

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS RESPECT.

...Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!
 Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,
 Was singing! Without any presents at all!
 He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!
 Somehow or other, it came just the same!
 And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,
 Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"
 "It came without ribbons! It came without tags!"
 "It came without packages, boxes or bags!"
 And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.
 Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
 "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store."
 "Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

How The Grinch Stole Christmas

by Dr. Suess

**Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week beginning 4/12/2017:**

Stickers were awarded to the following children for all their hard work:

- George Parkin
- Maison Austerberry
- Samuel Prescott – particularly for his extra homework!
- Maise Hitchen and Jessica Snape – for organising the class every morning!
- Tobey Percival – for his outstanding effort at all times!

Well done to our 'Seven Wonders': **Mae Roper, Finn Tomlinson, Isabella King, Sian Barrow, Alfie Gibson, Luke Fairweather and Summer Taylor!**

Well done to our 'Rivington Remarkables': **Elliot Lally, Lukas Orgill, Lewis Blackledge, Malachi Taylor, Dylan Davies, Oliver Brennand and Jack Horrocks!**

Congratulations! This week's SUPERSTARS:

Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders': **Roman Haydock, Louis Ball, Ollie Hart, Leland Armstrong, Charles Sutcliffe, Callum Burkhill and Lara Dobson.**

Well done to this weeks 'Rivington Remarkables': **Leyton Bowden, Aimee-Rose Hope, Siam Barrow, Ariana Haydock, Niamh McColl and Felix Cuerden.**

Infant Play- WOW! -Our Infant children performed their Christmas play 'Lights, Camel, Action!' this week. The children were fantastic with great singing, dancing, clear voices and lots of enthusiasm and smiles. They performed the story beautifully and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas which can often be forgotten. We were very proud of them all and there were many happy parents, grandparents and other family members who thoroughly enjoyed the show. Well done children! A huge thank you to all the infant staff for their hard work at this very busy time of year and thank you for your continued support.

Grandparent's Christmas Tea Party: What a wonderful event! As a school we feel that it is important to bring the community together, especially at Christmas time. It was so heart-warming to see the looks on both the children's and grandparents' faces alike as they greeted each other on Friday. Our talented children performed beautifully and the morning and afternoon sittings were, once again, an absolute success! What a wonderful example of how truly fantastic our school is. Thank you to the PTA for their support and well done to everyone involved!



Pantomime visit Blackburn: On Monday 18th December we will be taking the children to King Georges Hall in Blackburn to watch Beauty and the Beast. The children will need sandwiches for their lunch. All children will need to wear full school uniform, sensible shoes and a warm coat. Traffic permitting, we are hoping to be back at school for around 4:15-4:30pm. Many thanks.

Christmas Carols at Church - We would like to invite parents, carers, grandparents and members of our community to come and listen to the KS2 children singing in Church on Wednesday 20th December at 1:30pm - 2:30pm. We will be serving mince pies, tea and coffee. Please could you let school know if you will be coming by filling in the letter given to the children on Monday so we have an idea of how many people will be attending as numbers will be limited. We look forward to seeing you. Thank You.

Breakfast with Santa: As popular as ever – it appears that the second sitting for this fantastic event is full but there is still availability for the early sitting at 7:30am if you would like to attend with your child. I hear that Santa has prepared some beautiful presents this year! Thank you to the PTA - particularly Mrs. Greenhalgh, Mrs. Hodgkinson and Mrs. Cliffe for all their efforts! Please enquire at the school office.

Ice – We had particularly dangerous conditions in school this week as a result of the severe frost. Consequently the children had to stay in at playtimes even though the playgrounds had been treated. This is not a decision that was taken lightly and the health and safety of the children is always the utmost priority. Please be aware that on particularly frosty mornings we may restrict the entrances to school to ensure that there is one safer way into school. Many thanks!

Missing Coat- Leland Armstrong (Y3) is missing a **black Sprayway jacket**. If anyone has seen it or knows where it is could you please contact Miss Redmayne in the office.

Can all parents please ensure that children have a warm, labelled coat for children to wear in the playground – many thanks.

