



# **Dress to impress**

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life. It is a symbol of belonging and something that unites all children at Rivington Foundation Primary School - a symbol of excellence.

To support school in what can be a financially challenging aspect of school life, the PTA - <u>supported by Chorley Borough</u> <u>Council (a £500 pound community grant) -</u> have purchased each child a new school PE Top which will be sent home today. Thank you to all involved for sourcing funding for this beautiful addition to our much-loved uniform.





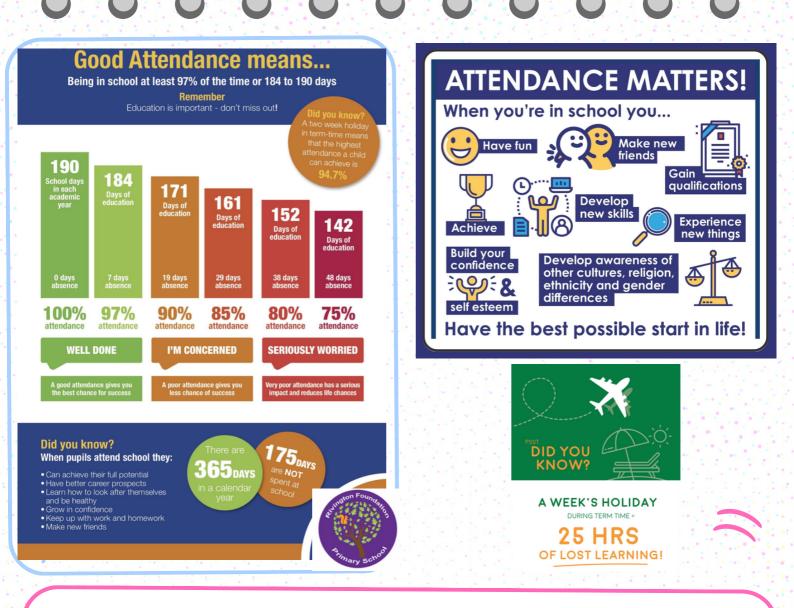
# Well Done to our Rivington Values Winners Winners! We wear our P.I.N. with Pride!

**Rec: Walter C-S.** - for wonderful working all week and fabulous writing.

**Y1: William G.** - for creating an amazing non-chronological report.

Y2: Poppy P. - for creating an amazing non-chronological report.
 Y3: Selby H. - for always working hard.
 Y3: Charlie C.- for your wonderful story in English.

Y3: Clark H. - for being a good friend to all.
Y4: Henry B. - for your hard work and effort in maths.
Y5: Esme Rose B. - for your super attitude to learning!
Y6: Mae R. - for a really well-written adventure story!



Happy Birthday! Poppy P. (Y2), Max D. (Y4), George W. (Y1), Myles W. (Y2), Zak (Y5), Mrs. Cliffe, Florence (Y1), Noah (Rec.).

## **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.



# **Parent Consultations**

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March from 2:30pm until 6:00pm. Appointments will go live on Friday 2nd February. After receiving feedback from parents, we have decided to keep this meeting face-to-face with a strict time limit.

World Book Day – We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7 th March. Please could your child come dressed up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to share with their class.

**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.



## **Up-coming PTA Events**

Friends of Leap Year Fundraising Challenge:

- We are asking all children to raise £29 throughout February however they wish!
- Mothers Day Shop: <u>Friday 8th March</u> £5 per gift Prepayment will be available online shortly or we will also accept cash on the day.
- Non Uniform Day: <u>Friday 15th March</u> Easter Eggs Easter
- Bingo: <u>Tuesday 19th March 6pm -7.30pm Thursday 21st</u> <u>March – 6pm – 7.30pm</u> Tickets will be on sale through ParentPay.
- Raffle tickets to be sold at both events and draw to take place on <u>Thursday 21st March</u> If you would like to donate any raffle prizes please contact one of the committee members.
- Summer Disco: <u>Thursday 16th May KS1: 4.30pm 5.45pm</u> <u>KS2: 6.00pm- 7.15pm</u> Further information to follow.
- Fathers Day Shop: <u>Friday 14th June</u> Further information to follow
  - Summer Fair: <u>Friday 21st June 3.30pm -5.30pm</u>

#### Tesco Blue Token Scheme

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We were lucky to be selected as a good cause to take part in the Tesco Blue token scheme. Thank you to everybody who posted tokens in our slot while shopping, we are eagerly awaiting to find out the results!

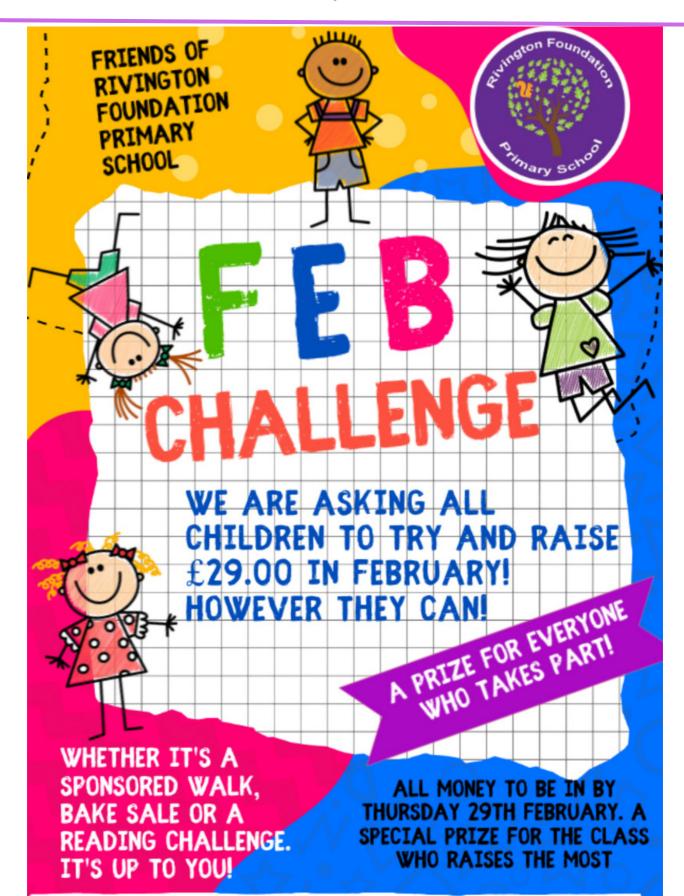


Online Safety - 'MYLOL' is an online dating app for teenagers. As often is the case, the age verification isn't very robust, so much younger children are known to have registered, posing a multitude of potential dangers. Just listen out for it as the name itself sounds quite innocent, but in reality, it is far from it. Click <u>here</u> to find more information.



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. As you may know, 2024 is a leap year, providing us with an extra day in February. To make the most of this additional day, we have set a goal for each child in our school to raise £29 throughout the month. The funds raised will be used to purchase new non-fiction books for all classes, enriching the learning experiences of our children. we are giving children the flexibility to choose the fundraising activity that appeals to them the most. Some popular ideas include a bake sale, sponsored walk, or a reading challenge. However, we encourage them to think outside the box and come up with their own unique ideas as well.



# . 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.

# **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

Thursday 1st- Thursday 29th February Leap-year Fundraising Challenge

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

> Tuesday 5th March Parent Consultation Evening 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

> Friday 8th March Mother's Day Shop in school

Friday 15th March Non-Uniform Day for Easter Eggs

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