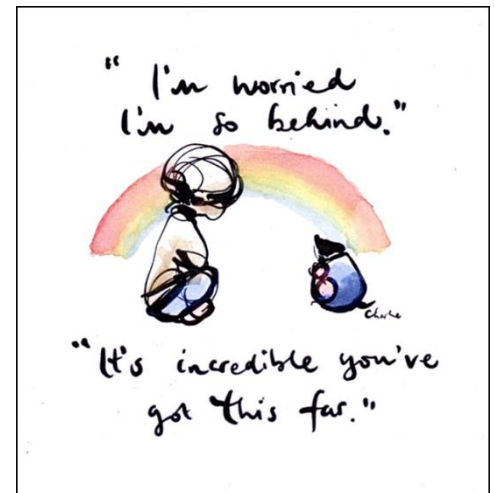


15.03.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners:**

- EYFS: **Holly G.** – trying really hard in phonics and always helping out.
- Y1: **Oscar P.** – for working really hard Maths and English.
- Y2: **Henry B.** – for working really hard in Maths and English.
- Y3: **Alice W.** – for always working hard and finishing work to a superb standard and being just generally amazing!
- Y4: **Louis A.** – for producing excellent work all week and listening to instructions.
- Y5: **Amelia D.** – for being kind friend to all!
- Y6: **Siam B.** – for always showing responsibility and respect to all.



**Happy Birthday: Quincy (Y4) and Jessica (Y6).**

It has been amazing this week to have all the children back in school – school now looks, sounds and feels as it should! There have been lovely smiles and the children have been full of chatter, catching up with their friends and staff. A few children were a little nervous, understandably, but they have all been brilliant and we have had a super first week back.

Thank you all for supporting such a positive return to school for everyone on Monday - adhering to our drop off and collection routines all of which help to keep everyone safe. Thank you also for your support in preparing the children for their return. We were delighted to see such happy and excited faces bouncing back in on Monday.

The teachers have been impressed with the positive attitude of all of our children since returning and it has been wonderful to see them reconnect with their friends.

We have extended play times or added in additional times this week and will extend this into next week as we can see the benefit of them having time with friends and being outside (despite the wind and rain!). We have prioritised well-being, PSHE and friendships during these first few weeks back to help our children settle back into school. However, it has been fabulous to see how much they want to get back into their learning and into work.

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Can I suggest that children bring a fruit snack for midmorning break. The children do get hungry having had maybe more access to snacks or a later breakfast. We hope that you have been able to pick up new routines with work and home. You have all have done an amazing job supporting your children at home. I am hoping that we can all look forward to better times ahead – and maybe a bit more sunshine!

*Sarah Annette*

### **School Nursing Team Covid-19 Support:**

Every pupil's experience of the pandemic will be varied. Some, despite restrictions, will be eager to start school again. For others, it will present a challenging and overwhelming time, but don't worry this is completely normal.

The School Nursing Team have prepared some tips, to help your child settle back into school – Please see attached information.

If you have any questions or need any further support, please contact a member of the team on - **0300 247 0040** or alternatively send them an email via: [vcl.019.singlepointofaccess@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.019.singlepointofaccess@nhs.net)

Below are some links to Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families – a world leading mental health charity for children and families.

#### Anxiety in Children

Help to understand anxiety in children

#### NHS - Change 4 Life

Making Healthy Lifestyle choices

#### Sleep

Understanding the importance of Sleep - establishing good bedtime routines

#### Behaviour

Establishing clear boundaries and routines - being consistent

**World Poetry Day:** Sunday 21st March is World Poetry Day and we would love to join in. To raise awareness of poetry, encourage speaking and listening opportunities and promote reading and writing for pleasure, we will be celebrating World Poetry on Friday 19th March through Pocket Poems!

