

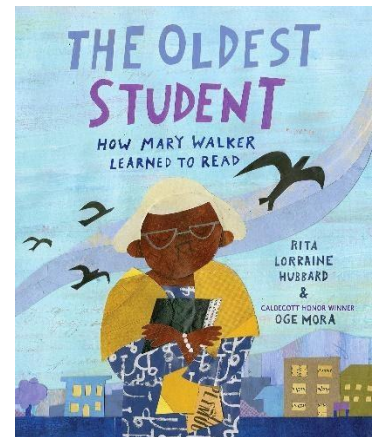


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Welcome Back! What an amazing three days we have had in school. I can't tell you how wonderful it has been to come back together as a whole school after such a long period of time celebrating and worshipping together. After all the challenges forced upon us by the virus, the children arrived in school with lovely smiles and excitement. We are extremely proud of them and we are sure you are too. We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead! We hope that you have had a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

This week's focus value is – 'We Achieve – Perseverance'. The text we are going to share with the children is:



Welcome No1 - Reception Class 2021 – Mrs. Davies, Mrs Orgill and Mrs. Shaw have had a very enjoyable two days meeting our new Reception and Nursery children and their parents. Thank you to our new families for your lovely welcome – we really do have a wonderful EYFS class and we are excited about the year ahead!

Welcome No2 – We would like to say a huge welcome to Mr. Winstanley who has joined Rivington as our new HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). Mr. Winstanley is a fully qualified teacher with a degree in Physical Education. He has fitted into the team seamlessly and all the children appear to highly approve of his appointment. Once again, we are extremely lucky to have acquired such a talented member of staff

Welcome No3 – We would like to say another huge welcome to Miss. Lucy Whitehead who has now moved to being our full-time Y3/4 teacher. Miss. Whitehead is an energetic, bright and enthusiastic teacher who brings such immense joy and excitement to learning. The children and the 'Rivi' team are delighted to have her as part of our teaching team.



We Could Not Be More Proud 1: Well done to Finn in Y3 who won the regional BMX championships and went onto compete in the National Championships in Glasgow over the holidays. Finn won the final in Glasgow and came second overall. This is an amazing achievement in his first regional and national competition – he is a real star and talent in the making. We are all so very proud of Finn – keep showing them all what you are made of – brilliant!



We Could Not be Proud 2: Well done and congratulations to Beau in Y4. Beau had a dance competition over the holidays (his first one since Covid-19) and, now he is 8, he has to dance in the under 10 category. Despite being the youngest by at least a year, he smashed it and came 2nd out of 15 boys 😊. With his wonderful talent and his continuous pure joy, we all know that he is going to go far – this is only the beginning! Again – keep showing them what you're made of – we could not be more proud!



School Photograph: Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 29th September from 9am to take your child's photograph. Please note that for children who have siblings in school a joint photograph will automatically be taken during the school day. Your proof photographs will be produced and given to you on the day. You will also be able to view the photos of your child on the Tempest website by inputting the web access code from your proof. www.tempest-orders.co.uk

Orders can be placed through school or via the website by the deadline date.

G7 Speakers Conference: This year, Sir Lindsay Hoyle will be hosting the Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Group of 7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, USA and the UK) as well as the President of the EU Parliament in Chorley.

It is Sir Lindsay Hoyle's hope that all the schools in Chorley will be represented at the Conference. As an additional opportunity, all school children, teachers and parents/guardians are invited to Astley Park to line the driveway as the Speakers of the G7 drive into the park and arrive at Astley Hall on this very special occasion for Chorley.

Key information:

- This all takes place on Saturday 18th September.
- Please arrive at the park by 8.45am to see the arrival party.
- You will need to enter the park via the entrance on Park Road. The Hall Gate car park will be closed.
- This event is free and anyone is welcome to come along.
- You are welcome to make or bring flags to wave along the route, and you will be allowed to take photographs.

Coats: Please could all children bring a coat with a hood into school for break times as the weather is now becoming a little more unpredictable.

Data Collection Sheets: Data collection forms will be sent out next week. Please return these to school as soon as possible to ensure all our records are up to date, especially any new or existing medical conditions. If your child requires an inhaler or

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any other medication in school, please ensure it is clearly labelled and in date. Please also include an email address and at least 2 people who should be contacted in the case of emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking: The road outside school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. We implore that Parents and Carers take advantage of the soft start and end to the day in order to help ease congestion and that Parents and carers leave the site swiftly after drop-off and pick-up. Please can parents/ carers show patience and consideration towards each other and the general public. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, in no circumstances should anyone park on the zig zag lines or the pavement. Please show consideration for local residents and businesses when dropping off and picking up children. I am sure we can all appreciate how frustrating this can be to residents who already have to cope with how busy this road becomes at certain times of the day. Thank you to those parents who show this consideration and park a short distance away and walk to school from there. This also ensures the safety of all our children which is obviously the primary concern for everyone. Thank you.

Reminder: Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. **Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your cooperation.**

School Admissions: Primary and Secondary applications can be made online 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **31st October 2021**.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is **15th January 2022**. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.

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Rivington Foundation Primary Open Day for Prospective Parents: The proposed dates for our school open days are Wednesday 6th October and Wednesday 24th November – 9:30am-10:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm for new and existing parents. Mrs Davies (Reception class teacher) will be demonstrating a 10 minute phonics session in EYFS at 09:50am and 1:50pm. **If you would like to book onto any of these visits please contact the school office.**

Covid-19 PCR test reminder: 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.

Celebration Worship: As we are proceeding with caution, we will not currently be inviting all parents into school for Get Together. However, we will be continuing with our Zoom invites so that any parent who wishes to attend or whose child is receiving an award will be able to join in with the celebration. If your child has any achievements outside of school to celebrate, please continue to forward their photograph and a brief description of what they have achieved to head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk by Wednesday lunchtime. We will include these achievements in our Friday morning Get Together and post them in our weekly newsletter.

Gardening Club- Green fingers –If you think you can commit to keeping our gardens tidy once or twice a week please let us know.

Labelling Uniform: Please could you ensure that ALL of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled including school shoes and school pumps. Thank you.

Calendar of Events: Next week we will be sending details of dates for events in the Autumn term.