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Dear Parents/Guardians,



I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Rivington Foundation Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue and build upon the success the school has already achieved under the superb leadership of Mrs Carter-Clavell. Having worked at Rivington for fifteen years I feel I have built a strong relationship with children, staff, parents, families and governors and understand what is needed to take the school forward in this new era of education.

My vision for the school is to ensure that the needs of all our children are met in all areas of school life and that each child is given a wealth of experience and opportunities. This in turn, will guarantee they leave Rivington at the end of Year 6, feeling extremely confident, responsible and competent members of society, ready for their Secondary School journey.

I believe that school should be a happy, caring, respectful and hardworking environment, in which all staff should utilise their skills to enable the children in their care to recognise their true potential and talents. As a caring community, we should endeavour to celebrate the successes of our children in all areas of school life. We can do this by showing them that we believe in them, respect them and are proud of them.

As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you feel you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. I will be holding termly coffee mornings, in which, parents/guardians can chat to both myself and the senior leadership team to express opinions on what the school is doing well and/or any areas that may need addressing.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family.

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- 'VISIONS OF THE FUTURE'. This school is bold, it is brave and it dreams.

I look forward to watching your children grow in confidence, knowledge and ability during their time at Rivington and will thank you in advance for the support I know you will give all members of our school community, in the years to come.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. To make an appointment, please speak to Miss Redmayne in the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Annette
HEADTEACHER

Attendance:

The attendance percentage for the whole w/e 12th January 2018 is 96.2% -----The winning class this week is Y5/6 with 98.2%

Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week! Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders' – **Tao Kucharski, Taylor Smith, Zak Davenport, Roxy Vose, Theo Orgill, Alex McAllion, Jennifer Young.**

Well done to this week's 'Rivington Remarkables' –**Sebastian Austerberry, Freya Corlett, Emily Freeman, Ewan McColl, Eve Anthony-Smith, Ruby Vose and Summer Taylor**

Bronze Awards: Leyton Bowden, Tao Kucharski, Martha Coleman, Charlie Hart and Evie Mae Fishwick.

Silver Awards: Mae Roper

Parents Evening: Alongside this letter you will be receiving a letter on Monday regarding Parents Evening. Please complete the return slip so that your child's teacher can arrange a convenient appointment for you.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning: The first Headteacher's Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 23rd February 2018 at 10am in the Church Hall.

Dropping Off and Picking Up From School: Again, it has been brought to my attention that parents are still picking up and dropping off one the yellow zig-zag lines. I cannot stress enough how worrying it is that the safety of our children and other pedestrians may be at risk due to a minority. I am sure we would all agree we don't want an accident to happen before we all take notice. In order to relieve our challenging parking situation we would kindly request that parents move their cars as swiftly possible once your children have entered school in the morning. Children are able to enter school from 8:50am onwards in order to help with a staggered drop-off. The local police have agreed to help support us with this situation.



If you would like to see a teacher at the start or end of school we will do our very best to meet you. Unfortunately, due to demands of the classrooms at these times, it is not always possible. Parents can make appointments with Mrs. Redmayne or leave a message with the staff on the door. Can parents remember not to enter the building **before 3:25pm at night**. We need to ensure that the children reach and leave their classes safely and to help with this we must have entrance ways clear. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

P.E. Provision: Chorley Sports Partnership are taking the children for P.E. on a Thursday. The children will have a different coach each half-term who will deliver his/her own specialist instruction e.g. invasion games, athletics, dance. Please come and see either Mrs. Green or myself if you have any further queries regarding this.

FUN WITH MATHS: Lancashire Adult Parenting will be offering two workshops entitled 'Fun With Maths'. These will be for both the parents and children in our younger classes. The first will take place on Friday 2nd February in the TreeHouse. Further details will follow.

Attendance- Our attendance data is very good and we really do appreciate your commitment to ensuring your child is in school. We are aware that there have been a number of illnesses in school during the last term, which impact on your child's attendance. In addition, there may well be exceptional reasons why you need to take your child out of school for a holiday or occasion/event. If that is the case, I strongly encourage you to contact me about it, preferably before any bookings are made. Termly letters are sent to parents/carers to advise you if your child's attendance falls below 95%. Often as the year progresses this can be improved upon very quickly. We are very keen to continue to support our families and ask that you contact us if there is anything we can do to help. If you receive a letter and wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Remember – don't be late! It is so important that your child gets to school on time. Learning starts straight away in the classes and even a few minutes late could make a big difference. To help with multiple drop-offs, children are able to come into school from 8:50am. Children learn best when they arrive at school in a calm state and feel part of everything that is happening, right from the morning register. There are times when being late is unavoidable, however for the most part we ask our parents to ensure their children arrive at school on time, with all

their necessary books and kit, ready for the day ahead. Did You Know..? 5 minutes late to school each day would amount to 3 whole school days missed over the year! Please come and see me if you are experiencing any difficulties with this.

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.

Maths Problem of the Week:

Problem 1

A jug holds 1.5 litres of juice. James has a 300ml cupful and Jennifer has 250ml cupful. How much juice is left in the jug?

Problem 2

A jug holds 3.752 litres of juice. The juice is poured into 4 different cups. Cup A holds 1.05 litres, cup B holds 560ml, cup C holds 865ml and cup D holds just 50ml. How much juice is left in the jug?

Parent Drop in Tuesday mornings 10:00am Every Tuesday morning at 10:00am Mr Sands (Chair of Governors) will be in school to meet with Mrs Annette. If any parents/ carers have anything they wish to discuss please let us know in advance and we will make sure we are available.

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.

Spring Term Dates:

Friday January 26th: Year 1 sharing assembly 9:10am in the Hall.

Friday February 2nd: 'Fun With Maths' Parents only in the TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

Tuesday February 6th: Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday February 7th: Parents Evening – 3 – 6:30pm.

Thursday February 8th: Parents Evening – 3 - 6:30pm.

Friday 9th February: 'Fun with Maths' Parents and children, TreeHouse 9:15 – 11:15am.

Spring Term 2nd Half

Friday 2nd March: World Book Day

Wednesday 7th March: Alternative Book Shop for World Book Day – More details to follow!

Monday March 5th: Full Governors Meeting 4:30pm

Wednesday 7th March: Alternative Book Shop for World Book Day – More details to follow!

Thursday 8th March: Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

Friday March 9th: Y1/2 Mother's Day Assembly.

Thursday 15th March: Non-uniform day – bring in an Easter Egg for Easter Bingo.

Wednesday March 21st: Egg-rolling 1:30pm in the school grounds.

Thursday March 22nd: Easter Service in Church 1:30pm.

Friday 23rd March: Easter Parade in the Hall.

Friday March 23rd: Easter 'Get Together' 2pm in the Hall.

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

