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'Education is a powerful engine for personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, the son of a mine-worker can become a manager of the mine, and the child of a farm-worker can become president of a proud nation.'

Nelson Mandela

Happy New School Year!

Welcome back everyone – I hope that you all had lots of new adventures, a refreshing rest and are raring to go at the start of this exciting new year.

The start of the new school year is often exciting and daunting at the same time – a year ahead which is filled with expectation and determination. At this time I would like to bring to the forefront our School motto: '**Only My Best Will Do**' which helps to support and drive us forward in everything we do.

A very special welcome is sent to all of our new Reception and Pre-School children! Their parents must feel very proud, as we are, with how well they have settled into school. We would also like to welcome Jennifer Young who has joined us in Year 6, Miss. Stephanie Shore who will be joining our fantastic Breakfast Club team and Mrs. Alison Green, our fantastic Year 5/6 teacher who is also supporting me as an experienced Deputy Headteacher.

It has been a very busy week in school and I am really enjoying adapting to my new role. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and governors for your continued support. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and to steering our wonderful school on its journey forward. The children have been extremely helpful too and, as always, I have been very impressed with their wonderful manners and the excellent start they have made in their new classes.

The School Newsletter

This is the first letter of the brand new year – they will be sent out weekly, on a Friday, emailed to you and posted on the school website.

If you have not received an electronic version of this letter via your e-mail please can you contact the office to confirm your e-mail details.

The School Gates

Following a visit from the Lancashire Schools Safeguarding Officer it has been highly advised to limit access to school to one entrance only via the main large school gate at the top of the drive. This means that parents, children and visitors are to enter and exit the school from this gate only. We acknowledge that this could be a difficult adjustment but we trust that we will have your full co-operation on this matter and any other that ensures that the safeguarding of our children is paramount.

I will be available at the school gate during the start and end of the day and if you wish to discuss any sensitive matters please make an appointment with your class teacher or myself.

Health & Safety note

As PE lessons on Tuesday are until 3.10pm, if the lesson is in the yard, please can parents wait only in the area in front of the Reception classroom door until the children go into school. This lessens distraction for some of the children- helps concentration.



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Parent Pay

Please can you ensure that parent pay accounts are up-to-date.

Admission Information for 2018.

Admissions for Reception places open on Monday 4th September. Please apply online to LCC by January 2018. Our Admissions policy is available from school and on our website. Please note: Last year there was a change to our pre-school criteria/points. This has had to be made due to direction from LCC Admissions. Please check if you are applying this year.

The Friday 'Get Together'

We will be holding a 'Get Together' at 9:10 - 9:40 every Friday. Parents are invited to join us for our weekly family assembly and join in our celebrations of the children's hard work – see below!

'Rivington Remarkables' and 'The Seven Wonders'

Next week we will introduce two new certificates.

The first of these is the 'Rivington Remarkables'. This will be awarded to children for demonstrating and using one the four Rivington behaviours of learning - Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity. Further detail on how to develop these behaviours at home will follow.

The second certificate will be called the 'Seven Wonders' award. This certificate will be awarded weekly to a child in each year who demonstrates one of our seven core values: kindness, respect, courage, forgiveness, perseverance and responsibility.

These awards will be given during our Friday 'Get Together' which begins at 9:10 and ends at 9:40am. The parents of children who are to receive a sticker or award will be notified and text on Thursday afternoon to give you the opportunity to attend our Friday celebrations.

Adult Helpers

Do you have a hidden talent that we can utilize in school or would like to offer a 'helping hand' then keep a look out for our parental help register to be sent out shortly.

Books and Games

If anyone has any unwanted books or traditional board games in good condition we would really appreciate any donations to support class/library reading and wet playtimes. Thank you in advance.

Label Clothing/PE Kits

Please can we remind you to label all uniform and PE kits and make sure children have PE kits in school ready for lessons next week.

Water Bottles

Children can bring sports cap water bottles into school so that they have access to a drink in class throughout the day. Please ensure that their name is on the bottle and that they only fill their bottle with natural water.

Library Books

We still have a number of books that need to be returned to the library. Please could you have a good look at home to see if you have any outstanding books? You will be able to recognise the books by the Lancashire red rose label on the spine or inside the books.



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Dropping Off and Picking Up From School

The road outside of school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians under **no circumstances** are vehicles to be parked on the zigzag lines. This is dangerous and could cause an accident. Thank you for your understanding.

Out-of-school clubs

Total Dance (multi-skills), running club, taekwondo, Elite sports and Fidler Music will all be starting their provision in school shortly - further details to follow.

Future Dates:

Family 'Get Together'

Friday 8th September 9:10-9:40

Magistrates in the Community Talk Y5/6

Wednesday 6th September 1:20pm

'Meet Head/Teacher Night' Y1-6

Tuesday 12th September 6:00pm

Y5/6 Anglo Saxon Day

Wednesday 20th September

Harvest Celebration in Church

Friday 29th September 9:30am

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 24th October 3:30pm- 7:00pm & Wednesday 25th
October 3:30pm-7:00pm

Half term

School closes on Friday 27th October

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette