

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

13th December 2013



It has been another super week in school as Reception, Year 1 and 2 children have wowed us with their Christmas performances. I have been so impressed by them. The music and singing has been beautiful whether solo, in a group, or as a class. All the speakers have done a great job, speaking loudly and clearly and there has been some super acting too. The costumes have really added to the whole spectacle as well. To top it off it has been great to share this special time with so many family members.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and anyone else involved who have done a great job organising and rehearsing the performances.

Next week it is the turn of our older children who are putting on our traditional carol service in church. Dates and times are:

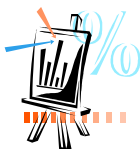


Monday 16 th December	1.30 Dress Rehearsal 6.30 Performance
Wednesday 18 th December	6.30 Performance

Could we ask that children arrive at Church at **6.15pm** dressed in their red / black. We estimate that it will finish at approximately **7.30pm**.

KS2 Performance Tables 2013

The Department for Education have just released their KS2 performance tables. They show that Rackheath Primary School performed well compared to other schools. The main data comparison relates to the percentage of children achieving Level 4 or above in all subjects (reading, writing and maths). The school percentage of 81% is 10% above the Norfolk average of 71% and 6% above the national average of 75%. This reflects the hard work of all those involved with the school and is a good benchmark as we aim to improve still further



Year 5 and 6 Christmas Market

Over the last few weeks Year 5 and 6 children have been busily creating their own companies and producing gifts to sell at their Christmas Market. The Virgin Money – “Grow £5” Initiative has allowed the children to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be an entrepreneur and has taught them lots of real life lessons linked to the curriculum. On top of that it has been fun! On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th of December the children will be selling their products and competing to be the company to make the biggest profit. Please support them by visiting their Christmas Market in the hall between 8.30am and 9.15am and then between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. On Tuesday and Wednesday it would really help if Year 5 and 6 children could arrive at school for 8.15am and leave at 3.45pm. Thank you for your support.



Multi skills club – there are still quite a few places left for this club that runs from 3.15 to 4.15 on a Monday for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The club starts on Monday 13th January.

Christmas Dinner – Next Wednesday is Christmas Dinner day, which I am sure will be a lovely way to celebrate the season. Staff and children will all be in the hall together, sharing the occasion.



FORS NEWS

Christmas Fayre – Thank you to everyone who attended and spent their pennies last week. You helped us to raise a massive £705! The winners of our Hamper Raffle were

as follow:

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| 1 st Prize | Gemma Banwell |
| 2 nd Prize | Julia Crisp |
| 3 rd Prize | Debs Coupe |

New Years Eve – Come along and join in with our great big annual party night. All friends and family are welcome. Only £15 for a family of 4. Entertainment and music for everyone aged from 2 – 102! For further details or to buy tickets contact Michelle Roe in the office or on 01603 722125 or Leisa Whayman 01603 721658.



Norfolk Mobile Library - The mobile library will be on the school car park between 2.50 and 3.25pm, once a fortnight, on a Tuesday. Next term's dates are 7th January, 21st January, 4th February, 18th February, 4th March and 18th March. Please take advantage of this resource and pay a visit.



Christmas at Holy Trinity Church – There are some special services you might like to attend at the church:

- Friday 20th at 7.00pm – Carols by Candlelight with Broadland Youth Choir
- Sunday 22nd at 3.30pm – Christingle Service
- Christmas Day at 10.30am – Communion Service



Cross Country Club – I have been mightily impressed by the number of children coming to cross country club despite the cold weather. As they are so keen we will run up until next Friday and start up again on Friday 10th January.



Lost Property – There are a huge amount of trainers and clothes (coats, included) in football alley. Over the course of next week please could you come in and see if some of it belongs to your child/ren.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Alfie Betts	Anise Batchelor	Max Buckingham
Year 1	Phoebe Player	Isabelle Mann	Emily Addison
Year 2	Jamie Barrett	Maddie Woodcock	Oliver Moore
Year 3	Matt Rivett	Annabelle Horan	Logan St Hill
Year 4	Nathan Nicholls	Luke Mayes	Millie-Rose Addison
Year 5	Caitlin Ettridge	Daisy Stone	Lucy Cowey
Year 6	Isabella Firman	Jennifer Spurling	Ben Lace