



# Rishton Methodist Primary School

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

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Dear parents, carers and our families,

What a fantastic first half term that we have had! We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks, full of learning, creativity and community spirit – thank you to everyone for a wonderful start to the school year!

Our children have had a brilliant start to their learning throughout school, and it has been a pleasure to see the classrooms buzzing with enthusiasm, laughter and determination from the very first week.

Whether your child is brand new to our school or has moved up to a new class, we are so proud of how quickly everyone has settled into routines and embraced the new term. We have all worked hard to make sure that every child feels welcome, supported and ready to succeed – and it really shows in the positive atmosphere around school.

## Harvest Food Collection

Thank you so much for all of your donations to our Harvest collection earlier this month. We were overwhelmed by your generosity- thank you so much. All items have been gratefully received by the church for the local food bank.



## OPAL Autumn Family Play Day

A huge thank you again to all of you who came to our Family Play Day – the weather was glorious and the playing was immense!

We saw some incredible den building – I think the parents enjoyed it even more than the children! We will be putting



information about the next OPAL Play Day on Dojo, so we will look forward to welcoming you all then too!

## Trips

We have got lots of exciting trips planned in this school year! Year 3 went to the Accrington Stanley stadium and Year 6 are going to the Imperial War Museum and Lowry Art Gallery in Salford on Friday. Upcoming trips this term include the Pendle Sculpture Trail for Year 1 and Bolton Museum for Year 3.



## Welcome to our new Reception Class

As you will have seen on Dojo, our new Reception Class have settled beautifully into school life – they've made friends, explored their classroom, indoors and outdoors, and enjoyed meeting all of our pupils on the playgrounds. We're so proud of how confident and happy they already are.

## Learning around school

All the children have come back after the summer holiday with a fantastic attitude to learning and

have settled into the new school year with great enthusiasm!



Year 1 taught us all Makaton as part of their Harvest Class Worship and Year 2 have been working hard on creating artwork by using drawing software on the laptops. Year 3 have enjoyed reading



about, and acting out, the story of the Iron Man. Year 4 have been creating some amazing collage art. Year 5 have explored and investigated the Sun and space, whilst Year 6 have been finding out all about the impact of the Blitz in World War 2. What can your children share with you?

## Dojo

**As you know, our daily updates, upcoming dates, messages and so on, are shared on Dojo.** If you aren't yet connected to school Dojo, I really would urge you to join as this is where we can share information quickly. We would love to have every one of our families connected. We are almost there!



## Clubs for this year

We have a range of clubs on offer throughout the year, including sports clubs for Key Stage 2 every lunchtime. Library club runs weekly, our All You Can Team meet each fortnight, which is open to all children, and our choir, Rising Voices, is on every Thursday morning, at 8:00am for Key Stage 2 children. The music lessons from Rock Steady have got off to a flying start too. More information to come next term about the clubs we have starting including Key Stage 1 sports.



## Coffee Mornings & Phonics/Grammar and Writing Workshops

It was lovely for the teachers to have the opportunity to meet so many of you, some have taught siblings of their current classes, and some were meeting you for the first time, but it was a great way to begin the year!

A big thank you to all that have joined us for the EYFS Phonics workshop and the Grammar workshops so far for Years 1-4. Our Year 5 and 6 teachers are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday for an action-packed workshop!



**Diary Dates** A full dates list was sent home in December, and has also been posted on Dojo to help with your future planning.

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	First day of Autumn 2 half term for all pupils. School starts at 8:40am.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Worship @ 9:00am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for prospective new parents
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Disco 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Learning & Growing Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform Day £1 donation (Change from previous date)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Worship @ 9:00am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform Day £1 donation
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Donation Day for Chocolate, Bottles and New Unwanted Gifts for Christmas Market.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Bring in a hand-made decoration for the Christmas tree
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Market @ 3:20pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Evening (Tues) and Afternoon (Thurs) Performance @ 6:00pm. Tickets from Office.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Songs and Carols Sing-a-Long @ 2:00pm

## OPAL play times

As we move into autumn, all children should bring trainers and wellies to change into for playtimes and outdoor activities. We really appreciate your support with our outdoor play and thank you for your ongoing donations of prams, toys, bikes and dolls.



## Uniform

Looking around school, it is fantastic to see all our children looking smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this!



## Final Word

A huge thank you to the whole of our incredibly supportive school community. We couldn't do what we do without you!

When Friday arrives, enjoy the two-week break and let's look forward to another fantastic half term.

Take care,  
Mrs Higgins and the Rishton Methodist Team.



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