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25.10.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the new year and the staff and children have worked really hard to settle into more 'normality', albeit with some challenges, which they have coped with really well. Maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our children and our families remains our number one priority and we would like to thank our families for your support in testing your children, keeping them at home whilst awaiting results and collecting your children on the occasions they have displayed symptoms. We appreciate the difficulties this causes. We are now seeing a rise in other illnesses which can only be expected in the circumstances.

On a really positive note our new nursery and reception children have settled into school brilliantly and equally children across school have settled into their new classes really well and are working really hard across all areas of school life. We have had some very exciting and lovely moments this half term and we look forward to more. Our children continue to delight us with their fascination, care and consideration for others and passion for the world around them. They want to be the best they can be and we will continue to monitor the current situation to return to greater normality as soon as we can safely do so to ensure they can enjoy as many experiences as possible.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break, enjoy time together, rest and recharge.

*Mrs Annette and all the staff*

**Congratulations to all our Rivington Remarkable winners (W/B 11.10.2021):**

- EYFS: **Harriet W.** – for always being enthusiastic and keen to learn.
- Y1: **Daniel W.** – for a fantastic piece of independent writing.
- Y2: **Charlie C.** – for an amazing and hard-working week.
- Y2: **Rowan B.** – for a fabulous piece of writing and being an all-round superstar.
- Y3: **Toby C.** – for his fantastic contributions in math and all his hard-work.
- Y4: **Roman H.** – for showing kindness and helping others – especially in math.
- Y5: **Jacob C.** – for being such a responsible and kind member of the class – and a great role model!
- Y6: **Ruby H-S.** – for being a fantastic role-model for all and being such a responsible member of Y6.

**Congratulations to this Term's Headteacher's Awards:**

- EYFS: **Mabel H.** – for always giving 100% effort and always being a kind friend – an all-round lovely member of Reception.
- Y1: **Holly G** – for having a fantastic half-term.
- Y2: **Max S.** – for always trying hard and doing your best.
- Y3: **Anya H.** – for her growing confidence across this half-term and being so positive about all her learning.



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- Y4: **Riley W.** – for always working hard, being polite and having a consistently responsible attitude.
- Y5: **Jacob C.** – for always being so kind and hard-working!
- Y6: **Ava S.** – for always working hard.



Happy Birthday to: **Freddie C (Nursery), Joseph S (Nursery), George P (Y5), Olivia B (Y2), Roman H (Y4), Evie-Louise W (Y4), Thomas C (Y6), Mabel H (Reception) and Ava S (Y6).**

**NOMINA SCHOLARUM RIVINGTONÆ.**  
 Bonas litteras totis animis contendentiū.  
 R. Dewhursto Ludimoderatore,  
 Anno Domini 1575, primo martii.

Alexander Rygby de Bourghe  
 Robertus Dewhursto de dew-  
 hurste  
 Andreas Breers  
 Richardus Fourthe  
 Richardus Cowper  
 Jacobus Fyshewicke  
 Richardus Rothwell  
 Robertus Anderton  
 Richardus Tailyer  
 Jacobus Gardner  
 Johannes Salesburye  
 Jacobus Standishe  
 Henricus Farrington  
 Robertus Pyllington

**Lancashire Archives:** On Monday, Y5 and 6 were visited by [David Tilsley](#) and his colleague from the Lancashire Archives. It was a fantastic session where the children thought about and discussed primary sources. David had tailored the session for our school and its rich history. The children were able to look at and gather information from original sources – having to guess what they were and what information they provided. The first was the Rivington School Charter. This enabled our free grammar school to be created in Rivington village - founded by James Pilkington, Bishop of Durham in 1566 when this charter was granted by Queen Elizabeth I – we even got to look at the Queen’s seal. We then looked at a list of names which turned out to be the first school register. This is the oldest register in the country – older than any held by Eton or other schools – and it belongs to our school. We noticed that there were no girls on it and that the surnames told us where the pupils came from – it made us realise that our school use to be a

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boarding school! The first schoolmaster, who was appointed on 10 July 1572, was named on the top of the register – Richard Dewhurst. Finally, we looked at another source which appeared to look like a shopping list. In the end, we realised that it was an inventory of goods belonging to Richard Dewhurst (our school's first headmaster) when he died - it included 2 mattresses, a pair of breeches and pillows! It was amazing to celebrate and learn so much about our rich history and the children were amazing!

**Poppy Appeal:** We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. We will have the usual merchandise and poppies available for sale from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Football:** We were so impressed by our Year 5 and 6 children who represented school at the Chorley Sports Partnership Small Schools football tournament at Westway on Wednesday. They played with great spirit, supported their team mates and shown great sportsmanship. We are so proud of all of them and the contributions that they made - their behaviour and team spirit was praised by a number of adults who organised the event! I would like say a huge thank you to Archie N, Lukas O, Ollie H, Jackson L, Phoebe G, Ike E, Thomas K, Harry B, Jacob C, and Charlie D for their contributions and also to Mr Winstanley and Mrs Cliffe for taking the children to the event and

supporting the children throughout. We came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools which is a fantastic start as we return to competitive games. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

**Reading at Home:** Reading is very important to us at Rivington as it opens up the world of learning for children. Whilst we are continuing to develop the children's love of reading through various initiatives such as special author events, National Poetry Day and World Book Day, it is vital that the children read on a regular basis at home. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. Reading should be a fun and imaginative time for them so find a cosy spot to sit down and share a story together. Alongside your child's reading book, we would encourage them to read a breadth of fiction and non-fiction texts. They should read for 10-15 minutes daily so they become confident, fluent readers. Your child has a reading record in their school planners that should be signed by a parent each time your child reads and can include their school reading book and any other texts they read. Thank you for your support.

**Bird seed:** Can you help us to look after the birds? If you are able to provide bird boxes, bird feeders and bird seed/ fat balls please let us know. As Winter approaches we want to do all we can to ensure our birds are prepared for the cold months ahead, whilst encouraging wildlife to our grounds. Thank you in advance.

**Walrus from Space:** We bet you've often wondered: can you see a walrus from space? Apparently, you can, and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the British Antarctic Survey are looking for our help to count them! Thousands of satellite images have been snapped of the

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Arctic (at the North Pole) and volunteers are needed to examine the images, spot the animals and log the count with the lead scientists. It is part of understanding the impact of ice melting due to global warming and how this affects this already endangered species. Our school has registered to be volunteer "Walrus Detectives" and, after some online training, we are looking forward to a spot of walrus counting from the warmth of our classrooms very shortly! You can find out more about this project here: "Walrus From Space" where you can also register to have a go yourselves at home. Happy walrus counting!

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 ADMISSIONS** - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2021.

**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](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 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>	Mad Science After-School Activity Club
November (Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm)	
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>	Anti-Bullying Week
November	NSPCC Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS/KS1 and KS2
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Productions
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance) –
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00-7:30pm	video to be done
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance) – video
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm-7:30pm	to be done
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:30am and 1:30-	KS2 Production (subject to guidance)
2:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity (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	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole-school Dukes Theatre Lancaster Visit –
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Beauty and the Beast
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Breakfast with Santa (carried out subject to
	guidance)
	School Closes for Christmas
	Christmas Holidays – School re-opens –
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January