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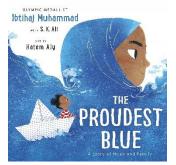
Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners:

- EYFS: Scout S. for being a marvelous mathematician!
- Y1: Meadow-Rose for always contributing to class discussions.
- Y2: Oliver K. for learning to go back and take another look making even better.
- Y3: Jacob W for settling in so well with your new class and persevering with all his work.
- Y4: Elliot L. for the kindness you showed at playtimes including others in your games.
- Y5: Aimee-Rose H. for always putting your best effort into your work a fantastic role-model!
- Y6: Phoebe G. for being so helpful and kind an absolute pleasure to have in class.



Happy Birthday to: Florence D. (EYFS) and Thomas K. (Y5).



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



WELCOME TO RIVINGTON! We would like to say a warm welcome to two new members of staff:

Mrs. Heather Clarke – Mrs. Clarke will be working across KS2 as a TA. Mrs. Clarke has a wealth of experience working as a TA in a number of

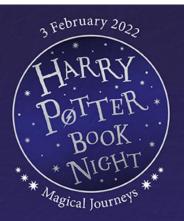
primary schools throughout the Chorley area and has extensive experience in carrying out intervention at KS2. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Clarke to the 'Rivi' team.

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Mrs. Angela Seddon – Mrs. Seddon will be working in Y3/4 and Y1/2 in the mornings. Mrs. Seddon has worked for CAMHS for a number of years as well as being an experienced TA – working in primary schools. She has extensive experience with younger year groups and in phonics. Mrs. Seddon is also a vegan chef and accomplished gardener – so we look forward to offering offering extra-curricular clubs too!

ENGLISH/READING



Harry Potter Book Night falls on 3rd February this year, and 2022 marks the 25th anniversary since 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was first published.

To celebrate, the National Literacy Trust is offering a <u>free online event</u> (KS2) with Harry Potter illustrator Jonny Duddle, who will also announce the details of Miles of Magic - the NLT's latest Harry- Potter-themed Reading Challenge.

Y6 SATs Booster: Y6 children are invited to attend booster on Wednesday's at 8am, Wednesday 3:15-4pm 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**th **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 nd March. Appointments will be available to book via the Teacher2Parents Parents Evening app nearer the time.

FOOD SAFETY & HYGIENE – School Materials for Years 1-6. Access the free resources here.

These resources have been created by Haydn Bettles. Haydn has been leading Food Education programmes in Primary Schools for the last seven years, as well as writing and consulting on resources for other education organisations.



Haydn Bettles

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

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-forhouseholdswithpossible-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.



Fortnum and Mason - The Platinum Pudding Competition - Would you like to see your pudding creation served up at street parties and other celebrations up and down the country? Fortnum & Mason is inviting you to invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as Monarch. And the creator of the winning pudding will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations. Get cooking, and your creation could be a joyful and delicious part of the first ever Platinum Jubilee. For more information please click the link

https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding

<u>Summary of the Reading Framework</u>: 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

<u>Action for Happiness Calendar</u>: This monthly calendars is packed with actions you can take to help create a happier and kinder world. Click a calendar above to download - you can find other language versions there too!

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YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a

global scale and creating new celebrities.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

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
- 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 <u>Area Education Office</u>. You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the <u>qualifying benefits</u>, your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you <u>register</u> with Lancashire County Council. More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's <u>free school meals page</u>.



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Best Wishes,

The Rivington Team

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Dates for Your Diary:

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