

22.03.2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**For our 'Rivi' teachers and staff - *On behalf of all of our children – thank you for your hard work this term:***

**Signify - Mike Garry**

I called her Mam once  
Sat up straight on the carpet  
legs crossed  
Hand up  
Fingers on my lips  
A special place  
Where she'd read me poems and stories  
Tell me tales  
Casting nets and like a shoal of fish  
I'd be drawn in swimming to the source  
I loved the way she'd hold the book so I could see the pictures  
And the way she's slowly move it from side to side so that even the kids at the back could see  
She told us we were allowed to dream  
She made us act out plays like Finnegans Wake  
Told us about Shaw, Shakespeare and Joyce and Yeats  
I was 8  
And in that Classroom her voice was music  
Echoing prayer and hymns and songs  
She was a living angel  
But you'd know if you did wrong  
She took us on school trips  
To castles with moats across oceans on boats and we would float  
And we hadn't even left the classroom  
She made the register the most beautiful tune  
Validating children's names by simply saying  
"Daniel David Kathryn and James"  
Sometimes she'd get me to close my eyes  
Imagine worlds beyond the sky  
She once told me "it was alright to cry"  
And her eyes were seaside blue sunshine  
In that black and white rainy 1970's moss side  
And my messed up world disappeared every morning that she walked into the room  
She made my insignificant life  
Signify  
Taught me that the more I read the more I see  
the more I see the more I know  
the more I know the more I grow  
the more I grow the more I am  
And I would give the world to simply hold this woman's hand and say thanks.



**Mrs Sharp:** Today we say goodbye to Mrs. Sharp as our deputy head teacher. The Governors and I would like to thank Mrs. Sharp for her dedication and commitment to the children of Rivington, I know she will continue to be a fabulous Deputy Head teacher and St. Lawrence is lucky to be getting such a talented leader. I know that all the parents and carers would like to join me in wishing her good luck and happiness in her new role. Rachel – thank you so much for everything – you'll be amazing.



### **Congratulations to all our Seven Wonders winners W/B 28.02.2022:**

- **EYFS: Jacob E. – for your fantastic efforts in using and applying your phonics - WOW!**
- **Y1: Eve R. – for working really hard in your maths!**
- **Y2: Mika K. – for a super hardworking week!**
- **Y3: Ava D. – for your perseverance in maths – you had some tricky questions but worked really hard to get the answers!**
- **Y4: Harry L. – for your amazing contributions in science and wonderful engagement!**
- **Y5: Thomas K. – always working so hard!**
- **Y6: Archie N. – sharing his learning with the class.**

### **Congratulations to all our Headteacher award winners W/B 28.02.2022:**

- **EYFS: Lottie B. – for a fantastic half-term – always working hard, 100% effort and always with a smile!**
- **Y1: Xander D. – for working hard in all subjects – especially writing!**
- **Y2: Oscar C. S. – for persevering when work gets tricky and for always trying hard to do his best!**
- **Y3: Connor D. – for your fantastic progress this half-term – you have been making fantastic choices and working really hard!**
- **Y4: Edward W. J. – for your perseverance this half-term with your broken arm – you have 'cracked on' and worked so well – despite the difficulty!**
- **Y5: Thomas K. – for always working so, so hard! Just a star everyday!**
- **Y6: Archie N. – for being a fantastic role-model- being kind and helpful – always working hard and showing enthusiasm.**



**Happy Birthday to: Isabelle D. (Y2), Jack C (Y5), Harry L, Zac R (nursery), Ava S (Y2), Henry B (Y2), Oscar P (Y3)!**

**We hope that you had or have a great day!**

## Congratulations to Miss Whitehead

who has successfully passed her NQT year with flying colours! Miss Whitehead is an amazing and talented teacher and we are very lucky to have her!



**Welcome Back!** A

warm Rivi welcome to

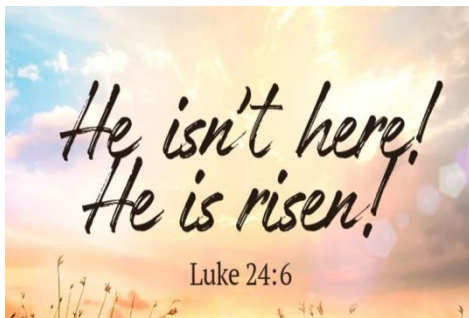
**Mr. Winstanley** who returns to school for the summer term as Y5/6 teacher!

**Netball:** Rivington's Netballers had a fabulous evening at Albany Academy again. Winning two, drawing two and losing two. The progress the children have made over the last three weeks has been amazing – and we do not intend to stop our improvements now. It is wonderful to walk through the playground and witness the impact the netball tournament has had across school – with children across all year groups practising their skills. Most importantly, the teamwork, resilience and commitment from our pupils shone throughout all the matches. As the last match of the league, a huge well done to all the team and thank you to Mrs. Cliffe and Mrs. Sharp for taking the children!

Well done to **James, Jacob, Connor, Ruby, Isobel and Alice in Y3/4** who attended the CSSP netball festival on Wednesday at Holy Cross. Miss Whitehead was impressed with your team spirit and immense effort. A fantastic start for you all!

**Charlie and Flo's Daffodils:** Charlie in Y5 (with the help of his sister Florence) has been fundraising for our sports equipment last weekend by picking, tying and selling flowers for Mother's Day. Charlie used his own initiative – thinking of the idea and organising a stall for passing trade - and really learnt some good life lessons. **Charlie managed to raise an amazing £160** and would like all of the money raised to go to the sports council on new equipment. We are so proud of you Charlie (and Flo!) – what a generous idea – I know that Mrs. Cliffe is already looking through the sport equipment catalogues – I'm sure that she will seek out your opinion too!





We have had another busy term with lots of lovely and exciting things happening. The children and staff have worked so hard and we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support. **We hope you all have a very restful Easter holiday.**

#### **Easter Events:**

Amazing and Eggs-traordinary! Once again the Easter competitions showed how imaginative and creative our children (and families) are!

Thank you to everyone who decorated eggs, made beautiful, blossoming Easter gardens and really 'went to town' on the magnificent Easter Bonnets/hats/fascinators! We had more bonnets this year than ever before!

Egg Rolling in what seemed like quite almost arctic temperatures still generated the same excitement from the children as always! There was much advice going round about the best way to 'roll your egg'!

Over the years Egg Rolling has seen all weathers; including sun, rain of all types and even snow! One thing is sure ... we're not easily put off!

The Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary Bingo continued the Easter Egg-citement with a fantastic evening's entertainment, enjoyed by all! A packed-to-the-rafters hall, had a fun filled night! A 'buzzing' way to start Easter, with its feeling of rejuvenation and emerging energy!

Thank you to Miss Whitehead (in her wonderful sequin jacket!) as compère; Mrs. Whittaker (Bingo Expert!), Mrs. Cliffe, Ms Sharp, Mr. Baker and Mr Winstanley for helping out as staff. A huge thank you to all the donations towards the Easter Raffle and a massive thank you to **Thank you Mrs.**

**Kelly, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Griffin** who helped in the kitchen – keeping us all hydrated and fed – as well as cleaning up! Thank you to everyone who attended and together we raised around £400 towards new resources for the Foundation Subjects in school – WOW!





**On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire** joined us in order to start our Platinum Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II. Dr. John Cater has deputised for the royal family on many occasions and he gifted school an oak tree to plant in our grounds as part of the Queen's Great Canaopy. Dr. John delivered a fantastic presentation all about our Queen and we joined in the fun by waving our Union Jacks and singing a song for the Queen. It was a great way to commemorate such an amazing monarch!



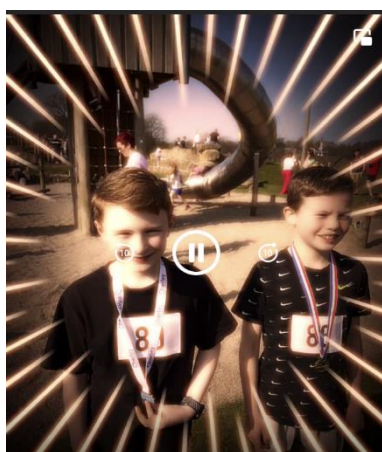
**Ned's Mission:** At the beginning of the week, the children took part in NED's Mind-set Mission - a positive behaviour program for children. An excellent performer took the children on an interactive educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour – encouraging us all to have a 'can do it' attitude. NED's message and memorable friends inspired our Rivi pupils, promoted academic achievement, and supported our school goals. We now have a section of the playground solely for the use of yo-yo – and the children are fast

becoming yo-yo experts!



Chorley SSP Cross Country Inter Schools Competition:  
Well done to all children who took part in the Chorley SSP Cross Country Competition!

On Saturday, a beautifully sunny day, 19 children boys from year 3-6 took part in the Chorley SSP Schools Cross Country Competition; a 2.25km course around Astley Park in Chorley. 100s of children from Chorley schools took part and the competition was tough. All of our team did Rivington proud by running their very best and enjoying the challenge. Congratulations to all of you and in particular - Charlie D who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the year 5/6 boys' race and Archie N. who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year 5/6 boys' race. Both the boys and the girls teams came in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall, which is a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to everyone who took part!







**Message from the Speaker of the House of Commons – Sir Lindsay Hoyle**

'I am delighted to advise you that The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) is now open for entries and I ask that you encourage schools in your constituency to enter.



The QCEC, delivered by the Royal Commonwealth Society, is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools. It offers thousands of young people, whatever their background, the opportunity to make their voices heard on a global platform. In this Platinum Jubilee year of our Sovereign, Her Majesty The Queen, young Commonwealth writers are asked to reflect on inspirational leadership and to explore the positive impact that can be achieved through commitment to their communities within the theme 'Our Commonwealth'.

