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Dear Parents/Guardians,



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Dear Parents,

We are at the end of another busy and successful school year!

I would like to start by thanking all of the superb staff for all their efforts this year and pass on my thanks to you, the parents, for all your support. It has been a challenging and highly enjoyable year for me as a new Headteacher – I love our school and want our children to achieve more than they dream possible – to love learning and create memories that will last a lifetime. Rivington Foundation Primary is such a special place.

Whilst Rivington Foundation Primary School has such a special place in my heart, it is not my school or even your school, but the children's school, which we are all just incredibly privileged to be part of. The reason I say this is that I want it to be completely clear to everyone that the children are the drivers here. They are the reason we make every decision we do and they are at the heart of all of those decisions.

We have a great school – great children, great families, great staff – a great community in a world-class setting. And long after many have left they still come back – why? Because it IS great here – a Disneyland of learning. A school where each morning children wake up with a buzz; where learning is high octane and designed in such a way that children don't want to get off.

When we talk about Rivington we want to honour great students and we want to honour great learning. It's not just about great results- although we continue to do this better than most. Rivington is more than that – at our core is people and children with a belief, passion and vision to change the world.

And for the children and families that walk through our doors this school will continue to promote a love of learning, a love of themselves - a belief that they can be a difference in

this world- **Growing Together to Reach Limitless Possibilities** – don't let anyone tell you that you can't

The children have flourished over the year and, when we look back as parents or teachers, we can be very proud of the progress our children have made academically, socially and emotionally.

I am enormously proud of my staff; they work long hours and are dedicated to providing the very best education for your children.

The end of the school year always brings mixed feelings. We are all looking forward to the summer holiday but are saddened by the departure of children and their families.

The Year 6 children are a wonderful and talented group of girls and boys who we are sending into the wider world as prepared as we can make them. Their excellent results, achieved in the SAT's tests, are attached within the newsletter along with Year 2 equally impressive results.

For some of our families, this is their only or last child with us so we say to you... keep in touch and please come and join us at fairs and other public events in the near future. My sincere thanks again, to the parents for their support, to all staff for their exceptional efforts, to the PTA for all their fundraising activities, my Governors for their critical support and to the children who make the most challenging of days, extremely worthwhile and enjoyable.

My best wishes to you all for the summer.

SATs Results - I am delighted to let you know that we have had a very successful year in school. Our results are above average and in many cases well above national and local data. Thank you so much to our fantastic team and for the wonderful support we receive from you as parents. We couldn't be more proud of our children. They are an amazing group of young people and so supportive of each other. They have worked so hard all year and deserve their success. Our school results are below, with national figures in brackets:

EYFS (Reception) Good Level of Development 85% (Lancashire 69%)

KS1:

	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
English Reading	81% (76%)	25% (25%)
Maths	88% (75%)	38% (21%)
Writing	88% (68%)	19% (16%)
Combined (R,W,M)	81%	19%

KS2:

	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
English Reading	100% (75%)	58% (25%)
Grammar Punctuation	100% (78%)	25% (31%)
Maths	92% (76%)	25% (23%)
Writing	86% (78%)	8% (18%)
Combined (R,W,M)	92% (64%)	

National figures are shown in brackets.

Goodbye - The time has come to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6's! It has been a fun but emotional few weeks. They showcased their talents at the Junior Production on Friday. It was fantastic Year 6; you are all very talented as we know! They have been an amazing class and will be greatly missed. We wish them all well and great success as they embark on their next journey to high school. Keep in touch children, you know where we are and we look forward to hearing all about your future achievements. Be bold, be brave, be Rivington and never settle for second best!

Gracie - Today we said a very fond farewell to Gracie (Y2). We wish her all the best as she starts her new school in September. She will be greatly missed by staff and children. We look forward to hearing how well she settled into her new school. All the best Gracie! And a huge thank you to Gracie's family - particularly Sue - who has done so much for our school.

We also wish all the best to our pre-schoolers who are moving on to another primary school - **Oran, Florence, Andrew, Blake and Evelyn**. It's been fantastic to have given you a wonderful start to your journey!

New starters - Although we are saying our goodbyes we also look forward to welcoming Connor and Franklin to Year 1, Gracie to Year 4, Harrison to Year 5 and Leah to Year 6 next year as well as our new Reception and Pre-School children, who have really enjoyed their visits to school this term. Thank you to all our new parents for your support.

End of Year 'Get Together'- Thank you to all our families who attended the final 'Get Together' and assisted in making this very special.

Year Horse for endeavour: Well done to **Emily Freeman** for winning the end of Key Stage One Horse. Well deserved - a fantastic and outstanding example to everyone!

Year 6 Alice Lowe Prize- Well done to **Grace Greenhalgh**. From the beginning of her journey with us Grace has been an outstanding pupil in every sense of the word - well done and extremely well deserved.

