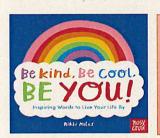
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OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. There has been a real buzz around school this week and the children look very smart in their new school uniforms. A special hello to all the new families that have joined the Rivington community this year, we can't wait to get to know you and your children more over the next few months. We have launched our new 'Behaviour and Attitudes' Curriculum this week and as expected the children have responded positively to it and are working hard to follow the 'Rivington Way'. We want our children to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that as children practice these behaviours over time, they become embedded habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. The Rivington Way encompasses every part of our school day. Here are a few examples:

- Children know that you must walk from your classroom to the playground using 'Rivington Walking'.
- Children know that you must play safely without hurting anyone.
- Children know that we all use 'Rivington Listening' to ensure everybody is able to learn without distractions.
- Children know that someone who is kind behaves in a gentle, caring, and helpful way towards other people.
- Children know that you must arrive at school on time every day.
- Children know that when you are wearing your school uniform you are representing the school community and must always behave responsibly and respectfully.

We hope that all parents and carers will help us to deliver the Rivington Way!

The full document is available to read on the school website.

Please remember to sign up to class dojo and our Instagram page to get regular updates on what your children have been doing at school!

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PACKED LUNCHES/SNACKS

As part of the Rivington Way, we encourage the children to have healthy lunchboxes and snacks. It has been great to see so many of our children bringing in a variety of different snacks for break time. I have also spotted a few lovely lunch boxes this week in the dinner hall! It really does make a difference to the learning that takes place in school if the children are fuelled with healthy and nutritious food.

Here are a few examples that I have seen this week!









UNIFORM

We expect our children to wear our school uniform smartly, this is another part of the Rivington Way. You can see in the pictures examples of our uniform expectations.







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Weekly Attendance Awards Week commencing 4th September 2023

Reception	%
Y1	96.6%
Y2	95.4%

Y3	95%	
Y4	98.3%	
Y5	97.5%	
Y6	65%	

OFFICE INFORMATION

School Spider:- Please ensure you have all downloaded the school spider app and remain logged in. This is the main way the office communicates with parents. We will send all our letters/newsletters this way. School spider is now also used to book and pay for breakfast & after school clubs, pay for snack, milk and any upcoming trips that require payment.

We will often send out surveys too or requesting permission to take your child offsite, so it is really important to have so that you don't miss anything.

School grid: School grid is the new system that was set up at the end of last term. It is used for selecting and paying for school meals only.

It is important that you pre book your child's lunches before they attend school that day. This ensures the kitchen cook the right amounts of foods and that the children get what they want. If your child does not like what is on the menu on a particular day, you can send them in with a packed lunch if you wish.

Rec to Y2 children are under the universal free school meal scheme, so parents don't need to pay. Nursery & Y3 to Y6 children, meals are priced at £2.50 per day unless you are entitled to free school meals, however this may go up in October.

If you think you may be eligiable fo free school meals, even if your child is currently receiving universal free school meals, please apply via the following link https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

Absences:- If your child is going to be absent, please call school at your earliest convenience and leave a message stating what your child's name is, class and what is wrong with them. They will then be marked as an illness on the register. If your child is absent and we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

All medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. We do appreciate that sometimes this is unavoidable so we ask that you try and get them as close to the beginning or the end of the school day as possible and letters or appointment cards will be requested as proof.

If your child is late, please ensure an adult brings them to the school office and signs them in.

School does not authorise family holidays!

If there is anything you are unsure of or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on 01744 678493, email rivingtenp@sthelens.org.uk or pop in and say hi. It's always nice to put faces to names.

Thank you

Miss Tierney

Well done to all our merit winners this week!

	Merit 1	Merit 2	Values Merit		
Reception	start. Playing, learning	All of the children in Reception Class who have got off to a great start. Playing, learning, making new friends and beginning to follow the Rivington Way.			
Year 1	start at Rivington	Jaxon for super listening at carpet times.	Rhea for being very helpful in our class.		
Year 2	Leo for taking so much care with the presentation of his work.	Lennon for his eagerness to answer questions during maths lessons.	Scarlett for being an example of following the Rivington Way when lining up at playtime.		
Year 3	Alfie N-Z for settling brilliantly into his new routine and completing his morning work.	Zahira for always demonstrating respectful and sensible behaviour- and being a wonderful new addition to Year 3!	Holly for doing great Rivington listening and always being ready to learn.		
Year 4	Jack W- for showing respectful behaviour and good listening skills.	Thomas has settled well into Year 4. He has shown increased independence in his work.	Savannah has shown that she is able to follow the Rivington Way when lining up and waking around school.		
Year 5	Abdullah for demonstrating the Rivington Way in all he has done.	Eva for taking on responsibilities in class in a very mature manner.	Ronnie for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class and helping others settle into Year 5.		
Year 6	James for showing excellent listening skills in class and a mature attitude to work	Alfie for a great start to Year 6 and working hard on everything he's done. A perfect example of the Rivington Way.	Daphne for being so helpful around the classroom and a great role model for younge children around school.		