

# Rivington Foundation Primary School Newsletter

06.12.2022

Only a few more weeks to go this term... wishing you a happy end to the term – with some lovely moments to enjoy 🎄🌟



Thank you so much for all your support with our Christmas Fair. So many of you helped with this, whether it was with your kind donations and/or being there on the day. It was lovely to welcome everyone back into school this year – it certainly was packed! As well as being a fantastic social event for our school family we raised a phenomenal £1600 for school. Wow! Thank you to our PTFA for their incredible work, as always, and a special thank you to Mrs. Kelly, our Chair, for all the hours of dedication she puts in. Thank you!

**'Nativity'** presented by the Infants and **'Bethlehem'** presented by KS2! The children have been working hard on their productions and are looking forward to you coming along to their performances this week:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm – **KS2**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm – **EYFS/KS1**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm – **EYFS/KS1**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm – **KS2**

For the evening performances, please ensure that the children are brought back to school at 5:45pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale at all of the performances.

**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. Toast will also be available at 20p per slice. 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.

**Happy Birthday:** Ruby S. (Y4), Charlie C. (Y2), Sophia M. (Y1), Tallulah (Y6),



Edward W-J (Y5), Owen K. (Y5), Rowan H. (N).

## **DESPERATE! DESPERATE!**

Due to the heavy demand of Christmas Living Water Storehouse are struggling to keep up with certain food items. Their shelves are looking depleted!

Please can you help with the following items for needy families:

- Tinned meat
- Corned beef, ham, Curry
- Jars of sauce for pasta
- Sugar
- Rice
- Jam
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Soap

Items can be dropped off on Friday at Living Waters Church cafe between 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or placed in the supermarket trolleys by the Checkout at Morrisons Chorley, ASDA Chorley, ASDA Clayton Brook and Tesco Buckshaw.

**Grandparent's Tea Party:** The afternoon session is full so please complete the online form as soon as possible for the last few seats remaining in the morning.

**Breakfast with Santa:** The second sitting is completely full. If you would like tickets for the first sitting please speak to Mrs. Hitchen in the office. Get there quickly to avoid disappointment!

**Concerts and nativity:** There are still tickets available for the performances. Please contact the office for further details.

**PLEASE CAN ALL TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS BE PAID ON PARENT PAY - MANY THANKS.**



**Christingle:** We have had a lovely trip to Rivington Church on Friday for our fantastic Christingle service. The Christingles the children had made were amazing. We sang some wonderful hymns and listened to the Christmas Story. I always think the service reflects the true meaning of Christmas. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Blessings of the season to you all.

"Technology is not the problem. It is how we use it!"

As wonderful as technology is we are finding that it is causing a small number of problems in school. Some children are playing games with each other online with no restrictions on who can 'chat' to them – this presents serious safeguarding concerns. Other children are 'falling out' with one another in games and then these fallouts continue and escalate in school. We are also noticing that children who are playing for long periods are often tired and finding it hard to concentrate.

School feels it is important to again pass on the following information/things to think about:

- What is the age restrictions of a game?
- Are the voice chat systems off?
- Can the text message service within the game be turned off?
- Can send anyone messages? Can you block messages?
- Be very careful syncing a bank card to a game, in Fortnite you can buy skins and other items to personalise your avatar. These items cost real money, prices range from £34.99 to £119.99;
- Is there animated violence within the game?
- Parents are advised to talk to their children about the game and the dangers;
- Children should play games with an agreed time limit - gaming can be very addictive;
- Keep technology downstairs in a family room, parents can then keep an eye on what is going on;
- Children wearing headsets is dangerous as we can't hear who they are talking to;
- Children need to come away from the game before they go to bed. Bedrooms should be digital free zones;
- Set up an online safety family agreement at home.

The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child's online safety: 0808 800 5000.

Two websites which are really useful for advice and guidance about individual games such as age limits and content are:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

**After consultation with parents, Governors and Staff it is clear that the majority of stakeholders would prefer to have two weeks at October half-term. As a result, this is the holiday pattern we have chosen to go with for the 2023-24 academic year. I have attached the final pattern below.**

1. Would you prefer the holiday pattern to **stay the same - OPTION 1?** Or **extend the October holiday and shorten the summer break by 3 days - OPTION 2**

[More Details](#)

● Option 1	17
● Option 2	45



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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS  
SEPTEMBER 2022 TO JULY 2023**

***Autumn Term 2022***

School Staff Training Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
School Staff Training Day	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
School re-opens on	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Mid term closure	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 inclusive
School re-opens	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Closure after school on	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

***Spring Term 2023***

School Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
School re-opens on	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Closure after school on	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
School Staff Training Day	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

***Summer Term 2023***

School re-opens on	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Closure after school on	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Staff Training Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

Note- The school is closed to pupils on staff training day

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**Please note: There will be 2x 3  
hour twilights for staff during the  
year.**

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Mid-term closure	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 inclusive
School re-opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Closure after school on	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**Spring Term 2024**

School Staff Training Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
School re-opens on	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Closure after school on	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Summer Term 2023**

School re-opens on	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 inclusive
School re-opens on	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Closure after school on	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
School Staff Training Day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
School Staff Training Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

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**Well done to all of our children who were involved in Remembrance Day Services – we are very proud of you all!**



**We Could Not Be More Proud!** Well done to Charlie D. (Y6) who achieved a massive 6 gold medals at a swimming competition over the weekend and then scored 5 tries playing rugby! A future superstar for sure!