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Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Year Reflection.... It is hard to believe that once again I am composing the final newsletter of another academic year. It does not seem like we have just completed 190 school days! I feel that this school year has gone amazingly quick, yet our amazing staff and fantastic children have managed to fit in so much fun learning, it never ceases to amaze me!

Our school year is concluding a lot more optimistically than which it began. In the autumn term, there was still much apprehension about what might be the repercussions from so many people mixing once again.

Throughout the Autumn term, we continued to have disruptions to learning with increased numbers of positive COVID cases which had an impact on what would have been 'normal school life'. Once again, due to COVID restrictions, the children performed The Little Red Robin and A-lad-in Trouble albeit to a DVD recording - the show must go on! As the DVD demonstrated the children were fantastic!

However, I feel we have turned the tide and have come through the other side and are now getting back to what we remember - what was once considered normal school life.



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May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes up our school community for everything you have done throughout this academic year. Whilst the response to COVID may have tested all our resilience and strength, you will have seen from our school newsletters, uploads onto Seesaw and Twitter postings how much fun learning your children have engaged in. We really do have the most amazing staff at Rivington!

Parents have attended Celebration Assemblies in person whilst still retaining our Friday Zoom to you all. You will have seen via Seesaw the many celebrations we have shared. This year, we have also welcomed the return of parents or grandparents to performances, the Summer Fair and as volunteer helpers on trips and in Forest School. We've danced and sung together at Young voices – what a night!

The amazing re-formation of the Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary School who have, in the last 5 months alone, raised around £5,000 for school curriculum and sports equipment – WOW! Thank you for all your support – although school always greatly appreciates the financial support our events bring - the greatest joy of events like the Summer Fair has been us all being together as a community once more. And – in my opinion – I think we are stronger than ever!

Last week, children from EYFS celebrated their Learning Journeys and had a Teddy Bear picnic. This was a wonderful celebration of the children's learning. Our EYFS children loved singing to their parents in the End of Year show – what amazing jungle animals they were. Y5 and 6 took us on a walk through the decades with flair, creativity and their very unique sense of humour. Y3 and 4 delivered an amazing recital of the Spider and the Fly – I cannot believe that they learnt so many lines! And finally... Y1/2 showed off their reading skills and told us all about the life and reign of Elizabeth II.

Looking back over the course of this academic year, it would be a very extensive list if one were to recite the many highlights. To name but a few memorable events, we remember..... when Rivington was invited to participate at the G7 Speakers Summit at Astley Hall – thank you Ike- you were amazing! Harold the Giraffe (Life Education) made a visit to each class in the Spring. We were able to host Jim Jam Jog! Children in Key Stage 2 were entertained by a WW2 day.

Throughout the year, every child in Y1-6 benefited from a weekly Healthy Minds session over 6 weeks. You will be delighted to know that we have already timetabled this in for next academic year.

This academic year, children from Rivington have excelled themselves taking part in sporting activities organised by Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. Our in school provision has gone from being awarded a Bronze Award to a Gold – that is outstanding progress! Furthermore, out of the 52 primary schools in the Chorley district, Rivington was nominated for Most Improved School in the ChorleySSP Sports Awards. Only the top 3 schools in the Chorley area were nominated and I am delighted to share with you that Rivington WON the award! This is an amazing achievement. Not only does it recognise the mighty contribution made by the children participating in all the events, it also recognises the school staff who accompany the children and the parents who transport the them. This award is recognition for our whole school. Well Done Everyone!

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On this note, I would like to acknowledge Mrs Cliffe who co-ordinates the events along and who makes a lot of phone calls and all the staff who give up their time after school to attend the events. Thank you!

We look ahead to September with hope and excitement and look forward to the return of the children and welcoming our new children and their families to school. I would like to thank our Governors and staff for their continued hard work and support throughout this period of time and feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community. A huge thank you to all of our parents and wider family members who continue to support us in nurturing your children to be the best they can be. Enjoy the Summer, look after each other, stay safe and God Bless.

Mrs Annette x

### **Congratulations to all our Headteacher's Award Winners for this half-term:**

**Nursery: Zayden A-K, Jacob F. and Freddie for being brilliant!**

**Reception: Jasper S. – for being brilliant!**

**Reception: Tilly C. for being super creative – having the most amazing ideas and being able to carry them through to produce something special!**

**Y1: Eve R. – for always giving 100% to everything she does!**

**Y2: Oliver K. – for working hard all half-term and continuing to build his resilience to ensure that he is ready to be a lower junior.**

**Y3: Ruby S. – for her consistent hard-working attitude all half-term and her amazing resilience. Her efforts always shine through in the standard of her work!**

**Y4: Martha C. – for her positive attitude – it's contagious! Martha has helped others, worked hard and been a kind friend to all throughout the term.**

**Y5: Quincy D. – for being the best showman and working hard all half-term.**



**Happy Birthday to: James J. (Y3), Mae R. (Y4), Ruby H-S (Y6), Amy B. (Rec.), Ava D. (Y3), Harriet D. (Rec), Jack Mc. (Y6), Ollie H. (Y6), Scout S. (Rec.), Oscar C-S. (Y2), Oliver K. (Y2), Ete K. (Rec.), Tao K. (Y4), Xander D. (Y1), Rowan B. (Y2),**

**Isobel B. (Y4).)**

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## ATTENTION!

