



OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.

Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week:

Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders' – **James Parkin, Riley Webb, Freya Corlett, Phoebe Greenhalgh, Amber Taylor, Ariana Haydock and George Hodgkinson.**



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

Harvest Festival: Harvest Festival will take place in Church on **Thursday 4th October 2018 at 9:30am in Rivington Church (well done to those of you who noticed the mistake on last week's newsletter!).** We would like to invite parents/carers and members of the school community to celebrate Harvest with us in Church. Each class will be sharing a short presentation, which may be a song, poem or reading.

We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items **to brought to school on the day** (in a plastic bag) to support the **Winter Watch** food bank – please see items request in an attached list. We hope you can join us in our celebrations and know the children will really enjoy seeing you there.

School parking and speeding:

The police and local councillor have been contacted yet again over the on-going issues regarding inconsiderate and- ultimately- extremely dangerous parking by a few individuals. We have been informed that unannounced patrols will now be taking place around the school site and penalties will be issued to anyone who is illegally parked. They are particularly concerned about the traffic parked on Sheep House Lane and cars parked on the entrance to the School and Car park which are presenting an extremely dangerous situation to families and pedestrians attempting to cross the road.

I can fully understand and appreciate what a horrendous situation 'picking up' time is. Like many primary schools – the roads around school were never designed to hold the amount of traffic arriving from 2:45pm onwards. We are looking at ways to elevate the situation but solutions such as a staggered pick-up are difficult when parents have children in different classes and in the end I think it may mean people turning up earlier on the school site. Ultimately what school requests is some sense and co-operation around the situation. My own children's school has similar problems so on the very rare occasion I am able to pick them up I am always willing to park away from the school site and walk. I realise that some of you for various reasons need to park closer to school site and please contact me so that we can look at ways to support you doing this.

I want to once again thank the large majority of our parents who never present any problems when dropping off and picking up. Can I once again request that any issues are reported to the police on 101 so that they can further support school with both parking and speeding.

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.

Shout out to year 3 –6. We've entered into Young Voices Choir! Once again, the children will be supported by the fantastic and talented Mrs. Hodgkinson as well as the equally talented Ms Cadwallader – and just try and stop me from putting on my dancing shoes too! I will be chatting to the children on Monday, and setting up the choir. There will be practices before school. The performance at the MEN in February and I will be sorting tickets nearer the time. Tickets for parents will be at your cost, but school will buy the children's. It should be a cracking experience as always and I'm really looking forward to it. Have a look at the website - <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk> I'll pass on more details over the next week or so.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING: DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE Y6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT 8AM AND 6PM ON TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2018. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVIENCE.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Macmillan Coffee Morning – The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. They ask people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone they raised over £27 million. We are hosting our own coffee morning in school following Celebration Worship at 10am in the TreeHouse and we would love you to come along and enjoy coffee and cake with us and together we can make this another successful year.

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 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 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.

PTFA Meeting: The AGM for the PTA will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18th September at the Bay Horse. All welcome.

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.

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.

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

