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Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy Birthday to: **Charlie C (Y1) 5th November 2021.**

Anti-Bully Week: All the children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November for Anti-Bullying Week.

Alongside this, we have arranged for a company called Rock Kidz to come into school on Monday 15th November to deliver an educational programme to all children supporting Anti-Bullying Week 2021.

Children In Need Friday 19th November: Please help us raise money to help children at home and in other countries. In exchange for £1 children can wear something spotty. If you don't have any spotty clothes, you could make your face or an old t shirt spotty with face paints. Any loose change you have is also welcome.

Poppy Appeal: We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. We will have the usual merchandise and poppies available for sale from Monday 1st November. The suggested donation for a poppy is 20p. Other items for sale are zip pulls and poppy reflectors - 50p each, wristbands - £1 and snap-bands - £1.50.

Goodbye Mrs. Gell: Thank you to all of you who joined us on Friday to say goodbye to Mrs. Gell. After 24 years – it's going to be a big change for Mrs. Gell and School! We hope that Mrs. Gell enjoyed the celebrations for her career at Rivington and we wish her the very best of luck in her new adventures! You'll be missed.



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Staffing Update

I wanted to inform you that sadly Mrs. Hodgkinson will be leaving Rivington Foundation Primary School. Alison has been a fantastic member of staff at Rivington and I know that we will all wish her the best of everything as she devotes more time to her amazing family and, in particular, her boys - Oliver and George.

We all first met Mrs. Hodgkinson as the joyous parent of her two wonderful boys - Oliver and George - who both attended our school. Her talents with children did not go unnoticed by school. As a result, Mrs. Hodgkinson has worked with us at Rivington for seven years and, in addition to serving the Governing Body, has always been a truly invaluable asset - not only because of her great enthusiasm for music but by being a very well-liked and respected member of staff. Mrs. Hodgkinson was instrumental in the success of our Acorns 2-year-old unit and I know that many of our children have such fond memories of their time with her in the Treehouse. From the Acorns, Mrs. Hodgkinson moved onto supporting children in both in Year 1 and 2 and Year 3 and 4. Her calm, nurturing and generous nature has always had such a positive impact for all the children in her care.

As already stated, Mrs. Hodgkinson will always be remembered for her huge contribution to our music provision. She certainly set the standard - leading music in each class and developing a strong school choir. I personally will always look back with great fondness at our time together with the children for Young Voices.

The Governors and I would like to personally thank Mrs. Hodgkinson for her dedication and commitment to the children of Rivington Foundation Primary over the past 7 years in all her capacities. I know that all the parents and carers will join us in wishing her good luck and happiness in the time she has planned with her family.

A note from Mrs. Hodgkinson for the school community in her absence:

'Over the last seven years, I have enjoyed working with children of many different ages. Knowing that I have made a difference in children's lives has been very rewarding and I have many fond memories from my time at the school. The School has allowed me to grow in so many areas that I never expected possible - I would have never thought that I would be found standing in front of the whole school to teach singing.'

Mrs. Hodgkinson has greatly enjoyed working with our children and wants to personally say goodbye and thank you to all of you before she leaves. Further information on this will follow.

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Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should not attend school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.

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 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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - 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 date for our school open day is 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 of this visit, 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.

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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](#).

Best Wishes,

The Rivington Team

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Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Thursday 11 th November – Thursday 9 th November (Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm)	Mad Science After-School Activity Club
Monday 15 th November Monday 15 th November – Friday 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Day – wear your odd socks! Anti-Bullying Week NSPCC Assembly
Friday 3 rd December	Christingle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS/KS1 2pm ▪ KS2 2:30pm
Monday 6 th December	Recording of EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Productions
Friday 10 th December	Grandparents Tea Party over Zoom.
Wednesday 15 th December 12:00pm-16:30pm	Whole-school Dukes Theatre Lancaster Visit –
Thursday 16 th December Friday 17 th December	Beauty and the Beast Class Christmas Parties Breakfast with Santa in Classrooms
Friday 17 th December Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January	School Closes for Christmas Christmas Holidays – School re-opens – Tuesday 4 th January