



# Rishton Methodist Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Higgins

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Our second autumn half term is well underway, and the children are working hard across school. Well done to all of our children! We are very proud of you.

## Phonics/Early Reading

We have recently moved to a brand new EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) phonics and reading scheme. The new scheme is called **Little Wandle** and we are sure it will enhance our children's phonics and reading knowledge even further. The children love the new reading books and are keen to get reading every day. Please help us to instil a love of reading by ensuring reading takes place at home at least three times a week. This just needs to be for ten minutes. Thank you.

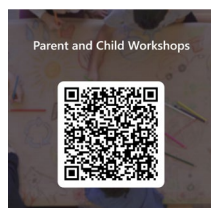
## Phonics and Reading Workshop

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15pm to 3:15pm Mr Steele (English Leader), and Mrs Houliker (Phonics and Early Reading Leader) are holding a workshop for parents which will give you hints and tips of how to help your children at home with reading and writing. You will be able to sit with your child and carry out some activities together during the session. There will be more information to follow, but it would be great if you could come along.

## Your Thoughts...

We are looking at offering more supportive parental workshops. Please click the link below, or scan the QR code, to have your say on what you think would be useful to you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/R54ZjVRX3t>



## Upcoming Dates

- **Children in Need Day**-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- **Bikeability**-Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- **Christmas Fair**- 3:15pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day**- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- **Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols and Song Sing- a- Long**-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm
- **Key Stage 1 evening Nativity**-6pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- **Key Stage 1 afternoon Nativity**- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm



## Pre- loved Uniform & Parent Library!

Our parent library is now situated in the main school entrance. Please just come and borrow, and return, as you wish.

Our pre-loved uniform stall is now also in the main school entrance. Please just help yourself if you need anything. We would welcome any donations to keep this topped up to help the planet, and help keep costs down for our families.

## Accrington Light Switch On

Our school choir are singing at the Accrington Light Switch On. The singing starts at around 4:15pm and the family evening festivities carry on until after 8pm. Please come along and support us if you can!



## School Christmas Market

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be holding a Christmas market in the school hall straight after school. There will be lots of goodies for sale, and this includes a stall from each class with hand-made items designed and produced by the children. Each class gets to keep a percentage of what they make to spend how they wish so any support will be very welcome. Any other profits will be split between the school fund to benefit our children, and charity.

## Last Week's Attendance

(Not this week, due to the sickness bug!)

Well done to EYFS (Sapphire) who won best attendance last week and get to keep the trophy and Percy Pigeon for a week! Keep it up!

Sapphire (EYFS)	98.21
Emerald (Y1)	90.76
Ruby (Y2)	96.35
Amethyst (Y3)	93.30
Topaz (Y4)	94.74
Opal (Y5)	93.75
Diamond (Y6)	97.40

## School Trips

Traditionally, our school trips have been held in the last term of the school year. This year, we are spreading out the trips across the year. Teachers are currently planning these experiences, and we will give you as much notice as possible for anything booked.

## A Final Word

Thank you for your support this week, as we have needed to swap events and dates. Your understanding has been very welcome.

Enjoy the weekend,  
Take care, Mrs Higgins

## Our Special Award Winners!

**19<sup>th</sup> October:** Myla-Rose, Kaizer, Hunter, Riley, Minnah, Carter-Mae, Jorah, Kaci, Frankie M, Madison, Phoebe, Drexel, Gracie, Pippa, Leo H, Bobby, Billie-Jo, Kaiden, Rebekah, Ellie-Mae, Lexi.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Mia Grace, Charlie, Ellie May, Phoebe, Harley, Richie, Charlie F, Luca, Jake B, Jasmine, Alfie, Kurtis, Bradley, Marisa, Rosie, Sienna, Abi, Kaiden M, Nathaniel, Eli, Moyin.

