

# Rivenhall C. of E. Primary School

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Many Hearts† One School

‘Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.’

1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 12

It is lovely to see the spring weather this week. The children have been continuing to engage with their topics in class.

In classes this week:

EYFS children have been practising reading words that contain the ‘ee’, ‘igh’ and ‘oa’ graphemes. Please look out for the new phonic sheet, which will be going into their blue folder. In Maths, the children have been learning about doubles. They particularly enjoyed using paint to make ‘double dotty’ pictures. There was great excitement this week when the children discovered the lambs had arrived in the field next to the school. Some children chose to take part in an art activity where they made their own representation of sheep and lambs. These were added to our class ‘reflective area’. In Maths, Year 1 children have been taking part in quizzes where they have been applying their place value and number bond knowledge. They have also taken part in some measuring activities. In RE, the children worked together as a team to act out the different parts of the story of Easter, they thoroughly enjoyed this activity. In English the children then wrote about the first part of the Easter story.

Jaguar Class have completed their learning on measuring length and height this week. They can now all measure in centimeters. In English, they have begun learning about buses and the story of the Naughty Bus. They produced some excellent work on Thursday using a range of conjunctions, adjectives and different sentence starters. In History, the children have been learning about Brunel and the Flying Scotsman steam train. They then compared this to Stephenson's Rocket and described how changes developed within 100 years. In DT, they created a 2D bus and labelled its parts in preparation for making a 3D model. In RE, they sequenced the Easter story and identified the positive and negative elements of it. An important reminder to parents of Year 1 and Year 2, on PE days, please can pupils have their hair tied back and earring removed before coming to school. They will not be able to participate in PE if they have earrings in.

Tiger Class have been very busy with both Maths and Reading quizzes this week. There has also been some time for music. The children acted in different ways to work out the structure of the March from The Nutcracker - there were robots, skipping tigers and even Mr. Tickle! In DT this week, Tigers have started to design bags that would have been useful in the Stone Age for carrying

tools and finds. The children have also been discovering a little about the importance of bronze and how and when the Bronze Age began in Britain. They have already found that using metals for tools such as early ploughs would have made a huge difference to the way people lived.

Lion Class have begun their WW1 cooking this week. One group made 'Cheesy Lentil Savoury' and another group made carrot soup. All of the class were given the chance to taste and evaluate the different foods. They were all very excited about their cooking. Inspired by the 'make-do-and-mend' attitude in WW1, another two groups also tried their hand at darning a sock. This proved quite tricky but the children found it very satisfying when they succeeded. The children have also chosen particular areas about WW1 that they would like to research further, and have written historical questions to explore. In English they have been writing newspaper reports about the ban on mobile phones in schools which the government announced recently. In Maths, Year 6 have been learning how to find the area of triangles and parallelograms, and Year 5 have learned more about percentages.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Key Stage One parents at our Collective Worship this morning. We really enjoy sharing this part of our week with you.

Thank you to the PTA for their continuing support with the School Garden. It really is looking wonderful and will be an exciting place to learn.

Lots of the children and staff have today worn a piece of red to mark Red Nose Day. Thank you for all the donations that have been given into school.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mrs Rebecca More  
Headteacher



## Your PTA Update

We would like to start off by once again congratulating all the children who took part in The Bookworm Challenge, you have all done so well. Next week we have our Quiz night and really need your support for this event, there are still tickets available and we really need more families to come along. Please be part of this fantastic event. We have also been busy in the garden and are pleased to announce that it is almost ready for spring planning. We have donated the Tuck money today to the Red Nose Day collection.

