

## OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We manage to collect just short of £100 for this worthwhile and important cause. Thank you!

**Harvest Festival:** What a wonderful Harvest Celebration in Church last Thursday. Rev. Jo was fantastic and led our thanks in such a fabulous way – thank you Rev. Jo! The staff all enjoyed it and it was lovely to see so many of our children and families celebrating together, being thankful and thinking of others in need. There was a large selection of food which is being donated to Winter Watch Food Bank. Once again thank you for your donations and supporting our community.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Our new website goes live this Friday (12/10/2018). Mr King (Bella's Dad in Y1) has done an outstanding job in creating our site – it looks amazing and is so easy to use – a blessing for staff! Thank you Mr. King - you have worked so hard to create a 'first-rate' product!

Have a look at: [www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk)

**Fizzy Tree Theatre Company:** Please see the attached flyer for the Fizzy Tree Theatre Company who will be running an after school club in the Church Hall on Fridays from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November for 7 weeks. Please follow the instructions on the flyer to book a place for your child.

### YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS / SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS -

Please remember to complete your child's application to high school online [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) by the deadline of 31st October 2018. Supplementary faith forms must be taken directly to the faith school you are applying to.

**Primary Admission Information for 2018:** Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PTFA** – The PTFA has gone through some slight changes and we welcome Mrs. Roberts as our new chair. We are also re-branding the name and it will now be known as the '**Friends of Rivington Foundation Primary**'. This will allow past and present parents to be involved in events but will also ensure that our long-standing traditions (alongside new ones!) continue into the future. This organisation has always been central to the Rivington community. School as a whole will have a greater lead in organising events in the hope of enticing more of you to come and offer you much-valued support. This organisation is now crucial to School development and supports our School development plans in so many ways. The next date of a provisional meeting for anyone who wants to help school in the planning of the Christmas Fair, Christmas Shopping Night, Grandparents Tea



Party and Breakfast with Santa will take place at 1:30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October in Mrs. Annette's office – ALL ARE WELCOME – the more 'hands on deck' – the more we can achieve!

**Smarties** – Last week, we sent out our Smarties tubes for the children to collect 20ps in. Thank you for all your efforts so far – the response has been fantastic! We desperately need to raise money for new furniture, blinds and storage in the ground floor classroom. Chairs alone cost £20 each so with up to 70 to hopefully replace you can already see the mounting costs. School has already contributed 2 years' worth of devolved capital funding into the Y1/2 toilet area which was not included into our condition led funding given by Lancashire County Council. Your efforts in this area really do make such a difference and we cannot thank you enough!

**Class Assembly Dates:** 9th November Y6, 8th January Y3/4, 15th February, 29th March Y1/3 5th July Rec.

**Welcome back Ms Redmayne!** It was fantastic to see Ms Redmayne back at school this week – I'm sure you will all agree.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hitchen who has been fantastic in the office and such an amazing support to myself – she truly is a star!

**Parking-** Thank you for all your efforts with our impossible situation! Please stay away from the yellow zig-zagged lines - patrols are in place!

**Appointments to see teachers** - Although we operate an 'open door policy', we hope you can appreciate that it may not always be possible to see parents without notice. In the morning teachers are usually making preparations for the day ahead and after school may be involved in meetings or afterschool activities. If you need to see your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment before or after school to ensure they are available to see you and can give you the time and privacy you require. Messages can also be passed to teachers via the school office to be passed to class teachers and don't forget we can be contacted by email.

**Twitter** – This is an invitation to our new and existing parents to join us. Please follow the instructions below to follow us.

To access our school Twitter account please follow the following steps:-

- 1) Set up your own Twitter account if you don't already have one.
- 2) Send an email to [twitter@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) with your Twitter @name, your full name, the name of your child and the class they are in.
- 3) Search for @rivington

We linking our Twitter account to our new website which means it would be available to view without having to go through the steps above. This would also make it available to the public and we would obviously continue to omit those children who cannot be included in photographs. We have lots of lovely tweets posted by our staff throughout the week. Please join us as you are missing a treat!

**School Bank:** The school bank will take place in the TreeHouse at 2:45pm on Friday. For new starters – details about joining the school bank will be sent out shortly.

**Contacting school** – [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) or [head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk)



### **Holiday Leave:**

Please note our policy on the Leave of Absence. In line with Government instructions, we can no longer authorise Holiday Leave as a matter of course. Government are placing great pressure on schools not to authorise holidays during term times. Both I and the governors do want to work with parents. We will look at holiday requests which fall into exceptional circumstances and where attendance is above 97.5%. Please read the attendance policy on the website before submitting an application.

The 2019-20 holiday pattern will be available shortly.

### **Sickness and hair:**

If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea please do not send them back to school **for 48 hours** after symptoms have passed.

Your child's hair should be of a natural colour no shorter than a number 2 and contain no steps or lines – sorry! Remember when you chose Rivington you chose our rules as well – we embrace them, we are proud of them – please keep them.

Please do not let your child come to school wearing nail varnish, anything other than stud earrings or trainers.

If you require a new tie these are now available in the school office.

**HELPERS** – Please let us know if you are able to help with any of the following: reading with the children, school trips, walking to church or if you have skills which you would be willing to share to support teaching and learning e.g. Historians, Musicians, Scientists, Cookery, ICT etc.

### **Planners:**

Please can you ensure that you have **read and signed the home-school agreement and e-safety agreement** in the front of the school planners. There is also a section for you to read and sign with your child – all this goes towards strengthening and sharing our school's values and ethos. Many thanks!

### **Open Day:**

**Our first Open Day for new prospective parents is Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am until 11am and 1:30pm until 2:30pm. Please contact school if you would like to attend. We look forward to meeting you.**

### **School Uniform:**

Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits. Please can you make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons. All children must wear black pumps or suitable trainers for P.E.

**Suggestion Box** – We now have a suggestion box in the reception area just outside the school office. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

### **Clubs and Activities:**

If you would like your child to learn to play the piano, flute, guitar or ukulele please see Mrs Hitchen in the office.

**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 Pay:** Please can you ensure that parent pay accounts are up-to-date.

**Adult Helpers:** Do you have a hidden talent that we can utilize in school or would like to offer a 'helping hand' then keep a look out for our parental help register to be sent out shortly.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

