

Rivington Foundation Primary School

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Our Mission Statement:

Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities.

Igniting Passion; Embracing Difference.

We Are Kind.

Our Vision:

At Rivington Foundation Primary School we believe that every child's potential is without limit - we grow together. At the heart of our school, all individuals have **limitless** opportunities to thrive in their own unique ways. By igniting passion and embracing difference, we can unlock **limitless** potential for all in our community. Through nurturing and trust, we can open **limitless** doors to exciting new adventures, challenges and experiences to spark **limitless** dreams for every child.

We are:

Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities in order to inspire every child to reach further than they ever thought they could in all they do academically and personally. We will strive to ensure every child has the opportunity to excel. We celebrate every unique journey of learning through our values - our 'Seven Wonders': **kindness, perseverance, honesty, respect, forgiveness responsibility and courage.** We are a 'kind' school and we are welcoming to all.

Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities in order to inspire every child to look beyond what they already know: encouraging children to have confidence to explore the wider world through the values of **respect, honesty and forgiveness** with the confidence to tackle local, national and global issues, preparing them for the ever changing world.

Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities in order to inspire every child to be confident to lead. Ensuring every child has the opportunity to view themselves as a leader having the confidence and courage to be the change, to recognise that they can make a difference and can inspire others through **their perseverance, honesty, forgiveness, respect, responsibility, courage and kindness.**

Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities in order to inspire every child to be healthy and happy: remembering that every child deserves to fulfil their potential and to do this they need to know how to look after their bodies: **physically; mentally; emotionally and spiritually.**

Our School Motto:

'Only My Best Will Do!'

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This terms value is KINDNESS

Welcome!

Happy New (School) Year!

Welcome back to everyone - a very special welcome to all of our new Reception and

Pre-School Children! Welcome to the Rivington family.... you already look nice and settled.

I wish you well as you start or continue your education journey with us. This is the first letter of the brand new year - they will be sent out weekly, by email only, and posted on the website weekly. A few paper copies will be available from the front office should you require them. Help your child to settle quickly into the routines of the new classroom by asking about their day and supporting the whole school expectations - Appearance, Behaviour, Commitment.

For those parents who are new to us! The newsletter provides lots of information about how you can get the most from us! They are generally lengthy (sorry about that), and occasionally entertaining... please do take the time to read them! Despite various proof read checks... they do, almost without exception, come out with humorous typographical errors, and occasionally confusing information - for example giving 2 different dates for the same event! I apologise now for any confusion caused; as you get to know me better... you'll find it easier to forgive me I allow myself three mistakes before you are allowed to comment!

The final page of the newspaper will be the diary dates for the term! Some information remains on the letter for a couple of weeks, but I'm going to reduce that this year - just to keep you on your toes! Welcome once again; I hope you soon find happiness with us... Enjoy the journey...

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Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week!

Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders' - Ruby Shepherd, Franklin Clarke, Jacob Clarkson, Emily Freeman, Samuel Rigby, Dylan Davies and Tobey Percival.

A fantastic start to the year!

Pupil Planners and Home School Agreements:

Today your child will come home with their School Planner which is an information and communication tool between yourself and the staff in your child's classroom as well as a running record for Home Reading. At the front of this planner you will find the Home School Agreement, permission for photographs and publishing; e-safety agreements and permission for curriculum activities. It is really important that you read all of this information - share it with your child where appropriate and sign where requested. Your agreement to these documents, shown through your signature, is crucial in ensuring the safe running of school life. For example, if the permission for curriculum activities is not signed then your child would not be able to take part in activities outside of school grounds.

Please can you ensure that the planners are signed as soon as possible so that we can record returns on our systems.

The Home School agreement in the planner helps to clarify and define the relationship between home and school and our and your expectations. All of these are designed to make school life the most productive and enjoyable for everyone - whether child, or indeed adult. Remember to value and support the work of the school - this is your child's school, speak proudly of its successes.

If for any reason you wish to discuss queries don't hesitate to call in or make an appointment. As you are already aware, Rivington is an outstanding school, - with the very highest standards of behaviour, independence, and academic levels aimed for at all times.

