

Living life to its fullest; Making a difference along the way.

Rivington Foundation Primary School Newsletter

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The Summer holidays are here and it has been a wonderful year. Our 'Rivi' children have flourished and embraced a year full of exciting learning, enrichment day/weeks and extra-curricular activities- and they have all made us so very proud. A huge thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and our Governors for their support and commitment.

I would like to express huge thanks to the children parents/carers and other family members for your continued support throughout the last academic year. We wish you a lovely summer holiday and hope you all enjoy lots of rest and family time and hopefully sunshine! We look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year and welcoming our new children to Rivington.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Annette, Staff and Governors

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.

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!



The EYFS/KS1 Award for Endeavour: Congratulations to Freddie Mort. (Y2) who was given the end of Key Stage One award which is given for Endeavour and Perseverance. Freddie 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, Freddie digs deep and perseveres. Freddie is always polite, friendly and cheerful; he has developed a determined attitude to his learning that ensures greater success. Freddie looks after everyone – showing immense kindness. He is a pleasure to teach – wanting to please and achieve more. Freddie 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. I know that Mrs Whittaker is so pleased to have you next year as a lower junior. Well done Freddie – we are so proud!



The Reception Award for Endeavour: Congratulations to Lucy Macdonald. Lucy is an absolutely lovely little girl - she is bright and cheerful at all times and is a really popular member of the class. Lucy is a very caring person and is a really good friend to others. She is a wonderful role model for the other children. Lucy has had a great year in Reception and I am sure that this will continue into year one and beyond. Lucy has an extremely positive attitude to school and always seeks out ways to challenge herself. Lucy has been a pleasure to have in our Reception class and fully deserves the recognition that this award brings. Well done Lucy, you are a little super star!





The Y6 Alice Lowe Award: This year our Y6 award for contribution to school and wider society went to Jacob C. 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. Jacob, has done this in abundance - what's more is that, in recent years, we have seen Jacob 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. Jacob 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 Jacob will go on to make so many wonderful contributions to the world. Jacob has contributed to the wider school life throughout his time at Rivington. He has joined clubs, taken part in Young Voices and Sporting Competitions at any given opportunity and will always volunteer when there is something that needs doing. Jacob has helped set-up and clear-up school dinners every day throughout this year. Jacob's work ethic has always been outstanding – he has always contributed to a positive working atmosphere in every class he has been in. Jacob has set an outstanding example for others: always being focused and producing their best work consistently. We so proud to present this award to Jacob – he couldn't be more deserving – well done Jacob Clarkson!

Phonics and SATs Results: We are delighted to let you know that we have had a successful year. Thank you so much to our fantastic team and for the wonderful support we receive from you as parents. We couldn't be more proud of our children. They are an amazing group of young people and so supportive of each other. They have worked so hard all year and deserve their success. Although we were thrilled with our results, it is important to note that our children follow a broad, balanced and enriched curriculum. On a daily basis we see the wonderful behaviour and attitudes of our children reflective of our Values and this should equally be celebrated. Well done to all! Our school results are below, with national figures in 2022 in brackets:

EYFS (Reception)* Figures in brackets National in 2022

- **Good Level of Development 73.3% (Lancashire 65.2%)**

Year 1 Phonics* Figures in brackets National 2022

- **Meeting the expected standard: 77% (75%)**

KS1 (Y2) *Figures in brackets National in 2022

- **Expected Standard:**
- **Reading 80% (67%)**
- **Writing (Teacher Assessment) 67% (58%)**
- **Maths 87% (68%)**

KS2 (Y6) Expected Standard

- **Reading 81% (73%) Greater Depth 19%**
- **Writing (Teacher Assessment) 63% (71%) Greater Depth 7%**
- **Maths 87% (73%) Greater Depth 19%**
- **GPS (Grammar Punctuation and Spelling) 56% (72%) Greater Depth 13%**
- **Combined (Reading Writing and Maths) 63% (59%) Greater Depth 7%**

Staff Gifts: We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your kind words and gifts at the end of this year. Your generosity has been overwhelming.

Reports: On Friday the 14th of July, you should have received your child's school report. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and the time spent writing the reports and also to the parents who have returned the reply slip to confirm receipt of the report. Please add comments if you wish to do so.

Pupil Premium: Please can I remind parents that if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals and you want to ensure this is in place before the start of the next academic year please contact the school office. We need your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth. Lancashire County Council will check your information to see if you are eligible. This a very quick and easy process, so please don't delay!

Support during the Summer Holidays: The summer holidays can be a struggle at the best of times, and many families are worried how they're going to survive the six-week break. Warburtons, and Morrisons have teamed up to offer a little support. Anyone visiting the supermarket from July 17th can 'Ask for Ellen' at the cafe to get a free snack. Both adults and children, will receive two toasted crumpets, with butter and jam for free - no questions asked.


*School Photo's: Family and individual photographs will be taken on
Wednesday 27th September.*



Colour Run: Congratulations to all the children and staff who took part in our school colour run on Friday 14th July. We had so much fun and enjoyed becoming rainbow coloured! On top of that we have managed to collect some wonderful equipment for playtime and PE.



A Message from Miss Whitehead:

 First day waking up in my own place in a new city half way across the world



Goodbye Miss Whitehead:

Teachers work their magic everyday and they do that without spells or wands. They don't possess invisible powers or rely on illusion either. Teachers are true magicians. Teachers with magical powers can consistently wow a class and make learning memorable. They do this without pulling rabbits out of hats or conjuring up doves using 'flight' of hand. They make magic by other means.

There are so many unquantifiable factors at work in great teachers but those elements, such as caring, charisma, and determination, when stirred together in the right proportions with the skills, knowledge, and passion of a well-trained teacher, constitute the magic."

To this, you have determination, happiness and self-belief and half a dozen other factors. It might be difficult to put a finger on those that have 'got it' but it seems to be those that "have the perfect combination of natural empathy, positive attitude and conscientious work ethic that together makes for a magical teaching ability. "

Miss Whitehead is a magical teacher and all of us at Rivi have been so blessed that she blazed into our lives leaving a trail of happiness, joy, friendship and a love of learning. She is a teacher who has and will change lives. Thank you for the inspiration (and the laughter) – we know that you will continue to shine bright in your new classroom and in everything you do. Remember – Rivington is always your happy (and a little crazy!) place!x

*Miss Whitehead
'taking in' the Andes!*





2023 Rivington Art Festival!













Sports Day 2023: We made it – and with the sunshine too! What a fantastic day! Congratulations to all our competitors and to all of our families who supported us in typical Rivington (plenty of volume) fashion. A massive thank you to CMB Football Club and Mr. Winstanley for the loan of your fantastic facilities













Happy Birthday!

*Lewis (Y6), Matilda (Y1), Bella (Y6), Beau (Y5), Freddie (Y2), Toby (Y4), Rowan (Rec.),
James J. (Y4), Mae (Y5), Shae (Rec), Evie (Rec.), Amy (Y1), Ava (Y4),
Harriet D. (Y1), Walter (Nursery), Scout (Y1), Oscar (Y3), Oliver (Y3), Fte (Y1), Tao (Y5),
Xander (Y2), Rowan (Y3), Isobel (Y5), Tobias (Rec.)*

**WISHING
YOU A
VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

*Good Luck at your new
school, Amy B (Y1).*

*They are so lucky to
have you and we will
miss you so much! Enjoy
Somerset with your
family and keep us
informed about what you
are up to!*



Enjoy the Summer Holidays!

**See you on Monday 4th September 2023
(8:45am)! (Reception/Nursery – please see
your Induction Timetable)**