Open-Door Policy- At Rivington we are proud to operate an Open Door Policy. The purpose of our Open Door Policy is to encourage open communication, feedback and discussion. We value the input parents make to the school. Class teachers will usually be available for an Open Door meeting at the end of the school day, during handover. Can we kindly request that parents avoid coming into the building until after the children have left. In some cases, the teacher may not be available for genuine reasons and a different meeting time should be arranged. If you feel that the matter needs more than 10 minutes to discuss, then parents should phone the

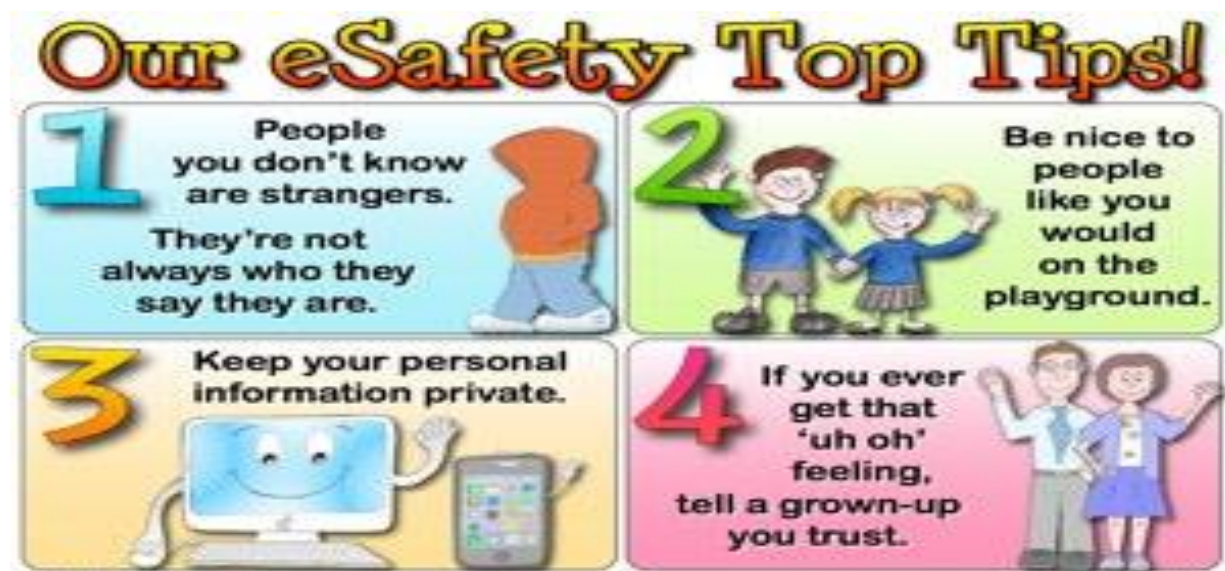
school office to make an appointment to see the member of staff at a mutually convenient time. Staff may also be available to take phone calls, when they are not available please leave a contact number so that the member of staff may call you back at a different time.

In the spirit of our Open Door Policy, the Parents Council meets termly to discuss new initiatives, issues/policies and events.

Thank you so much for your continued co-operation.

Dropping Off and Picking Up From School –In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, please avoid parking on the zig-zag lines or the pavement in any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Dates: Attached is an updated list of dates and times for events taking place in the run-up to Christmas. This is always a busy time with many demands on your time and often money – we want to thank you for your continued support in helping to provide an outstanding education for our children.



Reporting your child absent: If your child is unwell and won't be able to attend school, please contact school to inform us of the absence. This can be done by telephoning school and selecting option 1.

Parent Drop in Tuesday mornings 10:00am Every Tuesday morning at 10:00am Mr Sands (Chair of Governors) will be in school to meet with Mrs Annette. If any parents/ carers have anything they wish to discuss please let us know in advance and we will make sure we are available.

SCHOOL BANK!

Our School Bank takes place in 'The Tree House' every Friday from 2:45pm.

Primary Admission Information for 2018: Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4th September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15th January 2018. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website. **Please note:** Last year there was a change to our pre-school

criteria/points. This has had to be made due to direction from LCC Admissions. Please check if you are applying this year.

Free School Meals : All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for universal free school meals. However children in the infants and the juniors may qualify for free school meals because you are in receipt of certain benefits, in which case you 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. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Maths Problem of the Week:

Problem 1:

What's the closest number to 100 you can make using just the numbers 1, 2, 5 and 10?

Problem 2:

What's the closest number to 1000 you can make using just the numbers 1, 2, 5, 15, 20?

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs. Annette

