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## Rivington Foundation Primary School Newsletter

### **Rivington Remarkables Award Winners:**

- **Reception: William G. – for your fantastic effort in phonics and super progress in reading.**
- **Y1: Tilly C. – for working hard on your spelling and handwriting.**
- **Y2: Eve R. – for always being kind to others and 'putting a smile' on everyone's face!**
- **Y3: Oscar C-S. – for your kindness towards others and making friends with new children in the class.**
- **Y4: Emily M. – for your leadership qualities shown in computing and your fairness you show in sharing.**
- **Y5: Evie W. – for showing resilience in your maths work this week – long multiplication is hard!**
- **Y6: Bella K. – for showing a mature and responsible attitude in All your learning.**

**Hello everyone**, I am sure you are aware that the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike in England and Wales.

Not all teachers are members of the NEU and of those that are, not all members will be taking strike action.

National strikes are due to take place on:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 (England & Wales)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (NW England)
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (England & Wales)
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (England & Wales)

**Following information received from our teachers, the strikes will not affect the opening of any classes at Rivington Foundation Primary School. The school will remain open to all pupils on all these dates.**

As I'm sure you appreciate, strike action within any profession is never taken lightly and is a very emotive and often personal matter, which needs to be handled with great sensitivity.

Should there be a change in these circumstances we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Sarah Annette



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**Warm Clothing:** Please could you ensure that children come to school dressed for the weather with a warm coat, a hat and gloves. Please ensure these are named. Also, as we are required to keep classrooms ventilated, children can come to school wearing extra layers such as a fleece to wear over their school uniform. Tights for girls and full-length trousers for boys would also be beneficial. Children should not be arriving in non-uniform. Please ensure any extra clothing is named. Thank you

**Happy Birthday:** Max D. (Y3), Poppy P. (Y1), George W. (Rec.)



**Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing Service Facebook:** Please see below the QR code which will take you to the Facebook page for this service, if this is something you are interested in. Thank you.



**PTFA Our first PTFA meeting of 2023 will be in the Treehouse on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1:45pm. As always, all are welcome!**

**Parents Evening Advanced Notice:** Parents Evening will be held in school on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March from 3:45-7pm. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.



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## Wanted All Scientists!

In March, we are celebrating Science Week and would love as many people, who work in the field of science, to pay us a visit and tell us all about the job they do. It would usually take about half an hour (Zoom sessions also available) and will involve a question and answer session. The children absolutely love finding out about roles in the community.

**Fear not, a white lab coat is not a requirement!** In fact, we are welcoming and encouraging all science-based professions. For example, a baker uses chemistry to change their ingredients and a hairdresser mixes colour and PH levels, a gardener needs to know how to care for their plants and a builder uses a range of materials, all which have scientific properties.

Here is a list of some science-based professions.... **Chemist, hairdresser, doctor, nurses, veterinary nurses, gardener, florist, dentist, woodland ranger, eco-professions, archaeologist, builder, electrician, baker, chef, kennel owner, technician, meteorologist, gym instructor, sports person, arborist, dietitian.....** If you would like to know more or feel you could get involved, please let me know. Mrs Whittaker:

[hwhittaker@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:hwhittaker@rivington.lancs.sch.uk)

**PLEA FROM THE FRIENDS OF RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL: 'We now have a textile bank in the school grounds so if you have any old unwanted clothes please could you save them; pop them into the clothing bank and help raise much needed funds for school.'**

**All money raised goes straight back to our pupils!**



**Raise £400 per tonne for your school.**

Rivington Foundation Primary School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for our school and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag to our outdoor textile bank on site.  
We can accept the following items:

- Wearable Clothing**
- Paired Shoes (tied together)**
- Handbags**
- Belts**

We **cannot** accept the following items:

<b>Workwear</b>	<b>Uniforms (including School Uniforms)</b>
<b>Wet/Soiled Clothes</b>	<b>Curtains</b>
<b>Towels</b>	<b>Duvets or Duvet Covers</b>
<b>Pillows or Pillow Cases</b>	<b>Blankets</b>
<b>Table Cloths</b>	<b>Linens</b>
<b>Cushions</b>	<b>Carpets</b>
<b>Suitcases</b>	<b>Books</b>
<b>Bric a Brac</b>	<b>Clothes Hangers</b>
<b>Electricals</b>	

The bags will be collected when the bank is full and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.





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## **FROM THE FRIENDS OF RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

If you're planning ahead and booking a holiday, please use [#easyfundraising](#)! You can raise a BIG donation for Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary School at no extra cost to yourself!



Plus, for a limited time, book with selected travel brands and you'll be entered into their giveaway for your chance to WIN £1,000

spending money!

Find out more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../trending-offers/...>

### **An example of which companies will donate:**

- **First choice up to 2%**
- **Tui up to 2%**
- **On the beach up to 3%**
- **Disneyland Paris up to 3.25%**
- **Virgin holidays up to 1%**
- **Walt Disney travel company up to 1.5%**
- **[Booking.com](#) up to 4%**
- **[Lastminute.com](#) up to 2.5%**
- **Haven holidays up to 2.5%**
- **Travelodge up to 2%**
- **[Expedia.co.uk](#) up to 5%**

**Welcome and thank you to our new supporters for signing up to support us by shopping online through easyfundraising - it really makes a difference. We have raised over £500 so far this year with just an extra click of a button!**

**Please sign up too, it's easy and completely FREE! 7,300 brands will donate to us when you do your usual online shopping with them - at no extra cost to you!**

**Matt Goodfellow Poet:** We are delighted that Matt Goodfellow is coming to visit our school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. He will be giving us all a performance and then leading workshops with each class. Listening to reports from other schools - this is going to be a treat



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**Have your circumstances changed?** If your personal circumstances change at home and you find yourself on a reduced income -please check to see if you are entitled to receive 'Free School Meal' status by clicking the link

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childreneducation-families/schools/free-schoolmeals/> to check eligibility and apply. If you are entitled to FSM status because of a low income, you may also receive many other benefits in addition to a free school meal.

**Universal free school meals are an automatic entitlement for all children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2.**

**NUT FREE SCHOOL** Please remember that we are a nut-free school and NO nuts should be in sandwiches, snacks, etc. This is so important as we have several children with nut allergies. Please do not send ANY nuts into school for the safety of our children. Thank you.

## ***Child Protection and Safeguarding at Rivington Foundation Primary School***

*The Designated Child Protection Officers at Rivington are:*

*Mrs Sarah Annette  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
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*Mrs Rebecca Cliffe  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Care  
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## A free online safety guide on Twitter.

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion, the platform has undergone several major changes.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.

## Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Balance Bikes
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Balance Bikes
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert in Manchester - coach setting off at 12:30pm from school.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 4:30pm	Governors Sub-Committees
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 12:30pm	Reception Balance Bikes Festival at Clayton Green Sports Centre.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-term break
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 1:00pm	Dance Festival – All Seasons Leisure Centre.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Matt Goodfellow Poet Visit
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governors
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y3/4 Netball Festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Class Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Easter Bunny Tea Party
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Egg Rolling, Easter Parades, Decorated Eggs – more details to follow.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Residential to the Anderton Centre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes for Easter Holidays
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Staff Training Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens