

31.03.2023

Thank you to the children and yourselves and the whole 'Rivi' team for working so hard through the winter months... please take a moment to reflect on all your achievements this term – there will be many!

Have a great and a fabulous  
Easter break 😊



**Seven Wonders Award Winners 17.03.2023:**

- Reception: Eliza A. – for fantastic progress in phonics and superb effort.
- Y1: Barla B. – for being amazing in all lessons and always trying your hardest!
- Y2: Charlie C. – for being kind to strangers at Smithills farm.
- Y3: Daisy H. – for always working hard and helping others!
- Y4: Ava D. – for your fantastic imagination and for always wanting to excel in your reading.
- Y5: Riley S. – for working really hard on his maths over the last few weeks.
- Y6: Jack C. – for a super week of making brilliant choices.
- Y6: Tallulah R. – for amazing writing and maths.

### *Rivington Remarkables Award Winners 21.03.2023:*

- Reception: Tobias B. – for your fantastic spelling.
- Y1: Jessica H. – for showing compassion.
- Y2: Holly G. – for always working hard – and at home too!
- Y3: Oliver K. – for your enthusiasm during maths and singing this week!
- Y4: James P. – for your leadership skills and for your kindness – always making sure that others are included.
- Y5: Evie. – for working hard in everything you do!
- Y6: Taylor S. – for giving 100% to every lesson this week.

### *Headteacher's Awards for the Half-Term:*

- Reception: Shae M. – for a superb effort in phonics, reading and writing at home – and at school too!
- Y1: Jacob E. – for being a brilliant student all term and getting involved with all aspects of school.
- Y2: Ava S. – for progressing superbly with your reading and trying so incredibly hard with all your work.
- Y5: Edward W-J – for an incredible half-term worth of work! Keep it up!
- Y6: Taylor S. – for being really responsible and really sensible all the time – having a great half-term!





*Schools Cross Country on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March for team Rivi... and we smashed it!*

*Around 40 children represented school in the Chorley Cross Country Championships last Saturday. The weather didn't disappoint, creating perfect cross-country conditions of wind, rain and lots of mud! We are so proud of all of our runners. A big thanks to Mr Philip King & Mrs Nicola King for the banner and Mr & Mrs Gavin Dagnall for the gazebo. Thank you to all the parents for bringing the children and Mrs Rebecca Cliffe and Miss Lucy Whitehead for helping out.*

*So - well done Aimee 5th, Bella, Evie, Alice, Martha, Charlie 2nd, Roman, Elliott, Emily, Daisy, Emily, Oliver, Toby, Oscar, Henry and Jacob. And last but not least our fun runners - Tilly, Harriett and Tobias!*



*Well done to the Netball team who - over the last four weeks – have performed brilliantly in the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership Netball League. They played their last games in the league on Wednesday and, although we narrowly missed out on the finals, comments such 'ones to watch' made it all worthwhile. Well done team Rivi! xx*

*Played 12*

*Lost 2*

*Drew 3*

*Won 7*

*Goals for 24*

*Goals against 11*



*The children of Year 4 fully embraced the fabulous opportunity of a visit to the Anderton Centre. During their visit, they were able to build their self-belief and push their boundaries of what they thought they were capable of.*

*All the children learned new things about themselves during the visit and they were able to find out what truly amazing individuals they are! Lucinda, who looks after the site and rooms at the centre, described the children as impeccable! Well done Y4 – we're very proud!*

*Thank you to Miss. Whitehead and Miss Biggs for organising and taking the children!*

**Wow! What a fantastic day Y1/2 had at Smithills farm!** The children represented our school brilliantly and their behaviour was superb! We started by meeting Farmer Sally who looked after us the whole day. The children then all had a turn at riding a donkey. We then went to feed the animals, the children got to feed goats, llamas, sheep and alpacas. After that we went to the pets corner where we got to hold and feed lots of baby animals, they were all so cute! Once we had had lunch we went on a very bumpy tractor ride – the farmer went really fast for us. We finished our day by meeting Rusty the Robot who is a machine that milks the cows. The robot was incredible and so clever, it can milk each of the cows up to 3 times a day and knows exactly how much milk has been taken and whether it is good to drink or not. A superb day at Smithills, the children fully deserved such an exciting treat!





