



# Rishton Methodist Primary School

***"Rise up ... take courage and do it" Ezra 10:4***

Headteacher: Mrs D Higgins

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## Welcome Back!

The first two weeks in school really have flown by, and the children have settled back into their routines and are keen to learn. Thank you for ongoing support with smart uniform, attendance and punctuality. We've made a great start. I have received a very warm welcome to Rishton Methodist, and I already feel like I have been here much longer than two weeks! Thank you to the children, parents, carers, and staff and wider community. What an amazing school we have!

## New Pupils

A special welcome to our families who are new to our school. This includes our new starters in Reception who have been fantastic over these last two weeks as they have started their new school journey. It's lovely to walk through their classroom and see them learning and exploring the fantastic environment which Mrs Houlker and Mrs Humphreys have created for them. I look forward to seeing the children grow and succeed at our school. A special welcome to the children in other year groups who have recently joined the Rishton Methodist family, and settled in well. We are glad you have chosen our school.

## Awards

Last week saw a slight change to our school awards. We now have a Writer of the Week, a School Value Award, and a Star of the Week from each class. The children now also meet with me on a Monday morning for a special breakfast treat. If your

child has won one of these awards then we do try to keep it a surprise so they only find out in the Friday celebration assembly. The office team will give you a call on Wednesday or Thursday to let you know in advance if your child has won so that you can make arrangements to attend the Friday assembly.

## Clubs and Experiences

The children have been lucky enough to have two different taster sessions in PE this week. They have taken part in Judo and Laser Tag which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We have several clubs starting after school which include Judo, Football, Laser Tag, Cross Country and Eco Club. The range of clubs offered throughout the year will change to ensure the children have a variety, and also to ensure all age ranges have a change to participate. Your child will also have the opportunity to go on class trips. Y6 are soon off to the Imperial War Museum and Lowry in Salford.

## Our Church Links

Each Tuesday morning, at 9am, we will continue to attend church as a whole school. This service is also open to any of our families who would like to attend. We continue to have daily worship in school, and Reverend Mark also visits us frequently to work with our children in class, and also deliver worship. This Sunday is Education Sunday at 10:30am at Rishton Methodist church. This will be followed by coffee and biscuits. Some of the staff are attending and everyone is very welcome to join us.

## New School Website

Our new website has launched! As mentioned on Dojo, it still has a few tweaks to be made but it is up and running and a place to find any school information which you may need. It will be regularly updated with new photos and information. If you feel there is anything which you might find useful, that hasn't been included, please do get in touch and let me know.

## Curriculum Information

All curriculum maps have been sent home and also posted on Dojo. If you haven't had a copy, or feel like you would like more information about what your child is learning then please contact your child's teacher.

## Staffing

You may have spotted a few new faces around school. I would like to officially welcome Mr William Steele who has taken over the role of site supervisor. We also welcome Miss Bury and Mrs Abbott to the Reception Team.

## A final word

I'm usually on the playground every morning, as are the staff, should you need a quick word. If there is anything which needs a longer chat, or is confidential, please just pop into the office, or give us a call, and we will be happy to arrange a suitable time. If you would like to speak to Mrs Newsham, our Family Support Worker, then please just get in touch with us, and this can be arranged.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Higgins.

## Our Special Award Winners!

**7<sup>th</sup> September:** Isabella, Kaizer, Tilly-Mai, Maggie, Maddison, Tiberius, Junior, Zara, Jake, Isaac, Daisy, Freddie, Cooper, Frankie, Marisa, Jacob, Mason, Emma, Dylan, Amelia, Daniela.

**14<sup>th</sup> September:** Lucas, Theodore, Teddy, Jack, Carter-Mae, Mercy, Jacob S, Lexi, Asa, Rosie, Mayan, Charlie T, Hollie, Leo F, Brodie-Joe, Katy, Carys, Grace, Riley, Moyin, Nathaniel.