Staffing

We would like to extend many grateful thanks to Mrs. Alison Green for her hard-work, support and for being a fantastic part of the Rivington team this year. She has given Rivington her wealth of experience and has offered priceless assistance to all the staff and children - especially to myself in my first year of headship. We wish Mrs. Green all the best as she returns back to her school where she has been greatly missed.

We look forward to welcoming Ms. Rachel Cadwallader in September as the new Y5/6 teacher and Deputy Headteacher. Ms. Cadwallader has already made several visits to school and is in this week to prepare her classroom and meet with me. Ms. Cadwallader is extremely excited about joining the Rivington team and all the possibilities it will bring.

I can now confirm which classes our support staff will be working with next year. Reception - Mrs. Orgill, Mrs. Grimal and Mrs. Roberts. Year 1/2 - Mrs. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Hitchen and Mrs. Gell. Year 3/4 - Mrs. Milton and Mrs. Roberts. Year 5/6 - Mrs. Gell, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Cliffe. Mrs. Hitchen will also be supporting in the school office.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Cliffe will begin her intensive teacher training next year and will lead Y2 and Y5/6 as a teacher for parts of the week under the guidance of Mrs. Cuerden and Myself.

Mrs. Gell and Mrs. Cliffe will also begin their new roles of Learning Mentors to provide pastoral and nurture support for our pupils across school.

Ms Redmayne – We continue to wish Ms. Redmayne a speedy recovery – school is not the same without her. Please note that due to continuing treatment, I will not be available for full days in the first three weeks of the term. I will be at school every day but will have to leave a little earlier due to appointments. I am always contactable via e-mail and Ms. Cadwallader, Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Davies are available for face-to-face meetings as the Senior Leadership Team. Many thanks for your understanding – school is at the centre of everything I do.

Building Work – there are a number of issues with the floor in Y3/4 and Y1/2. Over the years, there have been a number of efforts at remedial fixes but the problems have never ‘gone away’. Fortunately School has been able to access ‘condition-led funding’ from Lancashire County Council which is used to fix issues which will ultimately lead to a school closure – we have all had enough of those! This work is pencilled in to begin during the Summer holidays and if this is the case we may be returning to a site in the middle of a building project in September. Logistical planners have been in School this week to plan the project around the ‘everyday’ School life we need to return to in September. Obviously, there may be some consequences to the planned work. As a result, if it has started, it may mean re-housing Y1/2 in a portable cabin in the playground and Y3/4 in the hall for the first part of the term. During this time the floor and heating in the bottom classrooms will be replaced.

Please understand that we acknowledge that it is not the best way to start a new year but it is the only way to ensure a safe building for our children. The costs around this job are quite significant so we too have only just received confirmation that it should be going ahead this week and have been frantically packing up the bottom two rooms – a job that is continuing well into next week and one that will require time to set up two new classrooms as we return.

I will keep you posted regarding updates. Many thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

PTA – May I take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their efforts throughout this year. They have given their time and efforts in the most generous way. Events throughout this year have raised a staggering amount to support school improvement including 12 new laptops, the funding of a year-long writing project, maths scheme and resources, a geography and history scheme, staff nurture training alongside supporting school trips and swimming. We cannot thank you enough. Further details regarding future planning for the PTA will be sent out this week.

Attendance - Thank you for your co-operation this year in ensuring that the children come in to school each day, that holidays in term-time are kept to the minimum and for communicating so well with me about any requests. Your support is very much appreciated.

School re-opens to the children for the new school year on Monday 3rd September 2018

Future Dates for the New Year:

Below are provisional dates for the new school year. Be aware that they are subject to change. Many thanks to Christine Brooke and Lisa Horrocks – part of our Parents Council - who are in the process of creating a termly calendar to help you plan the term ahead. **Please note: 'Get Together' will return to its Friday slot at 9:15am.**

Future Dates:

Family 'Get Together'	Friday 7 th September 9:10-9:40
School photographs	Friday 14 th September – all day.
'Meet Head/Teacher Night' Y1-6	Tuesday 11 th September 6:00pm
Y5/6 Anglo Saxon Day	Wednesday 20 th September
Harvest Celebration in Church	Friday 2 ^{1st} September 9:30am
Jim-Jam Jog – School Field	Friday 28 th September 8:15am onwards
Prospective Parents Day	Wednesday 10 th October 10am and 1:30pm and Wednesday 21 st November 10am and 1:30pm
Parents Evening – School Hall	Tuesday 23 rd October 3:30pm- 7:00pm
Half term	School closes on Friday 19 th October
World War One Week	From Monday 5 th November 2018
Christingle in Church	Friday 7 th December 2pm
Infant Concerts	Tuesday 11 th December 1:30pm and Thursday 13 th December at 6:30pm
Grandparents Tea Party in the Hall	Friday 14 th December – 10-12pm sitting and 1pm – 3pm sitting.
Breakfast with Santa in the Hall	Friday 21 st December 7:30am start – two sitting- times TBC
Christmas Holidays	School closes on Friday 21 st December at 3:15pm

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your time together wherever it might be.

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

Mrs. Annette and all the Rivington Team.

