



Happy New Year! Welcome back to school. We hope that you have all had a very enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful break. We would like to say thank you to everyone for your lovely and generous gifts and cards at Christmas. Just as a reminder of the fun we had a few weeks back, below are a couple of photographs from our fantastic 'Breakfast with Santa'!



This term's value is: FORGIVENESS.



Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week! Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders' – **ted Wharton-Jones, Harry Buckley, Jack Mclaughlin, Karsten Taylor, Katie Houseman-Smith, Archie Birchall and Niamh Loftus**

Well done to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables' – **Riley Shore, Charlie Dagnall, Gracie Davenport, Leland Armstrong, George Kewley, Ava Austerberry and Mackenzie Bowden.**

Bronze Awards: Jack Horrocks, Summer Taylor and

Roman Haydock.

Silver Awards: Sebastian Austerberry.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first 'Get Together' of the new year- it was wonderful to share the children's achievements with you!

'Get Together' Friday 19th January: Create Bolton, whose support and input helped to create last year's wonderful Rivibethan experience are coming to present the story of last year to the children in assembly next week. We would love it if you could come and join us!

Attendance - Our attendance data is very good and we really do appreciate your commitment to ensuring your child is in school. We are aware that there have been a number of illnesses in school during the last term, which impact on your child's attendance. In addition, there may well be exceptional reasons why you need to



take your child out of school for a holiday or occasion/event. If that is the case, I strongly encourage you to contact me about it, preferably before any bookings are made. Termly letters are sent to parents/carers to advise you if your child's attendance falls below 95%. Often as the year progresses this can be improved upon very quickly. We are very keen to continue to support our families and ask that you contact us if there is anything we can do to help. If you receive a letter and wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Family Worship: This year we have decided to give all year groups a chance to perform and share information about what they have been learning in a special class worship. Year 3/4 will be performing on Friday 9th February at 9:10am-10:00am - parents/carers/families are invited to attend. This will be followed by our usual family 'Get Together' which anyone is welcome to come to.

Albany visit Y5 Wednesday 17th: On Wednesday 17th January the Y5s will be visiting Albany Academy, Chorley for a taster morning. They will leave school at 9:15am and return for 12pm. Children will not need to bring a lunch but they may bring a small, healthy snack and small bottle of water.

Y5 Residential Meeting: Next academic year we are moving forward the Y6 residential to earlier in the year and changing venue. On Wednesday 18th January we will be holding a meeting in Y5/6 at 6pm-7pm to provide more details for the **present Y5 parents**. Your attendance will be gratefully appreciated. If you are unable to attend please contact either Mrs. Green or myself to discuss the content of the night.

P.E. Provision: To further utilize our Schools Sports Funding and to ensure even more outstanding provision and variety, Chorley Sports Partnership will be taking the children for P.E. on a Thursday. The children will have a different coach each half-term who will deliver his/her own specialist instruction e.g. invasion games, athletics, dance. Please come and see either Mrs. Green or myself if you have any further queries regarding this.

FUN WITH MATHS: Lancashire Adult Parenting will be offering two workshops entitled 'Fun WITH MATHS'. These will be for both the parents and children in our younger classes. The first will take place on Friday 2nd February in the TreeHouse. Further details will follow.

School Uniform: The uniform is as follows:

White shirt, purple tie, purple jumper/cardigan, grey trousers, purple checked kilt, grey or white tights or socks and black shoes with low heels. Girls may wear a summer dress at the appropriate time of year. Sweatshirts with the school logo, kilts and ties are available from Jada, Eaves Lane, Chorley. PE kits consisting of named white/black T-shirt, purple shorts and pumps should be brought and kept in school in small draw-string PE bags in order to minimise the space taken up in cloakrooms.



Children will need a warm top and tracksuit bottoms for PE lessons that are to take place outside – if these can be dark coloured/black in nature with no major print on them or branded (we don't want to lose them!) this would be much appreciated.

No jewellery should be worn other than stud earrings (earrings need to be covered during P.E. and tapes need to be applied at home – staff are not allowed to do this) or a watch. **Extreme hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school. If in doubt whether a style is unsuitable, contact school prior to having the hair styled.**

Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits and make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons next week.

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.

PTFA Meeting: A quick reminder that the PTA will be holding a meeting in Y5/6 on Wednesday January 17th at 6pm. Please come along and find out about plans for the year ahead and share any new ideas you may have and don't forget that the meetings will give you the opportunity to decide how money raised is spent to benefit your children.

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.

Clubs and Activities: Clubs are now on:

- Taekwondo: Thursday 8:00- 8:55am.
- Guitar/ukulele lessons take place on a Friday between 1 and 3pm.
- Active club will take place on Thursday lunchtime.
- Yoga: Wednesday at 8am.
- Fencing: Friday at 8am.
- Singing Club: Wednesday 3:30pm- 4:30pm.
- Piano: throughout Thursday morning.

Please watch this space for further clubs and activities. These will include Gardening Club, Board Game Club and Art Club.

Online Safety: Parents can have a difficult job keeping up with their children on the fast changing technology available to them, let alone knowing the dangers they face. The issues of safety, privacy, online and cyberbullying are sometimes complex, both technically and psychologically and parents can struggle to keep up. Please



be aware that unlike watching television, YouTube does not have a watershed and that content is not as strictly regulated. YouTube does have safety restrictions that you can set. For further information try: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Dropping Off and Picking Up From School: The road outside of school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. It has been brought to my attention that parents are still picking up and dropping off one the yellow zig-zag lines. These lines are marked to ensure the safety of our children. **In the interest of the safety of our children** and all pedestrians under **no circumstances** are vehicles to be parked on the zigzag lines. This is dangerous and could cause an accident. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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.

Parent Pay: Please can you ensure that parent pay accounts are up-to-date. Could parents whose children are attending the Y6 and Y4 residential to Waddow Hall please ensure that all payments are up-to-date.



Spring Term Dates:

Friday January 9th: Create Bolton 'Get Together' 9:10 – 10am - all welcome

Wednesday January 17th: Y5 Albany Academy Visit – 9:15am- 12pm.

Friday January 26th: Year 1 sharing assembly 9:10am in the Hall.

Friday February 2nd: 'Fun With Maths' Parents only in the TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

Tuesday February 6th: Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday February 7th: Parents Evening – 3 – 6:30pm.

Thursday February 8th: Parents Evening – 3 - 6:30pm.

Friday 9th February: 'Fun with Maths' Parents and children, TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

Spring Term 2nd Half

Monday March 5th: Full Governors Meeting 4:30pm

Friday March 9th: Y1/2 Mother's Day Assembly.

Wednesday March 21st: Egg-rolling 1:30pm in the school grounds.

Thursday March 22nd: Easter Service in Church 1:30pm.

Friday 23rd March: Easter Parade in the Hall.

Friday March 23rd: Easter 'Get Together' 2pm in the Hall.

Please come and see me if there are any issues with the above.

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette