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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are a resilient lot here at Rivington. As half-term approaches – and this has been as challenging as ever (and in many ways the most challenging of all!). I have been really proud of the way the team stepped in to cover classes ensuring that our children had a familiar face with them each and every day. I would never like to speak too soon, but these last few weeks have felt a little bit more like normal. There have been many learning triumphs for all and the children's engagement, enjoyment and enthusiasm has been an absolute delight to see.

Here are a few thoughts for the half-term break...

- think of the three things you are proudest of this half-term and celebrate them, then...

- switch off the laptop

- switch off social media

- do something just for you and enjoy time as a family!

And thank you for all your hard work and support as part of our wonderful school community!

Sarah Annette and the Rivi Team

Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners:

- EYFS: **Jessica H.** – for your fantastic effort and perseverance in phonics.
- Y1: **Eve R.** – for being a fabulous friend and always helping others.
- Y2: **Louise K.** – for a fantastic beginning to your story.
- Y3: **Oscar P.** – for his consistent hard-work in English this week – we're so impressed!
- Y4: **Alice W.** – for always setting a good example to everyone else in class.
- Y5: **George P.** – for super work and contributions all week.
- Y6: **Ava S.** – for contributing more in class and always setting a good example.

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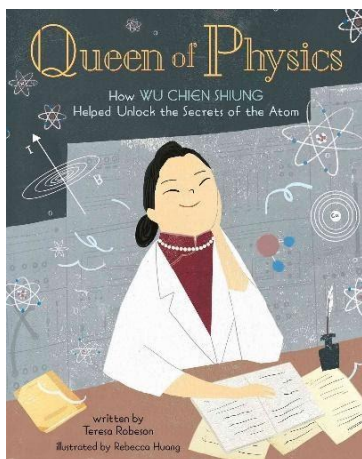
This Term's Headteacher Awards – What superstars!



- EYFS: **Harriet W.** – for superb effort across the board – all half-term!
- Y1: **Freddie M.** – for amazing hard work all half-term.
- Y2: **Max D.** – for super work with his phonics.
- Y3: **Emily M.** – for your wonderful progress in maths - your confidence has grown so much over the half-term and you are always helping others too!
- Y4: **Riley S** – for your determination in English – you have worked really hard with your spelling, handwriting and with the content of your work – WOW!
- Y5: **Freya C.** – for your constant hard-work and commitment – at all times.
- Y6: **Phoebe G** – for being a fantastic role-model – being so kind and helpful and always placing the best effort into her work!



Happy Birthday to: **Selby H. (Y1), Harry H. (Y1), Finley T. (Y6), Clark H. (Y1)** – we hope that you have or have had a wonderful birthday!



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

Safer Internet Day 2022 is celebrated this week with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The children have been carrying out activities in class during this week.

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Online safety can be daunting for parents and carers - you may have concerns about your understanding of the topic and your knowledge of latest developments. E-safety is more about parenting and communication skills than technology.

It isn't enough to protect children from online harms by simply banning sites or installing firewalls and filters. **Our E-Safety training taking place tonight from 6-7pm** via Zoom will help to facilitate an open and on-going discussion about online safety at home; as a family; with your children. Click [here](#) for the teams link.



Red Nose Day is being held on Friday 18th March this year. Although school will not be selling the Red Noses, we will be taking part by wearing red for school and /or Red Nose T Shirts etc. We are hoping to raise yet more money for another worthy cause and hope you will help by contributing £1.50. The event will be added onto ParentPay after the half term break.

PLATINUM JUBILEE [Resources](#) for over half-term from Westminster Abbey.

There is a health and safety risk if dogs foul the play areas or around the entrances to school. Please can all dog owners be responsible at all times.

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.

Parking: We were contacted by a member of the public this week who was distraught after an incident in the carpark at the rear of our building. We implore all our parents /carers dropping off and picking up to be respectful to each other and visitors to the Rivington area. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

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

Pupil Information: Thank you for keeping us updated of any changes at home which may affect your child. It is important that we are kept informed of any important changes in their lives so we can support them if necessary. Please inform your child's class teacher first and foremost and if necessary please arrange an appointment. You can contact them via email or Seesaw. In any emergency please contact the school office. Thank you.

Volunteer helpers: We are excited to be opening our doors to volunteer helpers. If you feel you can spare some of your time to come into school to hear children read, help with trips, support in class, gardening club etc **WE NEED YOU!** Please fill in the form attached and email to bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or return it to

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the school office. Mrs Cliffe will co-ordinate which classes you will be in. All volunteers will require a DBS check.

Intensive Swimming Lessons: During February half term you can book your child onto swimming lessons at Brinscall Swimming Pool at a cost of £25 per week. If you are interested in booking on to the lessons, please email Brinscall Pool BrinscallPool@chorley.gov.uk and they will be able to get you booked in.