How to take part:

1. Keep a short poem in your pocket. Look at it often and try to memorise it.
2. Choose a pocket poem to read to a friend or family member. We will tweet photos/videos using the hashtag #pocketpoem
3. Write your own pocket poem. Rhyme or no rhyme, acrostic or Kennings or perhaps '10 Things in a Wizard's Pocket' will take your fancy! Take a look at some poems on the links below:

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<http://www.rainydaypoems.com/poems-for-kids/poems-for-kids-to-recite>

<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/10-fun-short-poems-for-kids-to-learn.html>

[http://www.yesterdaysclassics.com/previews/burt\\_poems\\_preview.pdf](http://www.yesterdaysclassics.com/previews/burt_poems_preview.pdf)

## World Book Day:

Y5/6 designed their own 'Perfect Pets from the 'Barnabus Project'



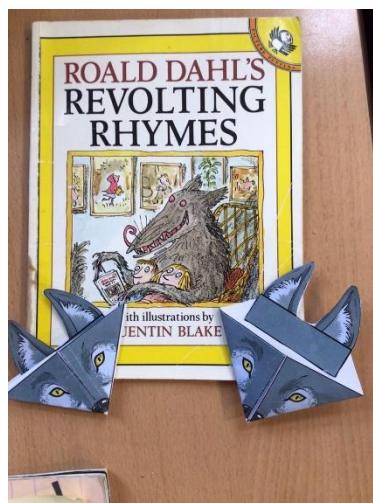
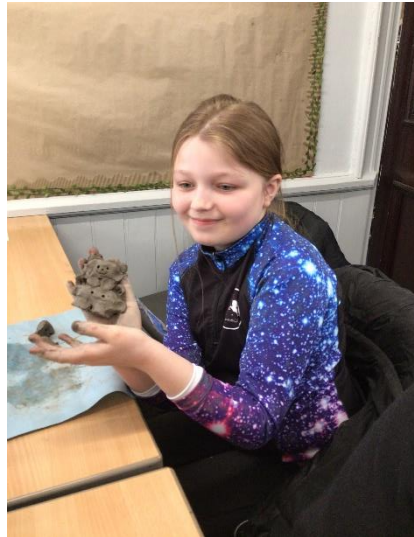


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**A Real Rally Car:** a huge 'Thank you' to Mr. Kelly who got all the children very excited when he brought his rally car into the playground for the children to look at.



**Asymptomatic testing** information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests .
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Our nearest collection site is: **Woodlands Conference Centre Car Park, Southport Rd, Chorley PR71QR**

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

For more details visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other. If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

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**Bikeability – Y6:** Year 6 will be taking part in the Bikeability programme on 28th and 29th June. Further information and consent forms will be sent out shortly. Video introduction to Bikeability –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjLpLuX8naE>



**Red Nose Day** is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, children can dress up as their superhero whether it is Wonder Woman, a footballer, Spiderman or even their own made up superhero or they can wear anything red and of course wear red noses.

We also want to put together a whole school video with the theme of SMILING. If possible, please could you send in a photograph of your child/children laughing and smiling. We will then put this together to share with our children and families on Red Nose Day. Please send to [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) by Friday 12th March.

We are not asking for £1 to be brought into school this year but we do have a Just Giving page where parents are free to donate to if they wish. We do not want to put any family under any pressure to donate during these difficult times. If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rivington-foundation-primary-s-rednoseday21>

**Easter Events:** Please see the letter attached regarding Easter Events in school on the week beginning



**Junior Bake Off:** For those of you who have enjoyed Mrs. Hodgkinson's baking during lock-down, applications have opened for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but the applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021. Interested bakers can apply online at -

<https://junior.take-part.co.uk/>

### Free school meal provision over the Easter holiday

Schools will not be provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the Easter holidays. The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is in place to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term-time and will operate through the Easter holidays. This scheme, run by local authorities, operated successfully in the Christmas and February half-term holidays and

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ensures that families and children who require it, including those eligible for free school meals, can receive the support they need.

Further information on the provision of free school meals and the COVID Winter Grant Scheme can be found in our guidance on [providing school meals during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

### **Contact tracing over the Easter holidays**

We are being asked to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas. Staff, students, parents and carers only need to inform school of a positive case where they **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in at Rivington**. We are being asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.

Where pupils, students or staff test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in an education setting, we are not required to take any action. **Staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.**

Where pupils or students need to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, we do not need to be informed about this until the first day of the Summer term (12<sup>th</sup> April 2021).

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the PHE Advice Service will remain open over the Easter holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care.

**What Parents/Carers Need to Know:** Signal is a multimedia messaging service (previously known as TextSecure) which provides secure chats between users. It is encrypted, so any intercepted communication cannot be read by attackers. Users can send one-to-one messages or set up group chats. The service is free, has no adverts and doesn't track users' location like many other messaging platforms. The app experienced a popularity boom in early 2021 as large numbers of users left WhatsApp over perceived privacy issues.