



'Living Life to its Fullest ; Making a difference Along the Way'

# Rivi News

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'PIN' with  
honour!

## NEWSLETTER 15.01.2024



It is great to see you all again now we are back at school in 2024! This year promises to be a great one, with so much to look forward to. We cannot wait!



### Well Done to our half-term Headteacher Award Winners!

**Rec: Abel D.** - for being amazing all half-term.

**Y1: Noah E.** - for 'putting his head down' all half-term.

**Y2: Myles W.** - for 'putting his head down' all half-term.

**Y3: Harry H.** - for working incredibly hard all half-term and taking on lots of parts in the Christmas play..

**Y4: Oliver K.** - for being 'all-round amazing'.

**Y5: Ruby S.** - for being amazing all half-term!

**Y6: Alice W.** - for always being an amazing role-model to all!



**Attendance at school every day is vital in helping children to fulfil their potential.** Parents/carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives an education, which is achieved through regular attendance at school. Attendance impacts on a child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. 90% attendance means that a child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year. This is a lot of missed learning. As always, I will continue to monitor attendance of every child in school and will get in touch if I have concerns. If you have any concerns about your child and their attendance, please also get in touch and we will help in any way we can.

### **Happy Birthday!**

**Daisy (Y4), Eve (Y2), Elsie (N), Joseph (Y4), Holly (Y3), Riley W (Y6).**

### **Holidays in Term Time**

Parents/carers should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid requesting leaves of absence for holidays.

As leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that school will authorise a family holiday. If permission is refused and you keep your child off school on the days requested, you are likely to be committing an offence and be issued a fixed penalty notice or be prosecuted by the local authority. Whilst some children in Reception class might not yet be at the compulsory school age, all parents/carers have agreed to adhere by school policies by accepting their child's place at Lostock Primary School and therefore, the expectations remain the same.



**A WEEK'S HOLIDAY**

DURING TERM TIME =

**25 HRS**  
**OF LOST LEARNING!**

# Parent Consultations

We are planning our Parent Consultation evening at the end of February and wondered if you could tell us if you would prefer it to be in-person or a 10mins online consultation?

Please complete the simple questionnaire on the following link:

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## Children's Car Booster Seats

Please check out the link regarding the law on children's car seats: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

**This means nearly all Rivington Foundation Primary School children should be seated in one during drop off and collection.**

**REMINDER: Road Safety** Please park legally, safely and courteously, with consideration for pedestrians and other drivers, when dropping off or collecting your children from school. Please do not block other drivers in, as this causes congestion and increases the risk of an accident. **Please do not park at the end of the pavement leading into the rear carpark as this results in children and parents having to walk into the road. Please do not put your children in danger. Thank you.**

**Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium** - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for Universal Free School meals, but may also qualify for free school meals if their parents are in receipt of certain benefits. This is also the case for children in the juniors. If this is the case you will need to register your eligibility. If you are eligible your child could qualify for Pupil Premium funding from the Government which will come into school to improve pupil attainment or provide additional opportunities. A quick check can be carried out by LCC. All we need is your national insurance number and date of birth and we can send your information to be checked. If you need any further information please contact the school office.

**NUT ALLERGIES** - Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school **that CONTAINS NUTS** as we do have a children with nut allergies in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fruit Only Snacks & Toast - 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. Toast will also be available at 20p per slice on Fridays.



## **REMINDER: Severe Weather**

It is that time of year where bad weather is arriving... Please see the

Severe Weather Statement of

Practice on the website, which details

exactly what happens in the case of bad snow.

Please assume school is open every day unless informed otherwise. Please refrain from telephoning the office to check if school is open. We will absolutely try our very best to ensure that this is the case. However, in cases of extreme bad weather, it may result in it being unsafe for your children to attend school (for example, due to unsafe access in and around school or due to low staff ratios if staff are unable to get in to school).

In these circumstances, a decision will be made by 7.45am whether to open the school as usual, open the school at a later time of 10am (to provide time for staff to get to school and ensure the grounds are safe) or to close school for the day.

A text from school will be sent to all parents and carers to inform you of a school closure or of a planned later start to the day. We will email the same information and also place it on the website. We will also

inform the Local Authority, who will add the news to their website. A message will also be given on Radio Lancashire and Rock FM .

Are schools closed today because of snow? Everything parents need to know



**Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.**

**In the guide attached, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.**



**Reading and Geography Surveys** As always, we are interested in your thoughts. This term, we are monitoring Reading and Geography in school and would love some feedback. Would you mind answering just 4 simple questions on our school app and add any comments you feel might be helpful? We would appreciate all comments by **9am on Wednesday 22nd January 2024.**

Thank you!

**Reading:**

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**Geography:**

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**. The link between attendance and attainment is clear:**

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.

**And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:**

- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.

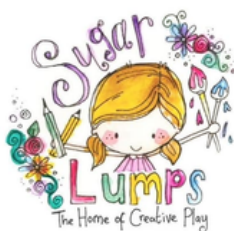
**But attendance is important for more than just attainment:**

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you to all who supported school during the Christmas period - particularly our local businesses who donated much needed supplies and prizes.

# THANK YOU

To local businesses for their generous contributions



# Spring Term Diary Dates 2024

## January 2024

Friday 19th January

**Y5/6 Parent Meeting for both London Trips**

January 19@ 3:30pm in Y5/6

## February 2024

Monday 5th February

**KS2 Young Voices to Manchester Arena**

February 5@ 12:30pm

Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February

**CUSP Design Technology Festival**

All year groups.

Thursday 8th February

**Reception Balance Bikes Festival.**

February 12 - February 16

**Half-Term Holidays**

Thursday 22nd February

**Dodgeball**

February 22 - 4:00pm @ Holy Cross High School.



# March 2024

Monday 4th March

**Governor Sub-Committees – Resources**

March 4 @ 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Monday 4th March

**Governor Sub-Committees – Curriculum and Standards**

March 4 @ 5:15pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday 5th March

**KS2 Dance Competition – St. Michaels CofE High School Chorley**

March 5 @ 2:30pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday March 6th

**Parent Consultation Evening**

March 6@ 2:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday March 7th

**World Book Day – Children invited to wear costumes**

March 7 – all day

Monday 18th March

**Y3/4 Class Assembly- Church Hall**

March 18@ 2:30pm

Monday 25th March

Full Governors

March 25@ 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 28th March

**Easter Hats/Decorated Eggs/Easter Garden Competition – You can enter all, one or none!**

Thursday 28th March

**Egg Rolling – families welcome to watch from School wall – near the Treehouse**

March 28@ 1:00pm-2:30pm

Thursday 28th March

**Easter ‘Get Together’ in the Church Hall**

March 28@ 2:30pm-3:15pm

**Easter Holidays**

Friday March 29th – Friday April 12th

Monday 15th April

**School Re-opens for the Summer Term**