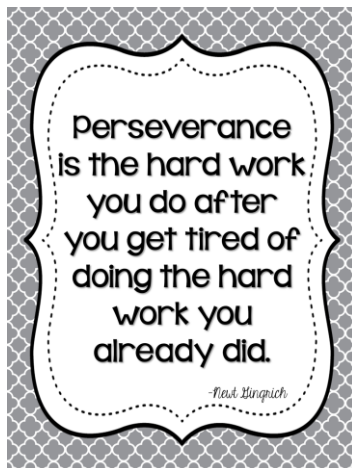


OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS PERSEVERANCE.



SCHOOL CLOSURE: Thank you for all your help and support. Attached is a letter with further details about the two unavoidable School closures.

World Book Day: I'm so sorry that this had to be postponed due to the severe weather. I'm meeting with staff on Monday to discuss an alternative date. Watch this space!

On Wednesday 7th March: we are having a visit from the Alternative Book Shop - Frances & Peter Hopkins. These wonderful and entertaining children's book experts will visit each class and talk to the children about a selection of books which will be especially appealing to their age group and abilities. The Alternative Book Shop choose the books very carefully and try to choose those that are new, exciting, engaging and sometimes challenging.

Each talk lasts about 20-30 minutes and at the end of each session they leave the books behind for the children (and teachers) to look at. They will also leave behind some order forms for the children to take home so that they can order whichever book (s) appeal to them.

Frances & Peter Hopkins will return on Friday 9th March to collect any orders. The books that the children order will be delivered back on Friday 16th March. **Ten percent of the total amount raised through book sales will be returned to school in the form of books.**

Mother's Day Gift Shop: After the popularity of last year's event the PTA are returning on **Friday 9th March** offering a range of gifts that the children can purchase for their Mum on Mother's Day. **All gifts are £3.00** and there is a wonderful range for the children to choose from. All profits go back to the children through the PTA who have already this year subsidised:

- transport for the children on trips and swimming;
- purchased a new Maths scheme for school;
- purchased a £1000 of new Maths equipment;
- purchased new reading support for school;

- purchased online Maths and History support;
- purchased a Geography scheme;
- provided new ICT equipment and other curriculum equipment as well as providing so many memorable events and memories for our children.

Thank you to the PTA!

Easter Service: We will be holding an Easter Service in Rivington Church on Thursday 22nd March at 1:30pm. We would like to invite parents/carers, grandparents etc. and members of our church community. Refreshments will be served following worship and you are very welcome to stay and join us.

Easter Events: I have again attached the letter regarding the up and coming Easter events. Many thanks.

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.

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.

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.

School Illness: We would like to inform you that there has been confirmed cases of chicken pox at Rivington; therefore we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the procedure for when to keep your child at home and when it is appropriate to send them back to school, should your child develop the symptoms of chicken pox.

Our school policy states that if a child is suspected of having chicken pox, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child from school. All children should remain at home until **all** chicken pox spots have crusted over to avoid further spread of the illness. Should any child return to school before this time, parents will be contacted and asked to collect them and take them back home.

Can I also inform you that we have had a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever

We appreciate your understanding on this and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Spring Term 2nd Half:

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

Wednesday 7th March: Alternative Book Shop for World Book Day.

Thursday 8th March: Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

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

Thursday 15th March: Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

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

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

Thursday March 22nd: Easter Bingo PTA – more details to follow!

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