### Dates for your Diary

**19<sup>th</sup> March- PTA Meeting Rivenhall Golf Club 7pm – with a zoom option**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – Quiz Night**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Roll a 10p**



### Key Dates

#### Mar

22<sup>nd</sup> - Celebration Assembly – KS 2 Parents invited  
22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Quiz Night  
28<sup>th</sup>- PTA Roll a 10p  
28<sup>th</sup>- End of Spring Term

#### Apr

15<sup>th</sup>- Summer Term Commences  
18<sup>th</sup>- Tiger Class Forest School Commences

#### May

1<sup>st</sup>- PTA Coffee Morning  
13<sup>th</sup>- SATs Week Year 6  
27<sup>th</sup>- Half Term Commences  
31<sup>st</sup> – Half Term Ends

#### Jun

6<sup>th</sup>- Lion Class Forest School Commences  
12<sup>th</sup>- PTA Fathers Day Coffee Morning  
13<sup>th</sup>- PTA Fathers Day Stall  
14<sup>th</sup>- Non Pupil Day  
17<sup>th</sup>- Non Pupil Day  
27<sup>th</sup>- New Rickstones Academy Induction Day  
28<sup>th</sup>- New Rickstones Academy Induction Day

#### Jul

6<sup>th</sup>- PTA Summer Fete  
10<sup>th</sup>- Stubbers Transition Trip Year 2-6  
11<sup>th</sup> – Thorndon Park Trip EYFS and Year 1  
18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers Disco  
22<sup>nd</sup>- Last Day of Summer Term  
23<sup>rd</sup>- Non Pupil Day

### Successes

#### Gold Book

Leopards  
Jaguars  
Tigers  
Lions

Amelia/Jenson  
Amélie K  
Teddie Year 4  
Poppy F/Kieran

#### Perfect Presentation

Leopards  
Lions

Jacob/Maya  
Grace

### Attendance

Leopards	95.07 %
Jaguars	96.51%
Tigers	93.74%
Lions	94.70%

Jaguar Class hold on to their lead!  
Well done!



Parents and Carers please note, the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

### Uniform Shop

Please note we have new and nearly new uniform in reception for parents to take as and when needed. This is free to use and open to all.



### Red Nose Day 2024

Today we wore red to support Red Nose Day, we raised an amazing £106.00. The PTA have also kindly donated the Tuck Money collected today of £19.80 to add to our total. Thank you for helping us support this very worthy cause.



**Rivenhall Rainbow Reading Challenge**  
Congratulations to Skye for completing  
the Orange Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Noa for completing the  
Yellow Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Emma for completing  
the Bronze Rivenhall Reading Challenge

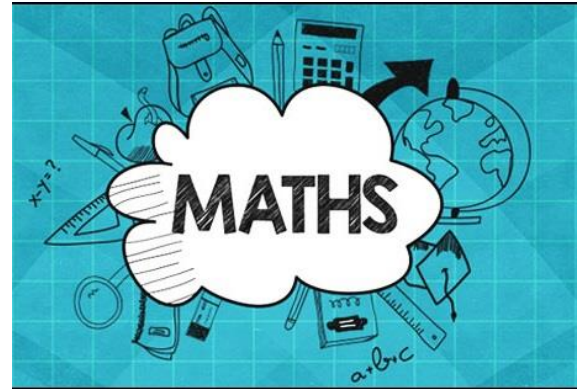
Congratulations to Freya for completing  
the Silver Rivenhall Reading Challenge



### Many Hearts† One School

The Collective Worship team have  
selected some Easter prayers to share  
with the school during our Collective  
Worship sessions.

If your child would like to write a prayer  
to share during Collective Worship  
then they can either hand the prayer to  
their class teacher or send it via the  
school email address.



### **Maths Problem of the Week.**

Reasoning is a key part of Maths and is one of the main aims of the Maths National Curriculum. It helps us to develop a deeper understanding which we can apply to solving problems and use in different situations. This term we are focusing on helping the children to explain their reasoning clearly. Each week every class is going to have a special 'Problem of the Week'. Children will have the opportunity to try to solve this problem during the week. We are going to share some of these problems with you so you can try them for yourselves at home.

#### **This week it is EYFS:**

The little caterpillar has 4 leaves for his lunch. The Doubles Magician waves his magic wand to double the number of leaves.



**How many leaves will the caterpillar have for his lunch?**