**EYFS Trip to Bradley's Farm:** The day started off wet and windy but that didn't stop our EYFS children from having an amazing time at Bradley's Farm. The children saw lambs, cows, goats, chickens and everyone enjoyed sitting on the tractor! They also got a chance to feed the chickens! Well done to our youngest children who were amazing all day and thank you to Mrs. Davies, Mrs Orgill and Mrs Shaw who organised the trip and to all our Parent helpers.

**STOP THE PRESS: SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 AT CMB FOOTBALL CLUB: 8 New Tempest Rd, Lostock, Bolton BL6 4ER**

**Moonlight and Memories Walk:** St Catherines Hospice are holding their annual 6 or 8 mile walk on Saturday 3rd June starting at 8pm. All are welcome - £15 for adults to take part and £10 for children which includes a t-shirt and medal – all proceeds go to this wonderful charity. For more info please go to [www.stcatherines.co.uk](http://www.stcatherines.co.uk) or call 01772 629171.

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## EASTER SPORTS CLUBS

**Chorley SSP Easter Sports Camp:** This club takes place at Sacred Heart Primary School, Chorley, PR6 0LD from 3rd to 6th April from 9.30am-3pm and costs £70 for four days and £20 for a single day. To book or for more information please contact [camp@chorleyssp.co.uk](mailto:camp@chorleyssp.co.uk) or 07306 403255 or 01257 449278.

**JN Sports Football Training:** New sessions are starting on Buckshaw Astro Turf (PR7 7DG) every Tuesday 5-6pm starting 21st March for Nursery and Reception children and Tuesday 6-7pm (currently running) for ages 7-12 years. For more information or to book a free taster session please go to [www.jnsports.co.uk](http://www.jnsports.co.uk).

**First Kick Half Term Club:** This club takes place from Monday 3rd -6 th April and then Tuesday 11th -14th April at Southlands High School, PR7 2NJ – full week costs £60, 3 days is £45 and £17 for a full day, 10% discount for additional siblings. Drop off between 8-9.30am and pick up between 4-5pm. To book or for more information please call Scott on 01772 428086 or 07514 316534.

**Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts Chorley:** This new venture starts on 29th April at Parklands High School on Saturdays for children aged 6-18 from 9.45-13.00. Younger children aged 4-5 can attend from 10.00-11.30am. For more information, please speak to the Principal Sarah Wearden or visit [www.pqacademy.com](http://www.pqacademy.com)





*Well done to all the children who took part in our Easter competitions. All the entries were amazing! We really enjoyed egg rolling – even though the rain tried to put us off! The whole day was a total eggs-travaganza!*

**Appointments to see teachers:** Although we operate an 'open door policy', we hope you can appreciate that it may not always be possible to see parents without notice. In the morning teachers are usually making preparations for the day ahead and after school may be involved in meetings or afterschool activities. If you need to see your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment before or after school to ensure they are available to see you and can give you the time and privacy you require. Messages can also be passed to teachers via the school office to be passed to class teachers and don't forget we can be contacted by email.

**New dates for your diary** have been added to the school website: To upload them directly to your calendar, follow these simple steps: Copy and Paste this address into your browser (it will not work if you click on the link through Facebook)

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/events/>

Scroll down to +export events and click on that Full list will appear, click on "add all" in the top right hand corner. Then click done

**Uniform:** At Rivington, we believe that wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student. Uniform gives students a sense of belonging to our school and creates an identity for us in the community. A school uniform teaches our pupils to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance and helps students to prepare for when they leave school and may have to dress smartly or wear a uniform. There is a belief a school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more purposeful environment, allowing students to perform better in all aspects of school. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important! There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which would put a great deal of financial pressure on pupils and parents.

