



Rishton Methodist Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs D Higgins

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. Happy New Year!

2024

Thank you!

We have had a few days of snow, ice and freezing temperatures, which has made coming into school, and leaving school, more difficult. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

After School Clubs

Tri Golf, Choir, football, and Archery are proving very popular. We do some spaces at football and choir so please get in touch if your child would like to attend. We are hoping to also soon expand our clubs at lunchtimes.

Children's Corner- This week brought to you by Year 4!

*In our English lessons, we are reading a book called **The Mousehole Cat**, which has a cat in it, called **Mowzer** who eats lots of food that cats aren't supposed to! We started doing bar graphs yesterday in maths and looked at how far the children in the book could throw a tennis ball. We have been learning about **Sikhism** and how **Guru Nanak** started **Sikhism**. In **Geography**, we have learned that the **wind**, and **water** and **rock** hit against each other and change shape. We have a new **Teaching Assistant** in **Year 4** who is called **Mrs Aspin** and she's really helpful and very kind. Thank you for reading our school newsletter report. From **Rosie** and **Aubree**.*

Maths Workshop

We are holding a Key Stage 2 Maths workshop this coming Monday at 2:15pm. This is an informal session where you will be able to sit with your child in the school hall, have a cup of tea and a biscuit, and watch our teachers demonstrate some of the maths we use in school. Answers will not be checked and you will not be asked anything so it will be very relaxed! We are hoping as many people as possible will be able to attend to find out how we teach maths, and how to help your children at home with their homework and know what maths looks like in our school. The meeting will end at 3pm and the children will be able to leave early with you (along with any siblings in KS1 and EYFS).



Snow Play

The children loved having the chance to play out in the snow earlier this week. I even lost my lunchtime carrot when Oliver knocked on my office window to ask if I had anything to use for a nose! I'm glad it went to good use!



Bagels

From next week, we will be offering all children bagels every morning as they come into school and these will be free of charge. There will be 'Grab and Go' stations in each class at 8:40am so that the children can grab a bagel and take them into class to eat.

Should you still wish to purchase toast or yogurt for breaktime these will still be available.

Career Day



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

Bella won a Bravery Award!

I would like to share an article with you from Lancashire Telegraph. The article features one of our pupils, Bella, who won a Christmas Star Award! ✨ [click here for the link to the Lancashire Telegraph](#) Well done, Bella!

This Week's Attendance

Well done to Topaz (Y4) who won best attendance this week and get to keep the trophy and Percy Pigeon for



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a week! Keep it up! We are aiming for 96% across the whole school.

Sapphire (EYFS)	94.05%
Emerald (Y1)	91.30%
Ruby (Y2)	94.02%
Amethyst (Y3)	99.04%
Topaz (Y4)	99.37%
Opal (Y5)	99.14%
Diamond (Y6)	95.11%

Staff Focus Corner

In our staff focus corner this week we have Mrs Shuttleworth. Mrs Shuttleworth has been at Rishton Methodist School for 24 years, and started as a welfare assistant, later becoming a Teaching Assistant, Breakfast Club Leader, and a



dedicated Governor. Mrs Shuttleworth told me, "My favourite part of my role is seeing the children grow and develop

through their time here at Rishton. It's wonderful to be part of an amazing team who all work so well together." Thank you, Mrs Shuttleworth!

Curriculum Overviews

Last week, every class teacher sent home curriculum overviews so that you are aware of what your child is learning this half term. This information has also been put on the class pages on our website. If you need any more information please just get in touch with us.

We are getting a 3D Printer!

We are pleased to share that we have been chosen to take part in BAE Inspiring Lancashire 3D Printing

Programme. This means we will have a 3D printer on loan from BAE to help us to deliver a special art unit of work. Mrs Grisedale, who is our Art Leader, will be attending the training so she can deliver the unit of work to some of our lucky children.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Parents/Carers KS2 Maths Workshop	Monday 22 nd January at 2:15pm
NSPCC Number Day	2 nd February
Whole School Church Service	Every Tuesday at 9am
School closes for half term break.	Friday 9 th February at 3:15pm
School open for Spring 2 half term.	Tuesday 20 th February at 8:40am
Y6 Theatre Trip	22 nd February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024
Y5/Y6 PGL Trip	6 th to the 8 th March 2024
Y3/Y4 Easter Story Production	2pm Wednesday 25 th March

The holiday dates can be found on our website, and they have been shared on Dojo. If you require a paper copy, please just pop into the office.

A Final Word

A genuine thank you to all of our families for your on-going support, which our Rishton Team really do appreciate every single day. Working together, in all we do, makes for a great school community and a fantastic learning experience for our children.

You know where we are if we can help you with anything at all.

Have a lovely weekend. I believe we are in for some wind and rain, so keep safe and we will see you Monday.

Take care,
Mrs Higgins and the Rishton Methodist Team

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24)



Enjoy!



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