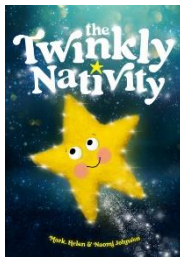


The first term of the year has come to an end, and what a busy fifteen weeks it has been!

## Christmas Productions

The children were delighted that so many of you were able to join us in school to watch their Christmas shows. The Key Stage One Nativity Production was a beautiful show and the children were brilliant. Their use of Makaton is worth a special mention as they all knew every single sign and symbol for each of the songs. Well done to all the staff and pupils, and to our parents and carers for your help with learning words and buying tickets for the event.



Our Key Stage 2 children learned a mixture of traditional Christmas hymns, as well as songs and they led our sing-a-long event. This is the first time we have held this event in school and it was fantastic to see our families joining in with the event and getting into the spirit. Thank you for buying tickets and joining our children for this event.

Please see the main school Dojo page for photos and videos.

## Church Service

On Thursday afternoon we held our Christmas service at our church. It was a touching service led by Reverend Mark and his team, and it was lovely to have some of our families join us on this special occasion. Our usual church service is every Tuesday morning at 9am and you are always more than welcome to join us. We'd love to see you there.



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is The Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11

## Children's Corner- This week brought to you by Year5!

*One of our favourite subjects is English. We enjoy writing stories with detail based on The Hound of The Baskervilles. Recently we have explored the writer's knowledge, mimicking the author's style (Arthur Conan Doyle). We have also really enjoyed Maths, and our favourite part about it is multiplying fractions. This has challenged our maths knowledge even further. Another one of our favourite subjects has been Computing. Here we have been learning about online safety.*

Kyla, Emily and Ashton

## Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties have been held this week and a wonderful time has been had by all! Dancing, party games, presents and even a visit from Santa for our Key Stage One children. The children enjoyed tucking into their party food and having fun with their friends! The Key Stage Two children had The Grinch visiting which was great fun!



## Christmas Lunch

A couple of weeks ago we combined Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day, and what a super day it was. I'm sure you will have seen the video on School Dojo where the children burst into singing Jingle Bells with big grins on their face! A special thank you to Tina, the Kitchen Team Leader, who had an extremely busy day preparing the school hall, cooking the Christmas dinners for children and staff, and ensured we had enough hot broccoli!! The children had a great time and looked super in their festive jumpers.

## After School Clubs

We will be starting a new **football** club, for boys and girls, in the new year. We are hoping to form a school team in the future to be able to compete with other local schools. We also have **Tri-Golf** for Years 1, 2 and 3. We have **Archery** for years 4, 5 and 6. Keep an eye out for the letters coming home. We will also be continuing with Eco Club and Choir.

Thank you to 'Cleaners Near Me' who have sponsored the school a new sports kit for the new year!!

## Career Day



Later in the year, we will be holding a Career Day for the whole school. We are gathering information from our parents,

## Our Special Award Winners!

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# Rishton Methodist Primary School

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

Headteacher: Mrs D Higgins

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relatives, and friends regarding visitors for the day. If you would like to come in to tell our children about your job then please could you send me a Dojo message. We are looking for a whole range of representatives from the working world to inspire our children. Perhaps you are a personal trainer, a baker, or chef, a hairdresser, nurse, mechanic, police officer-anything! The more the variety, the better. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

## This Week's Attendance

Well done to Diamond (Y6) who won best attendance this week and get to keep the trophy and Percy Pigeon for a week! Keep it up! We are aiming for 96% across the whole school.

Sapphire (EYFS)	87.14%
Emerald (Y1)	89.13%
Ruby (Y2)	93.48%
Amethyst (Y3)	93.08%
Topaz (Y4)	88.95%
Opal (Y5)	89.66%
Diamond (Y6)	93.53%

## Staff Focus Corner

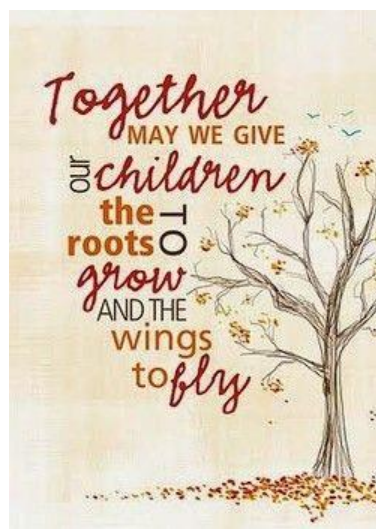
This newsletter's staff focus is on our amazing EYFS teacher, Mrs Houlker. Mrs Houlker has been at the school for 22 years now and has had the experience of teaching in most year groups during her time here. She is a nurturing, kind and caring teacher with extremely high expectations. The classroom environment, which she creates with her team, is a magical and special place for our children. Mrs Houlker is also our Early Reading Leader, History Leader and a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Thank you, Mrs Houlker.



## Our Curriculum

Just a little reminder that should you wish to find out more about what your child is learning in school then please head over to our website. Each of our classes have a page where this information is shared each half term. If you need any more information class teachers are always happy to help.

There will be another Parents' Evening in the Spring term to find out more information about how your child is doing in school. Our staff are around at school drop off and pick up times, if you would like to ask them anything. If you need a longer chat or a 1:1 chat then please just get in touch and we are happy to make you an appointment to come in.



## Upcoming Dates

School opens for Spring Term	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> at 8:40am
Y5 Class worship	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9am
Y3 Class Worship	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> at 9am
NSPCC Number Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Whole School Church Service	Every Tuesday at 9am
Parents/Carers KS2 Maths Workshop	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 2:15pm

School closes for half term break.	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm
School open for Spring 2 half term.	<b>Tuesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> at 8:40am

## A Final Word

I have had a wonderful first term here at Rishton, and I thank you all for your support.

Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you so much for the well wishes, cards, and the very generous gifts which you have sent in for the team. We are very grateful, and thankful, that you have taken the time to think about us.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am.

Take care,  
Mrs Higgins and the Rishton Methodist Team



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