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24.01.2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your help and continued support and many apologies for the phone line last week – it took 4 days to get it fixed!

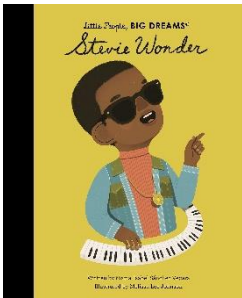
Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners:

- EYFS: **Harriet D.** – for a fantastic effort in maths.
- Y1: **Harry H.** – for your super effort with writing..
- Y2: **Oscar C.S.** – for your fantastic statistics work during maths.
- Y3: **James P.** – for your amazing enthusiasm and willingness to work.
- Y4: **Edward W.J.** – for your fantastic contributions in science – your knowledge is incredible .
- Y5: **Daniel O.** – for your super efforts with your writing – WOW!
- Y6: **Archie N.** – for always making fantastic contributions.



Happy Birthday to: **Max D. (Y2), George W. (Nursery), Zakariyah A. (Y3).**

**This Terms Core Value: Learning to Listen. We will be reading:**



**Y6 SATs Booster: Y6 children are invited to attend booster on Wednesday's at 8am and Thursday 3:15pm-4pm. All are welcome and breakfast/snacks will be provided.**

**World Book Day:** We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please could your child come dressed up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to share with their class.

**Parents Evening Spring Term 2022:** Our Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 28th February and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Appointments will be available to book via the Teacher2Parents Parents Evening app nearer the time.

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Amanda Davies 2021-2022

**Congratulations to Mrs. Davies in EYFS who has again been recognised as a Leading Early Years Practitioner by the Lancashire Early Years team. We are very, very lucky to have such an experienced and talented member of staff.**

**Mrs. Milton:** We will be very sad at the end of this week to say goodbye to Mrs. Dawn Milton. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dawn immensely for the 15 years of overwhelming service that she has given Rivington and its pupils. Nothing has ever been too much for Dawn and she has always demonstrated a steely determination to achieve the very best for our children and our school - no matter what cost. Mrs Milton's legacy will always remain here at Rivington and goes far into the world. Her support in terms of intervention and first-aid has been immense.

We all wish Mrs. Milton the greatest luck and happiness in what comes next for her and I know that she will cherish and love the time she will now have with her husband, children and grandchild. The Governors and I would like to thank Mrs. Milton immensely for all her hard work at Rivington over the last 15 years. A message from Mrs. Milton to the school community:

*Dear Parents and Children,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, after 15 wonderful years at Rivington I have decided to leave and my last working day will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.*

*Over the last 15 years at school, I have really enjoyed working with children from all year groups, witnessing them mature and grow in confidence and knowing that I have contributed in making a difference in all of their Rivington journeys fills me with immense pride.*

*All of your children are very special and unique in their own way, as parents you should all be very proud of them too.*

*I will take away so many fond memories that will stay with me from my personal Rivington journey.*

*Finally, a little goodbye message for all of the children:*

*In a world where you really can be anything, always remember to:*

- *Be Kind*
- *Be Honest*
- *Be Brave*
- *Be Thankful*
- *Be Happy*
- *Be You*

*I will miss you all. Love from,*

*Mrs Milton*

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## LITERACY HIVE

### [Sparks! School Book Awards shortlist](#)

Book award shortlists are a great place to find book recommendations. With four shortlisted titles for each of the four award categories, the Sparks! School Book Awards highlight 16 possible new titles - all chosen by teachers, librarians and educationalists. Interested in using picture books with older readers? Take a look at the contenders in the new 'Picture Fiction for 6-11 year-olds' category.

**Covid – 19 Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19:** People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. If a pupil lives in a household where there is a positive case of COVID-19, parents should arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. If the PCR test is negative and your child is well, they can return to school immediately. As a close contact of someone with COVID-19, they should take an LFD test every day for seven days.

The government guidance can be found by clicking on the link below:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-householdswithpossible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-householdswithpossible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

**RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch:** The Eco team are starting to get ready to take part in the annual Big Garden Bird Watch which is running from 28th – 30th January. It is free to register and participate and lots of resources are available online - you can watch at home and record your own sightings. It's a good idea to put out bird food in your garden over the next few weeks, so that birds start to visit before the count starts.

**Summary of the Reading Framework:** I am sharing an attached document to summarise the main findings of the Reading Framework – a successful approach to the teaching of reading promoted by the Department of Education. The LCC English Advisors have also compiled a video blog for the Storytelling section which you may find very useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhYO14I1uo0>



## SNOW CLOSURES

The staff at Rivington work hard to ensure the school is open every day. However we do have to prepare for the possibility of snow disruption during the winter months.

Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for adults and children.

Although we keep up-to-date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite

localised. What appears to be 'slushy' snow at school can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open we will assess the following criteria:

- Can the site be made safe?

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- Will we have sufficient staff to meet appropriate adult:child ratios?
- Can we provide meals at lunchtime?

If you wish to find out whether the school is open or not on a day when the weather is bad, please tune in to **Radio Lancashire** or **Rock FM** where information will be broadcast. Alternatively you can visit the [Rivington website](#), see Teachers to Parents communication, Seesaw and the Rivington Mums and Dads Facebook page for closure information.

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT CLOSING A SCHOOL IS NEVER A DECISION THAT IS TAKEN LIGHTLY; WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STAY OPEN.**



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**What Parents Need to Know:** Horror video games come in a such a variety that the genre can hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a

range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult themes, psychological horror and violent content.

**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.

**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

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- 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](#).

**Contacting school: 01204 696951 [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) or [head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk)**

**Best Wishes,**

*The Rivington Team*

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## Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Governors Visits to School
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Sponsored Event for all pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent's Consultations
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governors
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Egg Rolling and Easter Parades
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for the Summer Term