**From the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, school will open every morning from 8:45am for Year Groups 1-6. EYFS will, as before, open their doors from 8:50am.**

**We hope that this helps ease traffic and parking issues.**

### Year 6 Leavers:

Year 6 is a memorable year for any child. It is the year that you leave primary school behind and embark on a new journey; closing one chapter and beginning another. The staff at Rivington are really incredibly privileged to have worked with such wonderful group of young people and look forward to watching them continue to flourish. They really are the kindest and most special individuals who have always looked after each other and are an amazing team– it is with a mixture of sadness and joy that they leave us. Secondary School will be full of new challenges and exciting memories – the world really is your oyster. We are aware that this year has been extremely memorable for you for you all and it was a blessing to send you off in traditional style! We hope this end of year celebration acted as a token to help celebrate your time at Rivington and provide treasured memories that will last for years to come. I hope that you can look back with fondness whilst also recognising all that you have overcome throughout the last two years as the class of 2022. Remember to dream big and reach for the stars.

Have fun and enjoy life. Smile and make others smile around you. Don't ever put anything nasty in print or on screen, however horrible someone else might have been.

**Be kind. Be Rivington.** You are wonderful young people. Go forth and make the world great!



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**The Y6 Alice Lowe Award: This year our Y6 award for contribution to school and wider**



**society went to Archie N.** The Alice Lowe award is presented to the child who has made outstanding contributions to school life and wider society over their 7 years of primary school. Archie, has done this - what's more is that, in recent years, we have seen Archie grow even further into a confident, responsible and self-assured young person which has allowed him to add to our school and the world around him all-the-more.

Archie has demonstrated his sensitivity and kindness towards the rest of his classmates throughout his time at Rivington. He has often gone out his way to console children when they have been upset and always provides good and rational advice. We need children like this in a school; and we need adults like this in society. All of this makes us more than confident that Archie will go on to make so many wonderful contributions to the world.

Archie has contributed to the wider school life throughout his time at Rivington. He has joined clubs at any given opportunity and will always volunteer when there is something that needs doing. Archie's work ethic has always been outstanding – he has always contributed to a positive working atmosphere in every class he has been in. Archie has set an outstanding example for others: always being focused and producing their best work consistently.

We so proud to present this award to Archie as they have made us all laugh and smile ever and they couldn't be more deserving – well done Archie Noblett!

**The EYFS/KS1 Award for Endeavour: Congratulations to Henry B. (Y2) who was given the**



**end of Key Stage one award which is given for Endeavour and Perseverance.**

Henry embodies these two qualities.

Every day he tries his best. As a teacher - you can never ask more of a child than that. Even when things aren't straight forward or easy, Henry digs deep and perseveres. We have watched Henry develop strategies to solve maths questions, use his hands to work out which way round a b or a d goes – honestly the tricks he has up his sleeve to help him succeed are endless.

Henry is a young man who should be incredibly proud of his achievements this year, he has made significant progress in all areas of school life. He is polite, well-mannered and determined and Henry - I know that Miss Whitehead is so pleased to have you next year as a lower junior. Well done Henry – we are so proud!

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## 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](#).

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP**

Tuesday 26 July, 11-2pm  
at **Chorley ASDA**

Wednesday 27 July, 10.30am-12.30pm  
at **Coppull Methodist Hall**

Thursday 28 July, 10.30am-12.30pm  
at **Buttermere Community Centre**

Wednesday 3 August, 11-3pm  
at **Summer Playday at Coronation Park**

Contact [communities@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:communities@chorley.gov.uk) if you have any questions or would like to set up a uniform swap near you.

**Chorley Council**

The poster features a background image of school uniforms (a blue cardigan and a white shirt) on a wooden surface, with a green apple and school supplies (pencils, a notebook) nearby. A large red circle with white text reads 'SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP'. The event details are listed in a green box at the bottom, and the Chorley Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

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**Dates for Your Diary:**

Date	Event
<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>  <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p>School INSET days – STAFF ONLY.                      School open for pupils Y1-6 and staggered start for Reception.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p>School open for Nursery slots.                      Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary Meeting in Treehouse at 2pm – all welcome!</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>	<p>School Photographs                      Harvest Assembly 9:15am                      Macmillan Coffee Morning</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October inclusive</b></p>	<p>Nasal Flu                      Mid-term closure</p>
<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Y5/6 Assembly in the Church Hall – 2:00pm                      KS2 Production - 1:30pm in the Hall</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 6:00pm in the Hall                      EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 1:30pm in the Hall</p>
<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>KS2 Production – 6:00pm in the Hall                      First sitting: Grandparent's Tea Party 9:30-11:30am</p>
<p><b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Second sitting: Grandparent's Tea Party 1:00-3:00pm</p>
<p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Breakfast with Santa                      School Closes for Christmas</p>
<p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>  <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b></p>	<p>School INSET Day – Staff Only                      School re-opens</p>

**Have a wonderful holiday!**

*The Rivington Team!*