

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 7th February

Staffing Next Year – Mrs Paul has decided to retire at the end of the school year. As a school we will be very sad to see her go in July. She has given our children such a fantastic start to their school careers. She is passionate about all the children in our school and is a good friend to all the staff. Since I have been at Rackheath I have found her advice and wisdom to be invaluable. On behalf of everyone involved with Rackheath I would like to thank her for all she has done for the school and wish her well in the future. Although she has promised to visit us now and again and maybe do the odd bit of supply teaching!

Mrs Paul has asked if rather than receiving a leaving gift that people contribute to the school council's charity **Nepal in Need**, which provides education for some of the poorest communities in Nepal. More information about how you could get involved will be sent out soon.

As a consequence of Mrs Paul's retirement and the increasing pupil numbers, the governors and I have decided to restructure our staffing by appointing a Deputy Headteacher to help lead the school to outstanding. This process has just begun with the advertisement of the post.

This week has been an incredibly busy and rewarding one:

- **Maths Week** has seen the children learn all about how maths links to other curriculum areas. On some of the days the children have been in mixed age groups and it has been lovely to walk round the school and see how well all our children interact with each other. Thanks go to all the staff and especially Mrs Pallant for organising the week.



- On Tuesday each class took part in the **Skipping Challenge Sponsored Event** linked to the British Heart Foundation. Thank you for your generosity in raising money for this deserving cause. Tuesday also saw the start of the process of all our new computer equipment being installed. All being well it will all be ready to use by the start of the next half term.



- On Wednesday the school took part in the **Sign to Sing World Record Attempt**. Over the last few weeks Mrs Brannan has been helping prepare us all to learn the song, which we all performed together during Wednesday's assembly. (See report below).
- Finally on Friday we have had the talent show and the football team have played a league game against St Johns at Hoveton. We will let you know the results of these next week.

Horstead - Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Horstead. I thoroughly enjoyed my time away with Year 3 who all did themselves proud. It was great to see all of them smiling away through out their stay. It was also lovely to hear the centre staff praising the children for their enthusiasm, positive attitude and good manners. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff who went to Horstead, Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper, Mrs Goddard, Miss Bartram, Miss Hughes, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Howes. I know they all had a great time but it is very tiring and without staff volunteering to give up their time the children would not get to enjoy such wonderful opportunities.

Year 5 and 6 Virgin Money Treat – We all know how super our children are but it is always good when others recognise this. On the trip the children all behaved really well and were complemented on this fact by the members of the public bowling next to them. Well done to all in Year 5 and 6!

Parents' Evening – We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday and Thursday next week for Parents' Evening. Sign up sheets are in your child's classroom. Wednesday runs until 5.00pm and Thursday until 7.00pm.

Parking at the start and end of the school day – This morning PCSO Paul McAllister visited the school to talk to me about the safety of our children at the start and end of the day. I know the safety of our children is paramount to us all and I would urge everyone to follow the points made in the accompanying letter from the police.



Sign2Sing - A big thank you to all who participated in our Sign2Sing record breaking attempt, 178 children and adults in total sang and signed 'Get up and sign' on Wednesday morning. In total we raised £125 for the Sign Health charity. Thank you once again for supporting this exciting challenge and helping to "inspire a generation to sign".



FORS EVENTS



Bag2School - Thanks to your donations we raised a total of £90 from our last collection. We will be having our next collection on 14th March and bags will be sent home soon. If you would like to drop your bags off at any time we are able to store them in our shed.

Race Night - Don't forget to purchase your tickets and join us for this fun event. They only cost £3 each so get a group of family / friends together and bring along your drinks / nibbles. If you are unable to attend on the night you can still take part by buying a horse for £5. You could end up winning a prize! Forms are available from the office. The money raised from this event will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator which will be placed at school.



Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners – Well done to the following children who got their certificates in assembly today.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Brooke Halsey	Jay Barrett	Charlie Atkinson
Year 1	Oliver Grimmer	Bethan Lancaster	Billie Turner
Year 2	Mackenzie Ettridge	Amelie Thomas	Beth Tomlinson
Year 3	Amelia-Mai Evans	Ruby Horwood	Oliver Firman
Year 4	Kiera Braithwaite	Ella Poole	Ethan Cullum
Year 5	Georgia-Mae Hammond	Thomas Moore	Maria Braithwaite
Year 6	Toby Grime	Ben Lace	Annalise Mason

Best wishes

Chris Ashman