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24.05.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Congratulations to all our Rivington Remarkables winners 14.05.2021:**

- EYFS: **Layla J.** –for trying hard at her sentence writing.
- Y1: **Oliver K.** – For your immense perseverance in mathematics.
- Y2: **Oscar P.** – For trying really hard and having a fantastic week!
- Y3: **Edward WJ.** – For always seeing what needs to be done and always offering help.
- Y4: **Quincy D.** – For always trying his best and helping others to do their best.
- Y5: **Ike E.** – for excellent contribution to the Ping-Pong debate!
- Y6: **Jessica S.** – for showing kindness to all.

### **Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners 21.05.2021:**

- EYFS: **Layla J.** –for trying hard at her sentence writing.
- Y1: **Oscar C-S.** – For having such a positive attitude and always lending a helping hand.
- Y2: **Jack F.** – for working so hard in English and using super conjunctions in his work.
- Y3: **Riley W.** – for always being responsible member of our class – completing outstanding work on time in mathematics.
- Y4: **Bella K.** – for being a super role model for the class.
- Y5: **Emily F.** – for always showing responsibility in class!
- Y6: **Jessica S.** – for showing kindness to all.



**Happy Birthday: Alice W. (Y3), Louis A. (Y4), Harry B. (Y4), Samuel R. (Y6), Riley S. (Y3), Connor D. (Y2), Roxy V. (Y6), Lottie B. (Nurs), Jack F. (Y2), Esme-Rose B. (Y2), Meadow-Rose S. (Rec.).**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

### **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

**As we have a number of children in school with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents that school premises are NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into school grounds.**

**If children are bringing a packed lunch to school, it is important that there are no products in the lunch box that contain nuts.**

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**Stamp Design Competition:** We are taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition to honour our heroes during the coronavirus pandemic producing 8 new stamps.

Each child has been given an entry form today to design a stamp based on their hero from the pandemic eg. NHS/keyworkers, Sir Captain Tom Moore, teachers, refuse collectors, emergency staff, cleaning staff, delivery drivers, supermarket workers, public transport workers etc. Eight school children in the UK will become part of the history of Royal Mail and all of the UK!

Her Majesty The Queen will approve the winning stamp designs before they are printed and issued. One of the design winners could be from Rivington! There are 120 great prizes on offer for area winners and runners up plus cash prizes for the winning schools too! Designs must be on an official entry form and must be flat with nothing glued on and should be bright and colourful! Please send any entries back to school **no later than Tuesday 25th May**.

**Baroness Floella Benjamin:** Baroness Floella Benjamin - On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May we had the pleasure of a virtual author visit from Baroness Floella Benjamin. The Baroness was Zooming schools across the county to celebrate the anniversary of her children's book "Coming to England" which tells the true story of a young Floella travelling from Trinidad to London as part of the Windrush generation. In a truly inspiring and motivational 45 minutes, Floella shared her experiences of the Caribbean and London – both good and bad as well as the secret to her success as an adult. She is a true champion of children and education, often repeating the phrase her mother told her as a little girl, "Education is your passport to life." Thank you so much to Dianne at Ebb and Flo book shop who helped to organise the event. It was a truly enriching experience for all the pupils. We even managed to get a question read out.



**Covid-19:** You will be aware from the media that Chorley is an area, with a high number of Covid cases. We continue to work closely with Public Health and the priority remains to keep schools open safely.

A reminder that if your child does have a positive result this should be reported to school via a telephone call during school hours or to [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) if it is during an evening or the weekend.

The authority are prioritising rapid identification and response to positive cases in view of the situation in the county and because of the new strain being so transmissible.

Lancashire policy is that you should have a PCR Test if you have any suspicious symptoms, the only exception to this being if you have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. It is vital that we all continue to do all that we can to mitigate against the spread of the virus. In addition to the lateral flow testing, please will you continue to talk to your children about the importance of 'hands-face-space-fresh air'.

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## COVID REMINDER

- Staff carry out LFD tests twice a week.
- Children remain within their class bubbles.
- Playtimes in school remain staggered to minimise contacts.
- Please note children who attend Wrap Around Care (Breakfast and After School Clubs) are at risk of being a further contact with children from their Key Stage and possibly anyone else who attended the session at the time of contact.
- Please can we continue to ask parents to wear face coverings whilst on the playground and minimise to only one adult dropping off and collecting.
- Please be aware that if children or adults are displaying symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) then you need to arrange a PCR test for the person with symptoms. LFD test are for those with NO symptoms.
- We have had further advice that an upset tummy in children can be a further indicator and a PCR test would be recommended.
- We are aware that having to go for PCR test can cause disruption but we must keep everyone safe and minimise contacts were possible.
- Thank you for continuing to work with us in these difficult times. We continue to pray that the coming months will bring a return to normality albeit a new normality.

**School Pick Up:** When collecting your child/ren from school, please could all parents/carers ensure they enter the school premises via the driveway gate and onto the playground at THEIR ALLOCATED TIME. A member of staff will announce your arrival and your child will be sent out of school to meet you. **Please could all parents/carers entering school grounds wear a facemask.**



**Jim Jam Jog:** The details of the Jim Jam Jog on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May were sent out last week and we are all very excited! The parent's letter and sponsorship form are again attached with this newsletter and the children will bring home a hard copy toady – many thanks for any support – **it will go a long way to supporting reading provision in school.**

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**A Message from the School's Commissioner:** Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for



their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want. It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives. This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes.

Please follow this link

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

It is important that YOU and YOUR children's voices are heard!

**What Parents Need to Know About – Nature:** National Online Safety have produced a free online safety guide on 12 Top Tips to Supporting Mental Wellbeing Through Nature. 'Nature' is a superb choice as the theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, as there's clear evidence that getting access to nature is excellent for our mental health. With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to ease, it's the perfect time of year to rediscover the natural world and give ourselves a calming, uplifting treat. You don't have to drag the family on a four-hour hike, either – just 10 minutes each day in the garden, in the local park or your nearest green space could really help. Attached are 12 suggestions for ways you can benefit from nature ... both online and off. In the guide, you'll find tips such as giving Geocaching a go, ditching your phone and playing sports.

**May Half-Term Sports Club Multi Games week:** Tuesday 1st June 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 at St Peter's Primary School PR6 0DX Times—9.30am— 3.00pm Age 5—11 yrs.

Join the Chorley SSP Team at Half Term! They will have a huge variety of games and sports to keep children fit, active, engaged and most importantly having fun throughout the holiday period.

Each day will range from Football to Rounders, Basketball to Athletics, Dodgeball to Netball and so much more!

Children will need to take a packed lunch, lots of water and to dress for the weather as activities may outside.

Cost: £20 per day or £70 for 4 days

To book on please visit

<https://www.chorleyssp.co.uk/events>

Facebook—Chorley School Sport Partnership Twitter— [@ChorleySSP](https://twitter.com/ChorleySSP)

Instagram— [@Chorleyssp](https://www.instagram.com/Chorleyssp)

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### Free School Meals - How to claim:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all qualify for a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal) worth up to £418 per year, per child; you do not need to apply for this.

Year 3 and above

For school pupils in Year 3 and above they could qualify for a free school meal if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply, you should contact your [Area Education Office](#). You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the [qualifying benefits](#), your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you [register](#) with Lancashire County Council. More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's [free school meals page](#).

### Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Jim Jam Jog School Closes for Holiday (Return Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June).

**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 –

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



**Have a wonderful week!**

The Rivington Team!