I am proud of our uniform – it represents our wonderful school and our wonderful pupils! It is therefore important to ensure that the uniform we have is worn by everyone correctly.

Please may I politely remind you that your child's hair should be of a natural colour no shorter than a number 2 and contain no steps or lines – sorry! Please can children ensure that they are wearing watching dark socks. Remember when you chose Rivington you chose our rules as well – we embrace them, we are proud of them – please keep them.

Please do not let your child come to school wearing nail varnish, anything other than stud earrings or trainers.

### **Communication is key:**

We communicate with you using a whole range of media. To get the best from us you can:

**Read the Newsletter** – we e-mail this out - let the office know if there are problems with this.

**Check your online calendar** – you can link this with your phone calendar – just follow the details below! Check the 'Mums and Dads' Facebook page, - kind hearted parents and teachers copy and paste relevant news onto the page.

**Text messaging service** – the quickest way to get messages to you! Please contact the office immediately if you think you are not getting any message.

**E-mail** – Please contact the office immediately if you are not receiving these.

**Seesaw** – each class has a shared and page that is personal to your child on Seesaw. I know time is precious but if you could please check in every so often – it would really help the class teachers.

**School Dinners** – we will soon be rolling out a system where you will be able to order your child's dinner choices online.

**The School Website** – includes the latest letters, information and dates for your diary.

We do our best with communication – were not always accurate and I can only apologise for the frustration this must cause. We do however, get it right more times than not – which is more challenging in a small school where the teaching staff and senior leaders have to manage this without the same level of support from a standard school office. We are constantly looking at ways to improve this for you. ...Many thanks for your continued patience and support!

**Easter Bingo:** Thank you to all our families who attended the Easter Bingo this week or last. I'm sure you will agree that both nights were fantastic - with a great atmosphere and a wonderful way to bring the school community together. Thank you greatly to the Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary School who organised the night and to Mr. Winstanley for being a fantastic compère. On both nights and to all the teachers who stayed to support. Over both nights, we raised a massive £1000 (including raffle) which is absolutely fantastic for our children! Thank you!

**Chorley 10K and 2K Family Run -Sunday 7 May 2023:** Whether you want to have fun as a family, get the kids involved, or you're a more serious runner, why not register to take part in this fantastic event. Organised by Chorley Council, supported by Fylde Coast Runners, the 2K Family Run starts 9:30am with minimum entry age 4 years, Parents/guardians are welcome to run with children but only those who have officially entered will receive a medal at the finish line. If you're feeling more energetic, the Chorley 10K race is a two-lap course, starting at 10:30am (minimum entry age being 15 years) and is a chip-timed race with everyone who enters invited to raise money for a charity of their choice. Both races start and finish in Chorley town centre with the route going through the beautiful Astley Park. If running isn't your thing, then why not come down on the day to cheer on the competitors – there'll also be the fabulous run village to enjoy. Registration for the event is now open for both races!

You can register or find out more here: <http://checkoutchorley.com/chorley10K>

You can also follow the Chorley 10K Facebook page for latest updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1342855349624509>



**Lost uniform:** We have a pile of lost/unclaimed uniform. Please come and see Mrs Hitchen if you have lost any items – they may be in there! PLEASE CAN ALL UNIFORM BE LABELLED SO THAT IT HAS A LITTLE LESS CHANCE OF THINGS GOING MISSING.

**Parent Pay:** Please can you ensure that parent pay accounts are up-to-date.

### *Class Assemblies:*

- *Y1/2- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2:30pm in the Church Hall*
- *EYFS – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm in the Church Hall*

*Holiday Leave: Please note our policy on the Leave of Absence. In line with Government instructions, we can no longer authorise Holiday Leave as a matter of course. Government are placing great pressure on schools not to authorise holidays during term times. Both I and the governors do want to work with parents. We will look at holiday requests which fall into exceptional circumstances and where attendance is above 97.5%. **Please read the attendance policy on the website before submitting an application.***

*Easter Holidays: A reminder that we broke up on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March for the Easter holidays. School will re-open on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.*

*Primary School*