

**OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS PERSEVERANCE.**



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What a busy term it has been! The children continue to make us proud with their hard work and achievements during what has been a very short term. They have participated in sports competitions, taken part in assemblies, performed at church and rolled their Easter Eggs. Our PTA have put on some lovely events for parents and the children and it has also been nice to enjoy these with you. Next term, we are hoping for some lovely weather so we can enjoy more outdoor learning (no more snow or falling trees!). **We would like to thank all our parents/carers for your continued support this term. We hope you have a lovely holiday and enjoy celebrating this important and very special time of year with your families.**

**Congratulations to our 'Headteacher's Award' winners: Alice Whitwood, Taylor Smith, Emily Freeman, Ewan McColl, Eloise Whitwood, Charlotte McAloon and Daisy Heywood. A fantastic terms hard-work, progress and determination whilst being kind and a good friend to all!**

**Easter worship**-Well done to all the children who performed in church on Thursday. They all did a fantastic - the singing from all the children was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs. Hodgkinson for accompanying the children on the piano and for leading the children in their singing. Thank you to all our visitors who came to support us.

#### **Easter Events:**

Amazing and Eggs-traordinary! Once again the Easter competitions showed how imaginative and creative our children (and families) are!

Thank you to everyone who decorated eggs, made beautiful, blossoming Easter gardens and really 'went to town' on the magnificent Easter Bonnets/hats/fascinators! We had more bonnets this year than ever before!

Egg Rolling (in what seemed like quite tropical temperatures compared to recent weeks) generated the same excitement for the children as always! There was much advice going round about the best way to 'roll your egg'!

Over the years Egg Rolling has seen all weathers; including sun, rain of all types and even snow! One thing is sure ... we're not easily put off!

The PTA Bingo continued the Easter Egg-citement with a fantastic evening's entertainment, enjoyed by all! A packed– to –the– rafters hall, had a fun filled night! A 'buzzing' way to start Easter, with its feeling of rejuvenation and emerging energy!

**Parental Questionnaire:** Please see the attached response to the questionnaire sent out in October and progress on improvements so far. Many thanks for your continued support, encouragement and valued opinions.

**Twitter** - We are 'tweeting' and hope you will enjoy seeing what is going on in school. In order to access the 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 ahead@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 @rivingtonschool
- 4) Click the 'Follow' button.
- 5) Your request to follow will then be accepted. Only when we receive your email can we accept your request to ensure we can verify your account.

If you encounter any difficulties please let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

**New Reception children – 2019 Intake:** The information for Reception places will be going out to parents on the 16th April. School offers will be sent by email and you can also check online. If you applied late or submitted a paper application form you'll receive your offer by post after the official offer date. If you have not received your offer letter please contact the Area Education Office.

**Huge thanks to our hard-working PTA** for their commitment to making our school **the best** for our children in all their events and fundraising activities!

Helpers are always welcome– please contact the PTA directly or we can pass a message on for you. Save these dates in your diary! *Summer Fair Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June....come and join in the fun! If you can also help on a stall, or a game, with anything...that'll be great!*

***HIKE UP the PIKE! Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July PTA providing refreshments at the school field as last year!***

**PE Kits:** Can Parents/Carers please ensure that your child/ren have their correct and named PE kit in school in school for the first Monday back after the holidays and that it remains in school until the next half-term holiday. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and children cannot take part in their school uniforms. Many thanks for your continued co-operation on this matter.

**Rocket Fund:** This week saw our fund reach the £2388 – WOW and WOW! I cannot thank you enough! We have reached our initial target which is absolutely amazing so we are now reaching for the stars and aiming to raise enough for 10 new laptops – this will mean almost enough new laptops to use with a whole class. **As I have already said – I really cannot thank you enough – the contributions will have a tremendous impact on the children’s progress and enjoyment at school.** Rocket Fund is a crowdfunding site which has been created for schools to raise money for ICT equipment for school. **I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who have supported us so far – your generosity is outstanding!** If you’re interested in supporting us then visit: [www.rocket.fund](http://www.rocket.fund) and search for Rivington. Every donation, big or small, helps! Again, many, many thanks!

**Packed lunches and snacks:** As part of our ‘Healthy Schools’ policy Parents are encouraged to provide a balanced packed lunch for their children. **Fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed.** It has been noticed over the last few weeks that there has been an increase in the amount of chocolate and biscuits in packed lunches School guidelines advise that these are kept to a minimum. May I please also request that **grapes and cherry tomatoes** are cut up to avoid choking. **Due to allergies, nuts are not allowed into school.** Advanced thanks with your co-operation on this matter.

**Parent Pay:** Please can you ensure that all Parent Pay accounts are up-to-date.

**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 near the terrible bend or on the pavement in any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

#### **SCHOOL BANK!**

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

**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.

**I hope that you all have a fantastic Easter break and enjoy time with your wonderful children – wherever you may venture!**

Mrs. Annette

