worry – there will still be plenty of activities and breakfast for the children to enjoy!

Children are being invited to wear a **Christmas outfit or Christmas jumper for the event.** All children are invited to take part in the event - non-uniform (Christmas jumper etc.) and **Breakfast with Santa with gift.** To help cover costs, school are asking for a voluntary contribution to School Fund of **£2.00.** This can be brought into school on the day.

Many thanks in advance – we are really looking forward to it!



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**School re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of January. Our staggered starts and ends will remain as they are.**

**Procedures for Parents/Carers regarding symptoms of a child/staff member at school after school closes on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Please follow the procedure below regarding positive cases after the last day of term:**

- Parents/Carers and Rivington School Staff must contact school via the details below if symptoms of Covid-19 emerge within 48 hours of pupils/Rivington staff being in school.
- Parents must **ONLY** contact school on **07794743232** or at [head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk). **Messages should not be left on the School phone as this will not be checked on a daily basis.** Messages left via the two ways listed will be checked between 9-11am each day.
- Messages will be checked by Mrs. Annette up until and including the 24<sup>th</sup> December.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

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- **For the first 6 days after teaching ends**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school will, via the contacts above, assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the pupil/staff member may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Mrs. Annette will not remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.
- Rivington's last teaching day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, there will be no pupil contact tracing asks through school beyond Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

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**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.



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

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**Christmas Jumper Day: Thank you for all your kind donations on Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children. You will be pleased to hear that we raised £105 for this extremely worthwhile cause! Many thanks!**

**Pupil Premium:** Are you entitled? If you find that your circumstances have changed recently due to the COVID pandemic you may be entitled to Pupil Premium. If you are, then you could get help towards payments for trips and Free School Meals for your child. It's easy to do. All you need to do is call the South Area Education Office on 01772 532109 or click on the link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-educationfamilies/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3> It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings. You will need to provide your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number. They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone. Alternatively complete the form and hand into the school office. Pupil Premium is completely confidential and other pupils and families will not know if you gain access to the funding.

**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.

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.

**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/>

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**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:** The PlayStation 5 is the next-generation video game console for Sony. It offers improved graphics, sound and much quicker loading times. It also has a new controller with motion-and force-feedback features for a more immersive experience. Parents should note that there are two different versions available that support discs or digital downloads.

The Xbox Series X and Series S are the next-generation video game consoles from Microsoft. They offer improved graphics, sounds and much quicker loading times. Parents should note that the two versions available are quite different.

In the attached guides, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as spending money, age-inappropriate content and strangers online for both consoles.

**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.

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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:

- 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



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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.

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

*The Rivington Team*