

Summer Term
06/07/2018

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS **RESPONSIBILITY**. WE



WE WANT TO THANK OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY HAVE FOR US ALL-PUTTING THEMSELVES IN DANGER TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE SAFE. WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH.



Fire: Again, we are extremely saddened to have to close school especially in such worrying circumstances. After advice, it was the only option left to ensure the safety of our children. At this moment in time the fires are not stable and very unpredictable which could mean that we would be placing children and staff in a dangerous position which would require us to constantly keep evacuating the building. We have no choice but to listen to the advice provided. School itself is filled with the smell of smoke and a layer of ash and it will need a good clean before the children return to it.

Our time at Albany has been fantastic and we cannot thank Mr. Mayland and his staff for opening his doors to us and accommodating all our needs with such kindness – no request has been too much. We are all very impressed with the standards and expectations at Albany and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Mayland and his staff for creating such an exceptional school.

I would also like to thank the Rivington team and Governors who have been such a vital support for the children and me during this week. What we lack in space we make up for in heart.

It saddens me greatly that due to the present situation we are going to have to cancel the KS2 shows for this week. We just haven't had the opportunity to prepare or the space with which to perform. At the present time, we are putting together what we have for a larger performance on the last day of term – hopefully this will help to reduce any disappointment. You all know how much I enjoy our shows so we will do our best to ensure that the children are given the opportunity to shine.

We are planning an exciting week at Albany – watching 'Legally Blonde', exploring the area and even venturing to Astley Park. We look forward to welcoming back our pre-school – you have been greatly missed and the return of breakfast club and late-stay.

May I once again take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and understanding during an extremely challenging time at Rivington.

Hike-Up the Pike: A fund-raising event will go ahead on the day but we will more than likely change what the children are doing. We will keep you posted. Many thanks.

Please do not venture up to school during this time for your own safety and to ensure that access is available to emergency services. I'm sure you will agree that all our thoughts, prayers and thanks go to the people fighting the fire up on the hills above us – heroes amongst us.

Summer Fair: We enjoyed a lovely day on Saturday at the Summer Fair despite having to reduce the event in the hall. Thank you to the PTFA and all our other parents/carers and staff who helped to make this event successful. We raised approximately £700 with around £200 of expenses which is fantastic considering we had to reduce plans for the day due to the fire. Money raised will be used to fund the School Development Plan, thanks for all your support.

Breakfast Club and Late-Stay: If you are interested in places for either of these clubs for next year and have not sent in any requirements then please call into the school office.

The Office: As you know Ms Redmayne is unwell at the moment. To ensure that all correspondence is received, can all e-mails be sent to head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk. At present, we are updating ParentPay accounts. During this period, we can accept cash payments if that is easier for yourself.

Thankfully our problems with the Internet seem to have had a 'temporary fix' so responses to e-mail will hopefully be much quicker.

Believe me when I say that this situation is as frustrating for staff and myself as it is for you. Please may I politely ask for a little patience and understanding during this challenging time for school. Many thanks.

Meet the Teacher Y5/6: Our new Deputy Headteacher – Ms Rachel Cadwalder - will be available to meet parents of the present Y4/5 on Monday 16th July at 3:30pm. Many thanks.

Twitter – We are now 'Tweeting' and we hope that you 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.
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.

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 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

