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Newsletter 1 Summer Term

This terms value is courage:



Congratulations to our 'Rivington Remarkables' winners: **Martha Coleman, Jacob Clarkson, Malachi Taylor, Maisie Hitchen, Callum Burkhill and Jennifer Young.**

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and a good rest! Lighter nights are here and hopefully we have returned to warmer weather to enjoy during our Summer Term!

Year 6 knitting for premature babies:

Year 6 are knitting bonding squares for premature babies in our local area. The Year 6 children have requested donations of size 4 or 5 short needles and DK or 4ply wool in order that they can do this. Thank you for your help - any donations will be gratefully received.

Insect bites: During summer, we can count on warmer weather, budding trees, and insects! Most of the time, humans and insects get along fine. However, during this week we have noticed that a number of children have been bitten. It may be a suggestion, as a precaution, that some form of insect repellent is applied before school during these warmer days (unfortunately, adults cannot apply it to the children) so that bites can be avoided. Supermarkets have some insect repellent sprays and wipes which are easy to apply.

PE Kits and uniform: As the warmer weather (hopefully!) returns and children take off jumpers and cardigans can parents please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name – it's very hard to sort through a pile of discarded jumpers with no names in the playground!

Can School also kindly request that your child/ren have the correct and named PE kit in school 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.

Twitter - We are very eager to start 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 twitter@rivingtonschool.lancs.sch.uk with your Twitter @name, your full name, the name of your child and the class they are in.
- 3) Search for @rivingtonchool
- 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.

Brockholes Y3/4:

On Tuesday 17th April Y3/4 will be going on a school visit to Brockholes to support their learning in both Science and Geography. Can all parents ensure that permission slips have been returned to school alongside any voluntary contributions.

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.

Rocket Fund: Last week our crowdfunding project reached its deadline with an amazing **£2448** raised to buy almost 10 new laptops for school. This was way beyond our original target of **£1,358.64** - WOW! **We cannot thank you enough for the support and generosity you have offered. Our very reason for being here is to ensure that our children get the very best start to their lives – that we provide them with a life-long love of learning alongside the skills needed to achieve the very best for them. This project is a clear indication of the power of a strong school and parental partnership – thank you for all your help in securing the very best for your children. Rocket Fund has already contacted me regarding delivery details for the new laptops and these should be with us very shortly. Again, many, many thanks!**

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.

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.

Summer Term 1st Half:

Tuesday 17th April: Y3/4 trip to Brockholes.

Wednesday 18th April: Open day for prospective parents.

Thursday 10th May: Back to Nature Workshop Y1/2 9:15am – 11:15am.

Friday 4th May: Head Teacher's Open Office- Y3/4. 10am – 11am.

Monday 14th May: SATs week for Y6 and Y2.

Thursday 17th May: Back to Nature Workshop Y1/2. 9:15am – 11:15am.

Monday 21st May – Friday 25th May: Out and About Week.

Monday 21st May: Y4 Waddow Hall Meeting 6:30pm.

Tuesday 22nd May: Relationships and Waddow meeting for Y6 Parents – 6:00pm.

Thursday 24th May: Provisional Sports Day 1:30pm-3:00pm.

Thursday 24th May: Back to Nature Workshop Y1/2. 9:15am – 11:15am.

Friday 25th May: Break-up for half-term.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette

