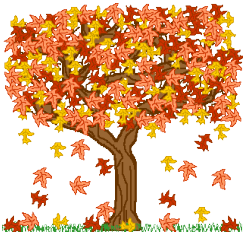


# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter



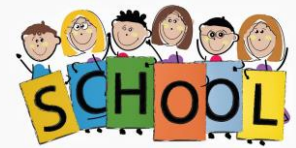
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

The first month of the school year has flown by. It has been lovely to see everyone come back to school in such a positive way. Visiting the classes you get a real sense of calm purpose, mutual respect and classes of happy children.

One of the key priorities every year is that new children settle in well. From my point of view and from talking to children, parents and staff I have been so pleased to see how quickly Reception class have settled and how happy they are. Seeing the reception children playing so well together and also how helpful the older children have been has been great to see. One of my many highlights of the year so far was seeing three or four Year 6 children playing with and entertaining most of the reception class one lunchtime, something which reminded me again how special our children are.

### Children's School Improvement Plan

Like last year we wanted to share our plans for the year with the children. Our school improvement and development plan maps out the main ways we are looking to improve the school this year. The version the children have details some of our main initiatives in 2015-16.



### Home School Agreement

**Home-School Agreement** – Along with this newsletter the children have also brought home this year's home school agreement. Please read it through at home with your child, sign it and return to school. Thank you.

*Parent Lunch Month - It has been good to see lots of parents enjoying one of our lovely school dinners. There are still plenty of places available for lunch leading up to half term.*



**Parent's Evening** – Our first parent's evenings are on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 3.10pm until 7pm and On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> From 3.10pm until 5pm. Sign-up sheets will go up outside classrooms soon. We will inform everyone by text when the sheets are going up. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents  
Evening



### Midday Supervisor Role

As yet we have not been able to add to our friendly lunchtime team. If you think you, or anyone you know, might be interested in the role even if it is just for a couple of days a week please get in touch. We would encourage anyone who might be interested to have a chat with Mr Ashman. Should you wish you could come in one lunchtime and see what the role involves.

**Harvest – Thank you to everyone who brought in food donations for the Norwich Food Bank and we hope that those of you who attended this afternoon enjoyed listening to the children.**

### Literacy Cafés

Next week is a busy one for Literacy Cafes. There are cafes every day from 9.00am - 10.00am:

- Monday - Year 3
- Tuesday - Year 1
- Wednesday - Year 2
- Thursday - Year 5
- Friday - Year 6



### Conkers

It is conker time again! Children are more than welcome to pick conkers up to take home at the end of the day.

**Music Lessons** – Both children and their music teachers have been really enthusiastic about the start of their peripatetic lessons. I can't wait to hear them perform soon. A few children have asked if they could start lessons and we have managed to squeeze 3 more children into groups. For those in Year 3 to 6, who would like to start an instrument there will be opportunities to start lessons after Christmas





## Football v Salhouse/Neatishead

In front of a bumper crowd the school team continued their super start to the season with a 7-0 win at home against a joint team from Salhouse and Neatishead. Like last week the team played some super football. It was great to see Nathan Nicholls and William Barnes perform so well on their debuts for the team. Goals were scored by Alfie Mann (3) Finley Betts (3) and Freddie Ottolangui.

Next up we have Coltishall in the cup at home on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This means there will be no Year 2 and 3 practice on that day.



## Football Tournaments

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October we are taking part in a Cluster Football Tournament for Year 5 and 6. We have managed to get 2 teams entered in the tournament which is great as more children will get the chance to take part. The day after that the girls are involved in a tournament at Millfield Primary School. More details will follow about both of these tournaments soon.



## Fantasy Football - Schools Football Fantasy League is back!!

Can you pick a team that will score more points than your friends or teacher's team? If so you should register a team on the School Fantasy League website ([www.schoolsfl.com](http://www.schoolsfl.com)) this is a free resource which is really fun to use. Once you are on the site it should not take too long to register, name and pick your team. Then you can join the Rackheath Primary School League using the pin number 1360396. It is open to everyone in the community so children, parents, governors and staff can all pick a team.

The basic idea is that every manager has £110 million to spend to pick a team of 11 players. You can pick up to 3 players from one club. Through the season you can make substitutions and throughout the season managers can win certificates and other prizes depending on how well you are doing. It is good for developing literacy and numeracy skills too. Teams need to be registered by Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> to start scoring points in the first week. Last year we had 45 teams it would be great if we could have even more this year. Please see Mr Ashman if you are having any problems.



## FORS (Friends of Rackheath Primary School)

FORS would like to welcome new members Anne Tandy, Kelly Harmer, Kayleigh Carey & Scott Carey. If you were unable to attend the AGM & are interested in joining FORS then please text Leisa Whayman or speak to the office.

We raise money for school by recycling used ink cartridge. We have a box in school reception where you can place your used ink cartridges. A Company called Empties come & collect them & give us up to 75p per cartridge. Please bring any used cartridges to school for us to raise money & refer to their website 'Emptiesplease.com' for a list of which ones they will accept.



We are organising an Autumn Fancy Dress Disco for all year groups which will be held on Tuesday 20th October. Children will be given tickets in their bags over the next week.

**Spree Books** – If you are wanting to purchase one of these then payment should be made to the office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Cheques should be made payable to Spree.



**Lunchtime MSA Award** – This week's awards go to Annabelle Horan and Hannah Peel.



Well done to Year 6 who had 100% attendance and were visited by attendance bear this week!

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Rhys Davison	Josie Solomon	Imogen Rump
Year 1	George Solomon	Hattie Smith	Adam Houston
Year 2	Rebecca Hill	Brooke Halsey	Charlie Atkinson
Year 3	Danielle Ramm	Aaron Knights	Archie Fiddy
Year 4	Eloisa Orme	Luke Royston	Sonny Hurn
Year 5	Rosie Milligan	Elizabeth Ritchie	Ruby Horwood
Year 6	Luke Mayes	Madeleine Jenkins	Alfie Mann



Finally good luck to our MSA, Mrs Barrett, who is running a marathon this weekend in aid of Race for Life!!