



# Rivington Foundation Primary School

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## OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.

*"I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I'll put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else...Kindness - that simple word. To be kind - it covers everything, to my mind. If you're kind that's it." Roald Dahl*

I would like to begin this week's Newsletter by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to all our parents who have supported the PTA in any tiny way and to those of you who are actively involved in the organisation of events or a member of a PTA committee. Any support in this capacity is gratefully appreciated. Due to all of your immense efforts we have been fortunate enough to receive £2500 towards the cost of new maths equipment and to purchase valuable and much needed resources for our children to enjoy and learn with throughout our curriculum. In these financially challenging times your combined efforts enable us to continue to deliver the exciting and rewarding curriculum our children deserve. On behalf of all the children, staff and governors – Thank You!

**Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week!** Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders' – Isobel Bromilow, Jacob Clarkson, Ava Shaw, Danilo Gillam, Dylan Davies, Niamh McColl and Jack Horrocks.

Well done to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables' – Mae Roper, Bella King, Jack McLaughlin, Jessica Snape, Ariana Haydock, George Hodgkinson and Jack Stevenson.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first 'Get Together' - it was wonderful to share the children's achievements with you!

**Class Family Worship:** This year we have decided to give all year groups a chance to perform and share information about what they have been learning in a special class worship. Year 5/6 will be first to perform on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am-10:00am - parents/carers are invited to attend. This will be followed by our usual family worship which anyone is welcome to come to.

**Harvest Festival:** Harvest Festival will take place in Church on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 9:30am** We would like to invite parents/carers and members of the school community to celebrate Harvest with us in Church. Each class will be sharing a short presentation, which may be a song, poem or reading. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be taken to church on the day ( in a plastic bag) to support the **Winter Watch** food bank – please see items request in an attached list. We hope you can join us in our celebrations and know the children will really enjoy seeing you there.

**Planners:** The school planners are an invaluable tool for both school and parents to keep in touch with one another about all manner of things. They also are home to the children's reading records and reading rewards. We hope that you find them useful!

Please can you ensure that you have read and signed the home-school agreement and e-safety agreement in the front of the planners. There is also a section for you to read and sign with your child – all this goes towards strengthening and sharing our school's values and ethos. Many thanks!



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## **School Uniform:** The uniform is as follows:

White shirt, purple tie, purple jumper/cardigan, grey trousers, purple checked kilt and black shoes with low heels. Girls may wear a summer dress at the appropriate time of year. Sweatshirts with the school logo, kilts and ties are available from Jada, Eaves Lane, Chorley. PE kits consisting of named white/black T-shirt, purple shorts and pumps should be brought and kept in school in small draw-string PE bags in order to minimise the space taken up in cloakrooms.

No jewellery should be worn other than stud earrings (earrings need to be covered during P.E.) or a watch. Extreme hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school. If in doubt whether a style is unsuitable, contact school prior to having the hair styled.

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.

## **School Photographs:** Individual, sibling and class photographs will be taken on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have siblings who do not attend this school and want a photograph with your child please come for 2:00pm. Photographs will be taken individually and with siblings as standard.

**PTFA Meeting:** A quick reminder that the PTA will be holding a meeting in the 'Tree House' (formally known as Acorns) on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Please come along and find out about plans for the year ahead and share any new ideas you may have and don't forget that the meetings will give you the opportunity to decide how money raised is spent to benefit your children.

## **Y4/5/6 Author Visit:** Author Katherine Rundell will be visiting school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Katherine is a very famous and extremely popular author and we are very lucky to have her talk to our children. Details of the visit and details of any pre-orders you may wish to make of her books are attached.

**Primary Admission Information for 2018:** Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school 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.

Our first **Open Day** for new prospective parents is **Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am until 11am and 1:30pm until 2:30pm.** Please contact school if you would like to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

**School Admissions - Secondary applications** can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed. **SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS** - A reminder that the closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **Tuesday 31st October 2017.**

**High School Open Days:** Parents of pupils in Years 6 or 5 may wish to attend open evenings being held in our local high schools. **St Michael's Thursday 14th September, Parklands Thursday 21st September, Southlands Monday 25th September and Albany Thursday 28th September.**

**Y5/6 Anglo-Saxon Day:** On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in an exciting Anglo-Saxon day. Further details to follow.



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**Clubs and Activities:** Clubs are now on. Mr. Ellison runs Taekwondo on Thursday (8:00- 8:55am). Total Dance is providing Multi-Skills on a Monday between 3:30- 4:30pm. Actiphons is on a Tuesday at 8:00-8:50. Guitar/ukulele lessons take place on a Friday between 12 and 2pm. Football club will take place on Tuesday lunchtime. Other clubs such as Yoga and Judo will begin shortly – please contact the office for further information.

## **The School Gates**

I hope that the new system is 'working out' for everyone. The rear and small black gate will be open until 9:10 and re-open at 3:10. If you would like to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me.

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.

**Dropping Off and Picking Up From School:** The road outside of school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. It has been brought to my attention that parents are still picking up and dropping off one the yellow zig-zag lines. These lines are marked to ensure the safety of our children. **In the interest of the safety of our 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.

**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.

**Parent Pay:** Please can you ensure that parent pay accounts are up-to-date.

**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.

**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.

**As the newsletter is very full this week future dates are on a separate document.**

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Annette