

# *Rivington Foundation Primary School*

*Horrobin Lane, Rivington, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7SE*

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January 2020.

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

What a hard-working week for everyone – I think you all deserve a well-earned ‘pat on the back’. It’s been fantastic to watch and see all your efforts on Seesaw – you are all amazing! I hope you are all safe and well and the week has been kind to you. I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all our parents for your hard work and perseverance accessing remote learning this week. We completely understand that circumstances are different for all our families and the challenges you are facing, and we think you are all doing absolutely brilliantly in the circumstances. Many of the staff at Rivington are in the same boat too!

We hope the delivery of lessons has been both stimulating and accessible and that the children have enjoyed them too. Once again, we are so very proud of the way they are adjusting to being away from school and working from home. I can whole-heartedly say that the staff and I cannot wait for us to be back together once more – it feels like this lockdown has been even more challenging for all our well-being than the first – particularly for our children.

Thank you for the abundance of positive responses we have received in relation to all that we are doing to provide good quality home learning at this time.

I would like to thank all staff again for their hard work this week in putting lessons together and working with the children in school.

The teachers and I really enjoy seeing children on Zoom and the children are always as equally very excited to see each other. Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing the meetings and we will do what we can to support you.

We hope well-being Friday was just that and gave you and the children a lovely end to the week.

Have a safe week and please remember to get in touch if you need any help at all.

Best wishes and kind thoughts to you all,

*Mrs. Annette, staff and governor*

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Award Winners – Congratulations to you all!

15<sup>th</sup> January:

Henry (Y1)  
Jessica (Y2)  
Charles (EYFS)  
Martha (Y3)  
Freya (Y4)  
Zak (Y5)  
Xander (EYFS)  
Ava (Y2)  
Clark (EYFS)

Ruby (Y5)  
Thomas (Y4)  
Owen (Y3)  
Bella (Y4)  
Emily (Y1)  
Lukas (Y5)  
Ava (Y6)  
Roxy (Y6)  
Alice (Y3)

22<sup>nd</sup> January:

Toby (Y2)  
Jack (Y2)  
Holly (EYFS)  
Harry (EYFS)  
Jackson (Y5)  
Daniel (Y4)  
Tallulah (Y4)  
Max (Y1)  
Finley (Y5)

## COME ON CHORLEY FC!

A big shout out to Chorley FC who are playing in the Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round tie against Premier League Wolverhampton tonight at 7:45pm. Let's give them a great big cheer and wish them the best of luck. Virtual tickets can be purchased to raise money for the club

<https://www.chorleyfc.com/2021/01/22/wolves-virtual-tickets/>

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## Remote Education Support and Curriculum Ideas:

### **From the Education Endowment Foundation:**

In response to the unprecedented closure of schools to most pupils, the EEF has produced [a set of resources for parents to support effective home learning](#)

– see **attached PDF** of links to...

- 7 top tips to support reading at home;
- 7 top tips to support reading at home – for Key Stage 2;
- Helping Home Learning: Read with TRUST full-text infographic;
- Helping Home Learning: Read with TRUST simple infographic;
- Helping Home Learning: Read with TRUST comic;
- Helping Home Learning: Talk with TRUST full-text infographic;
- Helping Home Learning: Talk with TRUST simple infographic;
- Helping Home Learning: Talk with TRUST comic;
- Supporting home learning routines: Planning the day;
- Supporting daily routines during school closures;
- [Daily Routines around School Closures.](#)

### READING:

1. Seen on Twitter – [Links for Reading at Home](#) – **copy attached**
2. Also seen on Twitter – [Reading Bingo during lockdown](#) – **copy attached**
3. Free Issues of [First News](#) during lockdown
4. Pobble: [25 non-screen activities that support reading & writing at home](#)

### SCIENCE:

1.   The first '**Deep Science**' (1:00pm to 1:20pm) will see our schools team using aquarium exhibits and our AquaLab to explore the science behind the animated ocean exploration tv series 'The Deep' (CBBC @12pm on weekdays during lockdown). Expect fascinating facts and real time experiments, as well as ideas to follow up with at home!  
  The second will be '**Mermaid Tales**', which will air from 1:30 – 1:45pm and will involve a short story narrated by our resident mermaid, Marina. For more information head here: <http://bit.ly/AquariumLessons>
2. [QUIZSHED](#) – Science Quizzes on-line - no need for registration or login for a Quick Quiz. Registration only needed to create your own quizzes, assign to students and track their progress!

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## CREATIVE ARTS:

[‘More Music’ Sessions Jan – Mar 2021](#)

[Free Online CPD for Primary Art Coordinators](#)

[MICHAEL MORPURGO'S TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE - Celebrated author Michael Morpurgo's fresh retellings of Shakespeare's timeless stories for schools and families](#) – from the RSC 😊

*One of my favourite authors and favourite places!*

**Blue Peter:** Blue Peter have launched Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC. They will be uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They will also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If you are interested in this, please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

**Reporting Absences of Key Worker Children:** If your child is currently attending school and is absent due to sickness or for any other reason please inform school **as soon as possible**. It is important that when leaving a message that all parents/carers inform us of the reason for the absence and symptoms. If your child is taken poorly with COVID symptoms (even if they are not due into school on that particular day) please contact us and let us know. It is also really important that if anyone in your household is awaiting a test result you do not send your child into school. We are very appreciative to all our families for taking these necessary precautions and continuing to keep our children, staff and our families safe and well. If you need to make amendments to your child's allocated days, due to change in shift patterns etc, please contact the school office at your earliest opportunity. Thank you for your continued support.

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**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-education-families/schools/free-schoolmeals/?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.

**Benefit Based Free School Meals:** Whilst we are on lockdown, the Edenred Voucher Scheme will be available again to all families who are in receipt of benefit based Free School Meals. We will be in touch once the new guidance has been received.



**Weekly Children's Joke:** We thought it might lift our spirits if we enjoyed a weekly joke in our newsletter. If your child has a funny joke to tell please email Mrs Townsend in the school office by Thursday at 12pm – [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) Please include the name and age of your child.

**Warm Clothing:** If your child is attending school please ensure they are wearing enough layers of clothing to keep themselves warm as the windows are open to ensure classrooms are well ventilated. Please could you also ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf to keep warm at playtimes and suitable outdoor footwear for the snowy weather. Thank you.



**Photographs:** If your child completes work at home which they are proud of and would like to share, please forward a photograph to head We will initially share these via our newsletter each week and may share them via Twitter if we receive lots. Thank you.

**Youth Zone:** Local charity Inspire Youth Zone is to provide free healthy prepared meals for struggling families across Chorley during the latest lockdown. The charity, based in Chorley town centre, has extended its services to provide free meals to families. It has made many adaptations since the pandemic began to ensure it can continue to provide crucial support to children and young people. Inspire's 'takeaway service' will be available for pre-organised collection to all families in the

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community who are finding the current situation especially difficult and no referral is required. To arrange an appointment for free meal collection email:

[Cafe@inspireyouthzone.org](mailto:Cafe@inspireyouthzone.org)

with your name and phone number and the team will arrange a call back. For more information click on the link

<https://www.inspireyouthzone.org/community-charity-inspire-youth-zone-to-provide-free-meals-tochorley-families-in-lockdown/>

Have a safe week and we look forward to being together again very soon.

Missing you all! *Mrs. Annette*