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Dear Parents/Carers,



Congratulations to all our Headteacher's Award Winners from last half-term:

- **EYFS: Thomas D.** – fantastic effort and brilliant progress especially in writing.
- **Y1: Emily Mc.** – For applying herself in English and trying really hard with her phonics.
- **Y2: Toby C.** – for a fantastic half-term. Working independently and putting 100% effort into all his work.
- **Y3: Leyton B.** – for working hard in English and Maths – engaging with all questions – what a superstar!
- **Y4: Taylor S.** – for writing a fantastic introduction to a non-chronological report and reading it with such confidence.
- **Y5: Lukas O.** – for an excellent half-term – always working hard and trying his best.
- **Y6: Jessica S.** – for showing a sensible and mature attitude to all her learning.

Congratulations to all our Rivington Remarkables Winners from last week:

- **Y1: Olivia B.** – for always being so helpful.
- **Y2: Ruby S.** – for an incredible setting description in English.
- **Y3: Evie W.** – having a fantastic week – well done!
- **Y4: Louis B.** – for enthusiastic, eager, amazing computer work. Superstar – well done!
- **Y5: Zak D.** – for trying really hard with his Maths.
- **Y6: Siam B.** – for trying really hard to improve his presentation.



Happy Birthday: Mika K (Y1), Taylor S. (Y4), Lukas O. (Y5), Thomas R (Y4).

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Update to parents on Covid-19 in Lancashire Schools: As you may be aware, in recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and outbreaks reported in education settings. There has been media attention recently on variants of concern, and the Lancashire County Council area is no exception. Therefore, it is important to do as much as possible to continue to keep our children and families safe and minimise the disruption to education. We have been advised by LCC Director of Public Health that if you or your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 then you/your child should get a PCR test, whether or not you show any symptoms. Thank you.

Get Together: If your child has any achievements outside of school to celebrate, please forward their photograph and a brief description of what they have achieved to bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk by Friday lunchtime. We will include these achievements in our Friday morning celebration and post them in our weekly newsletter.

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 face mask.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please can parents not park their cars on the yellow lines; entrance to the rear carpark; entrance to the Bowling Green or on the Church Driveway. We are receiving lots of complaints from local residents – many of whom are unable to get their car off the carpark - and dangerous parking is resulting in our families having to walk in the road in order to get past cars.

To make a complaint regarding parking please go to:

www.lanacshire.gov.uk/parking

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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Jim Jam Jog: What an amazing event – the atmosphere was fantastic and the children absolutely loved it – they certainly earned their breakfast! Thank you for all donations sent in so far – we are so close to raising what we need! If there are any donations still to be sent in please could you send them in by Friday of this week then we can share the fantastic news with you all!



E-Safe Workshop for Parents/Carers: Online content is having a massive influence on shaping our children's thoughts, feelings and mental health. Lock-down has only managed to strengthen its influence and in school we are noticing increased safeguarding and well-being issues concerning the use of social media and gaming. We know that the online world is now a vital and positive aspect of our lives but we want our children to have the right tools and knowledge to keep themselves safe.

We have invited Kat Howard from eSafe to present **an online Parents only workshop on Monday 28th June 6:00pm** (Teams invite to follow) which will help inform and support the work she will do throughout the day, in all classes, on Tuesday 29th June. We feel it is vital that, not only our children, but that Parents too are fully informed and aware of the dangers that may lurk online.

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Kat Howard has been working in and with schools for over 19 years. During her time as a teacher, she taught in primary, secondary and the independent sector. She has consulted with many schools and trusts to develop their understanding of Online Safety and supported school leadership teams to implement and embed policies, procedures, training and committees. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community and supports schools with advice and support on a day to day basis.

During this workshop, Kat will give you lots of practical hints, tips and activities to support your children in this environment. The areas we will be exploring include gaming, applications, reliability of information and online reputation. There will also be an opportunity to discuss aspects of online safety with Kat during a Q&A. Please see separate letter to confirm attendance.



We could not be More Proud: Well done to Mae who sent a letter to our Queen in order to pass her condolences to her majesty on the death of Prince Philip. Mae was amazed the other day when she received a thank you card in the post from the Queen herself! Wow! What a caring and responsible young lady! We could not be more proud!

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We could not be More Proud 2: Well done to Archie in Y5 who has achieved his LAMDA Level 3 Speaking Verse and Prose. To achieve this Archie had to develop a whole host of skills, from speaking clearly and using voice projection, to improving memorisation and building an understanding of poetry and prose which supports studies in English literature. He had to respond to texts with imagination and using body language and expression to engage an audience. Archie had to delve into sonnets, exploring the life and work of William Shakespeare and discussing his influence, as well as discovering the other writers whose

works they are performing. What can we say – what a talented young man who has a very bright future ahead of him! Keep –it up – We could not be more proud!

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School Fair – Friday 18th June 2021: Please see attached letter for details.

What you need to know about Online Safety: Email scams are when you receive an email from someone purporting to be a genuine person or company, but is actually an online fraudster trying to trick you into disclosing personal information. This is often referred to as 'phishing'. Normally, people click on the links in an email assuming that they will be directed to a trustworthy website – but fake sites, closely resembling the real thing, are increasingly being set up by cyber criminals specifically to capture your personal information, which could, in turn, jeopardise your financial, emotional and possibly even physical wellbeing.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as viruses, financial damage and personal safety.

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](#).

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Dates for Your Diary:

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 18 th June | Summer Fair – Children only. |
| Friday 18 th June | Children's Advocacy Meeting – St. James (online) |
| Tuesday 22 nd June – 25 th June | Y6 Residential to Towerwood. |
| Wednesday 23 rd June 5-5:45pm | New Nursery Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 23 rd June 6-6:45pm | New Nursery Parents Evening |
| Monday 28 th June 6:00pm | ESafe Parents Meeting (Microsoft Teams) NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND. |
| Monday 28 th June | Bike-ability Y6 |
| Tuesday 29 th June | Bike-ability Y6 |
| Tuesday 29 th June | ESafe in school working with children. |
| Wednesday 30 th June | Doorstop visits – new starters. |
| Friday 2 nd July | Doorstop visits – new starters. |
| Friday 2 nd July | Children's Advocacy Meeting – St. James (online) |
| Tuesday 6 th July 1-3:00pm | New Reception Starters afternoon |
| Wednesday 7 th July 1:15-2:45pm | New Nursery Starters afternoon |
| Thursday 8 th July 9:30-12pm | KS2 Sports Day (No Parents) |
| Thursday 8 th July 1-2:45pm | KS1 Sports Day (No Parents) |
| Friday 9 th July | CHIP in Bloom |
| Friday 9 th July | End of Year Reports out |
| Monday 12 th July 4:30pm | Full Governors |
| Tuesday 13 th July | Art Day |
| Tuesday 13 th July 2-5pm | Parent's Consultations – if required from Report. |
| Wednesday 14 th July | Geography Day |
| Thursday 15 th July | Awe and Wonder Day – Inclusion and Equality. |
| Thursday 15 th July 10am | Final zoom Get Together |
| Friday 16 th July 1:30pm | Y6 Leavers Service in school grounds – Y6 Parents only. |
| Friday 16 th July | School closes for Summer |

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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>

Have a wonderful week!

The Rivington Team!