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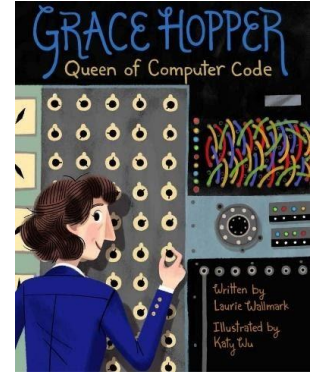
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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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

- EYFS: **Holly G.** – trying really hard in phonics and always helping out.
- Y1: **Freddie M** – for perseverance with your number work.
- Y2: **Mika K.** – for being a really responsible member of Y2.
- Y3: **Ruby S.** – for going above and beyond – learning French and always being one-step ahead.
- Y4: **Roman H.** – For the kindness he has shown to younger members the class.
- Y5: **Aimme-Rose H.** – for being such a responsible member of Y5!
- Y6: **Phoebe G.** – for being a fantastic role-model for all and being such a responsible member of Y6.



Happy Birthday to: **Jack (Y1), James (Y3), Jessica (Reception) and Jacob (Y5).**



**We Could Not Be More Proud:** Well done to Charlie in Y5. Not content with being an outstanding rugby player and runner it seems that Charlie is an outstanding swimmer too – as well as an outstanding pupil. Charlie was awarded with 10 gold medals from his swim club after taking part in an interclub time trial – he scooped all 10 gold medals for his age category! Well done Charlie – we don't know how you are holding all those medals up! You're going to be a star at whatever you choose to do! Well done – we could not be more proud!

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**G7 Speakers Conference:** We are lucky enough to be sending a Y6 representative – Ike Edwards - to the G7 Speakers Conference on Saturday 18th September to attend the tree-planting ceremony. Ike is excited to attend the ceremony and feedback to the rest of us at school about his experience – we know that he will be an excellent ambassador for Rivington and for all young people everywhere.

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:

- 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.

**School Photographs:** 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 at [www.tempestorders.co.uk](http://www.tempestorders.co.uk) Orders can be placed through school or via the website by the deadline date.

**Data Collection Sheets:** Data collection forms will be sent out later this 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 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 co-operation.



**Eco and Well-Being Ambassadors:** Y1 and 2 – Year 1 and 2 want to know what is your best Eco and well-being idea for school this term? Ideas to be received by Mrs Cliffe by 9am Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It is an exciting year for the Eco team and we really need your help!

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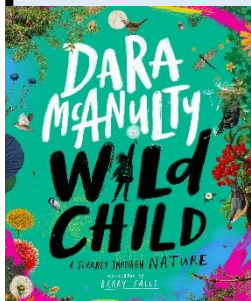
**Dara McAnulty Author Visit:** We have an exciting opportunity for our school to take part in a very special event in Macmillan Children's Books' Virtually Together series. We will be joined, virtually, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September by the brilliant young naturalist **Dara McAnulty** as he introduces WILD CHILD his beautiful family guide to nature and talks about how we can all make a difference to the world around us.

Dara McAnulty is a naturalist, conservationist and activist from Northern Ireland. He's a truly inspirational 17 year old who has received awards for his conservation work, and has appeared on Country File and BBC Springwatch. Dara is the youngest ever recipient of the RSPB medal for conservation. He won the Wainwright Prize for his first book *Diary of a Young Naturalist*. He lives with his family and Rosie the rescue-greyhound at the foot of the Mourne Mountains in County Down.

### About the event

During his 45 minute event Dara will chat to Jess French, TV presenter, author, vet and conservationist. He will share his top tips of what to look out for – and what to do – when out and about whether in a town or in a rural setting, we'll watch a clip of him discovering some of his favourite plants, insects and animals, and he'll answer questions from children.

### About the book WILD CHILD



WILD CHILD is illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls, and is divided into five sections: looking out of the window, venturing out into the garden, walking in the woods, investigating heathland and wandering on the river bank. Dara tells the reader about each habitat and provides fantastic facts about the native birds, animals and plants you can find there. Each section contains a discovery section covering natural phenomenon such as metamorphoses and migration, or categorization in the animal kingdom. The sections finish with activities to do at

school or at home. School are ordering a number of the books for each class and pupils will be able to order too – details to follow.

**Water - A Scarce Resource:** We usually have an abundance of rainfall in the North West of England, but despite the heavy downpours of late, we have barely had any rainfall recently. This means the reservoirs are severely depleted and United Utilities are seeking our help to manage the local water resources. UU advise that you Get Water Fit. Get Water Fit can help you save water, showing you how much water you use in your home and giving you hints and tips on how to reduce the amount you use: it can save you money on your water and energy bills, help the environment and get you some great goodies at the same time – and all for free! Plus, if you take part in the challenges, they will make a donation to charity. Just

go to:

[www.Getwaterfit.co.uk](http://www.Getwaterfit.co.uk) answer a few quick questions about how you use water and they will send you FREE gadgets that help you to save water every single day! The Eco team will be looking at our water usage in school too, to make sure we are all doing the most to save this precious resource



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**Harvest Celebration:** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our annual harvest celebration in school. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school to support Living Waters Food Bank. Further details to follow.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at drop-off. We will be holding the event outside using the one-way system and distancing so please come dressed for the weather. Everyone is welcome.

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.



**Rivington Foundation Primary Open Day for Prospective Parents:** The proposed dates for our school open days are Wednesday 13th 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](mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) or [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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.

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**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.

**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](#).

**Best Wishes,**

*The Rivington Team*

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## Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> of September – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Virtual Book Week
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Dara McNulty Author Visit
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	McMillan Coffee Morning 8:50am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	TriKidz Visit
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	PALs Training for UKS2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Mad Science Visit
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30-10:30am and 1:30-2:30pm	School Open Days for Prospective Parents
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Lancashire Archives Visit to Y5/6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School Closes for half-term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School INSET – Restorative Behaviour
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm)	Mad Science After-School Activity Club
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Class Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	NSPCC Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Productions
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00-7:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm-7:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:30am and 1:30-2:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm-16:30pm	Whole-school Dukes Theatre Lancaster Visit – Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa (carried out subject to guidance)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays – School re-opens – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January