Our aim over the next year is to secure and improve these standards. When I use the term outstanding, I mean it in the most genuine sense... Not just a referral to the badge from OFSTED. I would like to thank our staff for their stunning efforts over summer. We do have building work to contend and - although undoubtedly disruptive - we cannot wait to see the finished product!

Coats - Please could all children bring a coat into school for break times as the weather is now becoming a little more unpredictable.

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Building Work:

Thank you for your patience with the current building work. It appears we are facing another challenging time but - as always (with your help) - Rivington faces its challenges with grit, determination individuality and a smile! Can I thank you all for working with and supporting the current arrangements and please come and see me if you have any concerns.

Although the building work is due to cease at the beginning of November I have been warned that it could take up to 15 weeks.

Meet the Teachers- Tuesday 11th September 4:30pm and 5:30pm

NOTE: CHANGE OF TIME IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TWO SITTINGS. Please see the separate letter about this meeting for parents in Y1,3,5 and 6 and any new starters. Parents from other year groups are welcome to attend if they would like an update on procedures.

Parent Pay

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

Admission Information for 2019.

Admissions for Reception places opened on **Monday 3rd September**. Please apply online to LCC by **January 2019**. Our Admissions policy is available from school and on our website.

The Friday 'Get Together'

We will be holding a family 'Get Together' at 9:10 - 9:40 every Friday. Parents are invited to join us for our weekly family assembly and join in our celebrations of the children's hard work - see below!

'Rivington Remarkables' and 'The Seven Wonders'.

Below is a description of our awards certificates given out on alternate weeks in our 'Get Together' assembly.

The first of these is the 'Rivington Remarkables'. This will be awarded to children for demonstrating and using one the four Rivington behaviours for learning - Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity. Further detail on how to develop these behaviours at home will follow.

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The second certificate is the 'Seven Wonders' award. This certificate will be awarded weekly to a child in each year who demonstrates one of our seven core values: kindness, respect, honesty, courage, forgiveness, perseverance and responsibility.

These awards will be given during our Friday 'Get Together' which begins at 9:10 and ends at 9:40am.

The parents of children who are to receive a sticker or award will be notified and text on Thursday afternoon to give you the opportunity to attend our Friday celebrations.

School Uniform:

The uniform is as follows:

White shirt, purple tie, purple jumper/cardigan, grey trousers, purple checked kilt 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.

No jewellery should be worn other than stud earrings (earrings need to be covered during P.E.) 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.

School Photographs:

Individual, sibling and class photographs will be taken on **Friday 14th September**. If you have siblings who do not attend this school and want a photograph with your child please come for 2:00pm. Photographs will be taken individually and with siblings as standard.

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. Please note that adult helpers will now need to have a DBS check.

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Books and Games:

If anyone has any unwanted books or traditional board games in good condition we would really appreciate any donations to support class/library reading and wet playtimes. Thank you in advance.

Water Bottles:

Children can bring sports cap water bottles into school so that they have access to a drink in class throughout the day. Please ensure that their name is on the bottle and that they only fill their bottle with natural water.

Open Day:

Our first Open Day for new prospective parents is Wednesday October 10th 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 Admissions- Secondary - Secondary applications can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed. **A reminder that the closing date for Secondary School Admissions is the 31st October 2017.**

High School Open Days -Parents of pupils in Years 6 or 5 may wish to attend open evenings being held in our local high schools. St Michael's Thursday 13th September from 5.30pm to 8.00pm, Parklands Thursday 20th September from 5.15pm to 8.15pm, Southlands Monday 17th September from 5.30pm and Albany Thursday 27th September from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

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

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 on 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.

Can all parents or family dropping-off/picking up adhere to the speed limits around school/local area and apply patience when attempting to go up and down the road. I

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have contacted the local police who will be carrying out spot-checks on both parking and speed.

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

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Diary Dates Autumn 2018

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| Monday 3 rd September | Welcome back! | |
| Tuesday 4 th September | | |
| Wednesday 5 th September | | |
| Thursday 6 th September | | |
| Friday 7 th September | | |
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| Monday 10 th September | | |
| Tuesday 11 th September | 'Meet the Teacher' meeting | 4:30pm and 5:30pm |
| Wednesday 12 th September | Whole-school assembly - Max Marathon for Rivington | 10:30am- 10:45 - Hall |
| Thursday 13 th September | Whole-school Assembly - Taekwondo | 9:15am Hall |
| Friday 14 th September | School Photographs | TreeHouse all day |
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| Monday 17 th September | Y6 Residential Meeting | 6pm Y5/6 |
| Tuesday 18 th September | | |
| Wednesday 19 th September | Urban Outreach assembly | 10:30am Hall |
| Thursday 20 th September | E-Safety Meeting | 2:30pm TreeHouse |
| Friday 21 st September | | |
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| Monday 24 th September | | |
| Tuesday 25 th September | | |
| Wed 26 th September | | |
| Thurs 27 th September | Round 1 Southlands Quiz | |
| Friday 28 th September | Jim Jam Jog Macmillan Coffee Morning | 8am Field 9:30am Hall |
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| Monday 1 st October | | |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | | |

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| Wednesday 3 rd October | | |
| Thursday 4 th October | Harvest Round 2 Southlands Quiz | 9:30am Church |
| Friday 5 th October | | |
| Monday 8 th October | | |
| Tuesday 10 th October | | |
| Wednesday 11 th Oct | Open Day for Prospective Parents | |
| Thursday 12 th October | Southlands Quiz Round 3 | |
| Friday 13 th October | | |
| Monday 15 th October | | 3:30pm |
| Tuesday 16 th October | | |
| Wednesday 17 th October | | |
| Thursday 18 th October | Parents Evening | Hall |
| Friday 19 th October | KS1 Phonics Workshop | 3.15pm: Hall |
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| Monday 23 rd October | | |
| Tuesday 24 th October | | |
| Wednesday 25 th October | | |
| Thursday 26 th October | | |
| Friday 27 th October | | |
| Monday 30 th October | Full Governors | 4:30pm Y5/6 |
| Tuesday 31 st October | | |
| Wednesday 1 st November | | |
| Thursday 2 nd November | | |
| Friday 3 rd November | | |
| Monday 5 th November | WWI Week | |
| Tuesday 6 th November | Finance Committee Meeting | 9:30am Head's Office |
| Wednesday 7 th November | Junior Parent Workshop: R/Wr/Maths | Hall or classroom: 3.15pm and 5.30pm |
| Thursday 8 th November | | |
| Friday 9 th November | Y5/6 Assembly Remembrance Day (11-11-18) | 9:10am Church Hall |
| Monday 12 th November | Anti-Bullying Week | |

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| Tuesday 13 th November | | |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Computer Day | Whole School |
| Thursday 15 th November | | |
| Friday 16 th November | Children in Need Appeal | |
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| Monday 19 th November | Road Safety Week | |
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| Tuesday 21 st November | | |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Open Day for Prospective Parents | |
| Thursday 23 rd November | | |
| Friday 24 th November | | |
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| Monday 26 th November | | |
| Tuesday 27 th November | Full Governors | 4:30pm Y5/6 |
| Wednesday 28 th November | Rev Jo Assembly | 10:30am Hall |
| Thursday 29 th November | | |
| Friday 30 th November | | |
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| Monday 3 rd December | Christmas Art Gallery | Whole school |
| Tuesday 4 th December | | |
| Wednesday 5 th December | | |
| Thursday 6 th December | | |
| Friday 7 th December | Christingle | 2pm Church |
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| Monday 10 th December | | |
| Tuesday 11 th December | Concerts | |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Concerts | |
| Thursday 13 th December | Concerts | |
| Friday 14 th December | Grandparents Tea Party | 9.30am and 1pm |
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| Monday 17 th December | EYFS/Infant party | PM |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Junior Party: PM | PM |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Rev Jo Assembly | 10:30am Hall |

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| Thursday 20 th December | Carol Service | 2pm Hall |
| Friday 21 st December | Breakfast with Santa | 7:30am start |