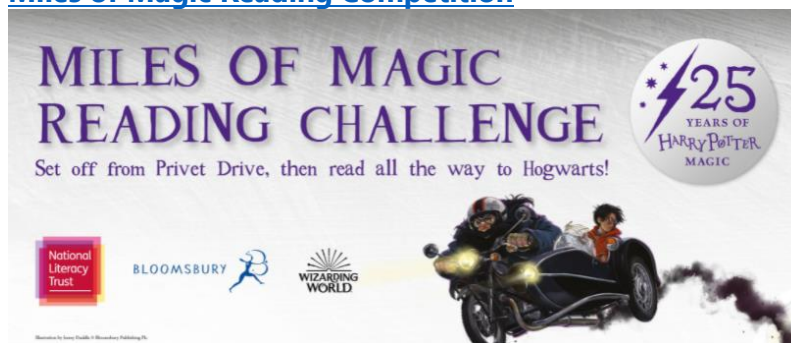
<u>Stage 4</u> - 8:00am-8:30am	Confident swimming 10m in deep water without armbands. Will start to introduce all 4 strokes.
<u>Stage 3</u> - 9:00am-9:30am	Is able to swim front and back 10m in shallow end without armbands
<u>Stage 2</u> - 9:30am-10:00am	Swims on the front with face in and swims on the back for a distance of 5m with either 1 or 2 armbands
<u>Stage 1</u> - 10:00am-10:30am	Requires 3 armbands and is learning to move forward and backwards in the water



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.

ENGLISH/READING

Miles of Magic Reading Competition



Linking well with Children's Mental Health Week...

Read for Empathy Collections 2022



The new Read for Empathy Collections for 2022 have been announced. Chosen by a panel of children's book experts, the two collections feature 60 empathy-rich, contemporary and diverse titles for 4-16 year-olds. The titles cover a range of genres and formats and there is a

free guide for each of the collections to [download](#).

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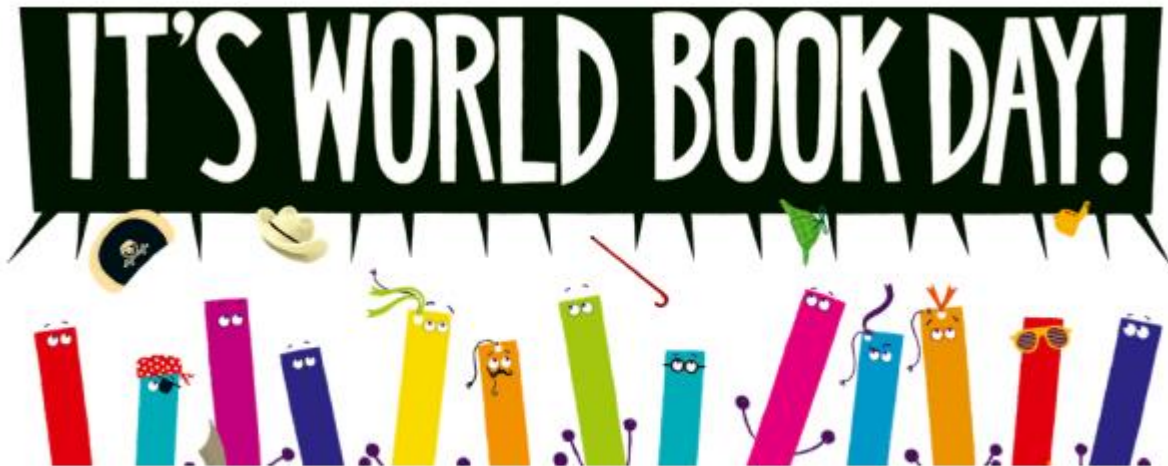
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It's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. We all grow and change all the time. Physical growth is easiest to see as we grow from babies to children to adults. But growing emotionally is also very important for our development. [Books to support mental health awareness](#) – click on this link to view a selection of children's books to support children's mental health.

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOKS



These are all the £1 World Book Day books.

A great 'bookshelf' of all the £1 WBD Books for 2022 – one version with QR codes – copy attached! We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 4th March**. Please could your child come dressed up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to share with their class. Our school theme is Harry Potter – if you fancy joining in!

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



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>

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Action for Happiness Calendar: This monthly calendar 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!

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 [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 or head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk

Best Wishes,

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Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
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
Friday 11 th March	Non-uniform for Easter Egg donations
Monday 14 th March	Full Governors
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 25 th March	3/4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd March	Non-uniform for Easter Egg donations
Wednesday 30 th March	Egg Rolling and Easter Parades
Thursday 31 st March	Easter Bingo
Friday 1 st April	School Closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 19 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term