

15.05.2023

Happy Birthday!

Alice (Y5), Louis (Y6), Emily (Y4), Harry (Y6), Samara (Y3), Riley S. (Y5).

King Charles III Portrait Competition: Thank you to all the children who entered our King Charles III portrait competition. It was such a hard task to judge – the winners were as follows:

- *Noah E. (Rec.)*
- *Isobel B. (Y5)*

SATS Assessments Good luck to our Y2 children who will be having or have had their SATS assessments over the last few weeks. As always, all we ask is they try their very best.

Congratulations to our Year 6 children for being AMAZING (as always!) this week when doing their SATS. Their attitudes were fantastic, testament to the wonderful preparation they have had from Mrs. Cliffe, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Hitchen, Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Orgill. They are now wearing their Leavers' Hoodies with pride – a massive 'thank you' to Mrs Kelly for all her hard work in ordering these.

Lancashire Science Festival: This festival takes place on Monday 20th May from 9am to 4pm at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE. Entry is free and an exciting celebration of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths is promised. For more info please email lancscifest@uclan.ac.uk

Chorley & District Help for Ukraine this charity in Chorley town centre is still accepting items for the people of the Ukraine. As well as the ongoing need for clothing, shoes, toiletries, baby products, blankets, towels, bedding and food, there is also a request for razors, Tinned soup, colouring books, pens, pencils, crayons, first aid supplies etc. There is a poster on the parent noticeboard with more information. Thank you.



Chorley Flower Show: Design a Garden Competition - Chorley Flower Show hold a competition every year for school children to design a garden for the show. The winning design is then built and exhibited! The deadline for entries is 14th May and details

can be found following this link: <https://www.chorleyflowershow.com/2023-amateur-competitions/>

There is also a Fruit/Vegetable/Flower competition, so start planting and get growing in time for July! Details can also be found by following the link above. Good luck!

Coronation Party: We had a wonderful party to celebrate the Coronation. The children and staff all looked great in red, white and blue! I know we had a number of families who headed down to London for the big weekend! A massive 'THANK YOU' to Rivington Parish Council for the commemorative pin badges and pouches for every single child in our school. I am sure these will be treasured.

Non-uniform Days in exchange for Summer Fair Tombola Prizes:

Friday 9th June – in exchange for Sporting Toys e.g. tennis balls, bat and ball, football etc

Friday 16th June – in exchange for bottles – e.g. drink, bubble bath, olive oil.

Wednesday 21st June – in exchange for sweets or chocolates.



Friday 30th June – cake donations – children are to wear School Uniform.

Online Safety: This week's guidance from the National Online Safety website is about smartwatches: an increasingly popular device among young people. It examines potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/smartwatches>

STOP THE PRESS: SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 4TH 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 or call 01772 629171.

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

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.**

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.

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 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!

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.

Chorley SSP May Sports Camp This popular holiday club takes place at Sacred Heart Primary School, Brooke Street, PR6 0LB from 30th May-1st June from 9.30am-3pm and is open to children aged 5-11 years old. For more information or to book please contact CSSP on 07306403255/01257449278

May Holidays: A reminder that we break up for the May half-term holiday on Friday 26th May. School will re-open on Monday 5th June.

Rivington Foundation Primary: A week at a glance 15th- 19th May 2023:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16 OAA KS2 Festival – Astley Park, Chorley. 10:00am	17 Albany Staff to visit Y6	18 Online Safety with SCARF – KS2 – 9:00am	19 Science Fest Y1/2 UCLAN – all day

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

Class Assemblies:

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

A Huge 'Thank You' to Barla's Dad in Y2 for getting school and fitting a lovely new gate near the Treehouse! It looks wonderful!