Open to all UK residents, aged 18 and under, the competition has two age categories for those aged 14 – 18 years, and those under 14 years. Winners from each category will win a trip to London for a week of educational and cultural activities, culminating in an awards ceremony, usually held at Buckingham Palace and hosted by the Society's Vice-Patron, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall. All successful entries are recognised for their participation.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition will close for submissions on the 30 June 2022 so I encourage you to consider engaging schools in your constituency in this wonderful opportunity. I have attached relevant information to help you do this, including a flyer about the competition and a draft letter to headteachers. For more information please visit, [www.royalcwsociety.org](http://www.royalcwsociety.org).

**School respectfully asks Parents/Carers/Grandparents not to park on the Church driveway opposite school.** It is used by people attending the church to visit graves, attend a service or those dealing with general church business. It is crucial for school that we have the best relationship possible with our neighbours – especially the Church. **Shortly, the driveway will be completely inaccessible as the church creates a new car park for parishioners. Many thanks for your support on this matter.**

**Covid – 19 UPDATE:** Unfortunately positive COVID cases in school are rising. If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, Public Health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

School guidelines are:

- Stay at home and self-isolate (from start of symptoms or positive test)
- Test on days 5 and 6. Once your child has had two negative test results they can return to school. Children can return to school after 10 days even if their test is reading positive.

It is advisable to test your child if they become ill as the common symptoms of a positive test that have been reported to us are: High temperature, Cough, Sore throat, Headache, Runny nose, Nausea and Vomiting.

If you live with or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, you are no longer advised to do daily rapid lateral flow tests and you do not need to isolate. Please follow the guidance below for testing

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

and also the link to 'People with Covid -19 and their Contacts'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

for further information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.



**Chorley & District Support for Ukraine:** A local group has been set up called "Chorley & District Support for Ukraine" which works closely with the Polish Community, St Laurence's Church and Chorley Council. They have acquired an empty unit in Chorley town centre where donations can be taken and sorted through by a group of volunteers. Please click on this link or copy and paste to your browser to watch a video which helps explain what Chorley and District are doing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fqevY2GdSc&t=20s>

Some donations such as clothes are not actually required at

the moment and so the group has set up a Facebook page as a single source of information which can be kept accurate and up-to-date. Please click on the link or copy and past this link into your browser for more information:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1121686242002113>

Thank you

**Ukraine Emergency Appeal:** St Laurence's Church, Chorley is acting as a drop off point for International Aid Trust's Ukrainian appeal. The things that are most required are **First Aid Kits**. These can be dropped off at St. Laurence's Church Tuesday – Friday 11am-2pm.

**Government website: Ukraine: what you can do to help**

Everyone wants to do their bit to support those who have been forced to flee their homes because of the invasion. Here is how you can help.

#StandWithUkraine



**If bollards are placed across the Church drive it is because of the need for access due to a funeral/wedding where a car/hearse needs to park on the drive - do not remove them and please be respectful to our neighbours by not parking there and not playing loud music. Many thanks in advance.**

**Join in the Easter Fun in Chorley Town Centre!** Totally Locally Chorley With Chorley Council have an action packed day for the whole family!  
Food, Drink & Shopping! Easter Egg trail, Children's entertainment, Competitions and a mini fair ground!  
Keep watching out for [announcements!](#)

**Chorley Council's Climate Change Poster Competition:** Calling all young budding artists...let your creativity go wild by entering Chorley Council's Climate Change Poster Competition! The artwork should tell them one of the following, to be in with the chance of having your poster design installed on the side of one of their bin wagons!

- the little things we can do to help tackle climate change
- your climate action pledge

The deadline to enter is 1st April. Please send all entries to Chorley Council and **not school**. Please read the entry requirements and further information on the following link: <https://chorley.gov.uk/postercompetition>

**Volunteer helpers:** Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have come forward so far. We will be in touch regarding the necessary DBS checks very soon. If any other parents/carers feel you can spare some of your time to come into school to hear children read, help with trips, support in class, gardening club - please contact Mrs Townsend in the office to let us know how much time you can spare and when. Mrs Cliffe will co-ordinate which classes you will be in. As stated above all volunteers will require a DBS check.

**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.**

**Chorley Borough Council 10k and 2k Family Fun Run Sunday 8 May 2022:** The family run is a lovely day out for all the family and a fun way to encourage children to get active. Each participant will receive a medal at the end of the race that they can wear with pride and come and show in class to teachers and classmates. The minimum age for the Family Fun Run is 4 years old. If you would like more information please visit: <https://bit.ly/3AxnDGG>

As part of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations Rivington has been invited to take part in an oak tree planting ceremony. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be welcoming the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, Mr Jeremy Gorick, who will plant an oak tree with the children and talk to them about his role and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Young Voices:** We are delighted to confirm that the new date of the concert has been confirmed and will take place on Thursday 26th May 2022.

## **ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

[Active April](#)

Let's find ways to get moving and stay active and healthy!

**Dates for Your Diary:**

Date	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for the Summer Term