

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



Congratulations to our 'Rivington Remarkables' winners: **Evie Warburton, Bella King, Jackson Lane, Ava Morton, Theo Orgill, Oliver Brennand and Niamh Loftus.**

Seven Wonders: **Isobel Bromilow.**

Well done to those of you who have completed your Star Charts:

Bronze: **Karsten Taylor and Roxy Vose.**

Silver: **Roman Haydock and Evie-Mae Fishwick.**

Gold: **Daisy Heywood, Riley Webb, Owen Kewley and Mae Roper.**

Y2 SATs Meeting: Mrs. Cuerden will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 2nd May at 8am or 3:30pm in Y5/6 to explain the tests the Y2 children will be undertaking in the upcoming weeks. All Y2 Parents are welcome to either meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Reading Workshop: A reading workshop will be held in Y1/2 for **ALL** parents on Friday at 10:15am. We will be looking at how to support the development of comprehension skills. All are welcome.

Back To Nature Workshop – 10th, 17th and 24th May 9:15-11:15am: Parents, Grandparents and Carers are invited to accompany their child in Y1 to three sessions about learning through Nature. These will be very practical sessions and should be extremely rewarding. The sessions are being led by qualified teachers from Adult Learning and we are very lucky to have access to them. Please fill in the separate form and return to the office – places are limited.

Headteacher's Open Office for Y3/4: I will be free to meet Parents from Y3/4 who would like to discuss any concerns or issues from 11am -12pm on Friday 4th May. I look forward to meeting you.

EYFS Trip to Blackpool Zoo: The children in EFYS will be going to Blackpool Zoo on **Wednesday 9th May**. Please can all Parents and Carers ensure that permission slips have been returned to the office.

Reception Parents: As we head towards the end of the year and the Reception children are 'Y1 in training' I think it is really important that I have an opportunity to meet with Reception Parents to discuss the successes and strengths of our Reception Year as well as areas for improvement. On **Friday the 18th May at 10:15am ALL** Reception Parents and Grandparents are invited to meet with me in the hall to discuss your experiences. All feedback is gratefully appreciated in making our school a stronger and more effective place for our pupils.

Gardening Competition: Southport Flower Show are delighted to launch the 2018 Schools Design-a-Garden Competition. The theme for the 2018 Southport Flower Show is 'Once Upon a Time' and children are asked to 'get creative' and design and draw an eco-friendly garden to depict the theme. The paper designs are then judged by a team of garden specialists and horticulturalists and two winning designs, together with 10 runners-up, will be selected. The two winning gardens will then be constructed by students from Myerscough College in time for this year's show, which runs from 16th -19th August 2018. The competition is open to all Junior School children – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – and they are inviting entries from individual children, rather than class entries.

Learning in the Outdoors Week: From the 21st to the 25th May ALL of our children will be taking part in our Learning in the Outdoors week. During this week teachers may need extra support from Parents in school and will be using the Parental Help register for this. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO APPROACH YOUR CLASS TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DURING THIS WEEK AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ON THE REGISTER.** Please be aware that during this week children may need to wear suitable outdoor clothing.

Twitter – We are now Tweeting and we hope that you enjoy seeing what is going on in school. **Please note - unless you have sent in a reply to school requesting that your child not be included on our Twitter page by the deadline we will assume that we have permission to include them on posts. Please contact the office immediately if this is not the case.**

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.

4. 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.

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/ Carers/ members of our school community Help: We have many talented parents/carers and other members of our school community amongst us and we are extremely pleased when they offer to share their talents with us or help us in and around school. E.g. forest schools, reading with the children, school trips etc. We are now looking for the green fingered amongst you - we have large planted and overgrown beds which need weeding and planting with something wonderful! I am sure the children would love to help. If you think you can offer any help with any of the above please contact school to let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated and we are sure the children will be very proud.

Year 6 Residential Information Evening: There will be an Information Evening for Year 6 parents on Tuesday 22nd May at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4 Residential/Relationships Information Evening: There will be an Information Evening for Year 4 parents on Monday 14th May at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Starters Welcome Evening for Pre-School and Reception: There will a welcome meeting for new pupils in Pre-School and Reception at 6:30pm on Wednesday 23rd May. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

The Driveway: Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that with the return of the not too pleasant weather again there are certain areas of the school which can become slippery. The top of the drive is particularly prone to this. May I advise that care is taken when entering the grounds with a sensible walking pace and that we advise children, parents and visitors to wear flat shoes with a 'good grip'.

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 Dates:

Friday 4th May Reading Workshop: 10:15am in Y1/2.

Friday 4th May: Head Teacher's Open Office- Y3/4. 11am – 12pm.

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

Monday 14th May: Y4 Waddow Meeting – 6:30pm.

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 Hall 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.

Monday 11th June: Y3/4/5/6 Archbishop of York Award begins.

Tuesday 12th June: Y6 go to Waddow Hall.

Friday 15th June: Non-Uniform for School Fair – sweets.

Friday 15th June: Y6 return from Waddow Hall.

Friday 22nd June: Non-Uniform for School Fair - bottles.

Monday 25th June: Faith Week.

Friday 29th June: End of Y4 Meeting.

Friday 29th June: Cakes for the Summer Fair.

Saturday 30th June: School Summer Fair.

Monday 2nd July: Enterprise Week.

Friday 6th July: End of Y2 Meeting. 10am in the TreeHouse.

Friday 6th July: Classes selling the goods of Enterprise Week 2:30pm in the School Playground/Hall.

Wednesday 11th July: Y5/6 and Y3/4v Production- 1:30pm in the Hall.

Thursday 12th July: Y5/6 and Y3/4 Production – 6:30pm in the Hall.

Friday 13th July: End of Year reports out.

Friday 13th July: End of Reception Meeting. 10am in the TreeHouse.

Monday 16th July: School Talent Show. Tuesday 17th July: Hike Up the Pike.

Wednesday 18th July: School Talent Show.

Thursday 19th July: Final 'Get Together' 2pm in the Church Hall

Friday 20th July: Leavers Service in the Church. 2pm.

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

