

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2015

It is hard to believe that we only have 2 weeks left in school before Christmas. They are certainly jam packed with activities and events. We have finished this week with our Christmas Fair, while next week is performance week in Reception and Key Stage 1. At the same time Year 5 and 6 are off to Aylmerton for their residential.

At the end of a busy term children and staff are still working really hard and with great enthusiasm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the school for continuing to work together to give the children so many high quality experiences.



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances start on Monday!

The dates and times of performances are below. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal if they cannot make another performance. Like last year we would ask anyone who wants to take photographs or record the performance to sit or stand at the back. Similarly if pre-school children come to watch could they sit in a place where they can quickly take a break if they are unsettled.

Dates and times for performances are listed below. For school based performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts. Children should arrive at the church for 5.45pm.

Monday 7 th December	Reception Dress Rehearsal (10.00am)
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 & 2 dress rehearsal 10.00 Reception Performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance 10.00 Reception Performance (1.45pm)
Thursday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance (1.45pm)
Tuesday 15 th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal (1.30pm) Performance at (6.00pm)
Wednesday 16 th December	KS2 Performance at (6.00pm)

Eco Council 2015-16

Well done to the following children who were voted in as our new Eco-Councillors.

Year 3 **Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey** **Rory Watts**

Year 4 **Maddison Woodcock** **Jamie Barrett**

Year 5 **Elizabeth Ritchie** **Samuel Abramson**

Year 6 **Madeleine Jenkins** **John Barrett**



Parking at the Church – The pedestrian gate is now ready connecting the church to the path to the back of the school. Various groups in the community have worked together to organise a safe place to park. It will be wonderful to see lots of you using it before and after school as we know it will improve safety and ease congestion.

Cars in the school Car Park

I would like to remind everyone that the school car park should not be used by parents for picking up or dropping off at the start and end of the day unless prior agreement has been reached due to special circumstances.



Ideally this does also apply after a school club finishes, although we appreciate there may be rare times when a parent would need to park in the car park. On these occasions please make sure you drive very slowly into and out of the car park keeping a very close eye out for children.



Ice Skating – Year 3 and 4 really enjoyed their ice skating experience at St John's Hoveton. The year 3 children even made the local online news. To watch a clip of them in action search for BBC News Online Norfolk St John's Ice Rink.

Aylmerton Residential – Our intrepid Year 5 and 6 children and staff are off to Aylmerton next week. I am looking forward to joining them on Thursday and Friday. I know the children will have a lovely time. Remember to wrap up nice and warm!

Clubs – The last 2 weeks of school are really busy with plays and concerts as well as the Aylmerton Residential which means there will be no school led clubs in that time period apart from choir on Monday 14th December.

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Concert - On Wednesday 16th December we have a concert for the children who have been taking music lessons this term. It will be at 10.00am and parents of the children performing are welcome to attend. It will be the first time the children will have performed in public so it is very exciting. Don't forget to all bring in your instruments!

Lessons - It is great to see that we have even more children taking music lessons after Christmas. The last few weeks are busy too. Trumpet, violin and flute lessons have finished for this term as the children have had 10 sessions. Mrs Brown's guitar lessons are continuing due to clashes with school events as well as Mrs Brown being unable to teach a few of the lessons. Year 3 and 4 will have their lesson as usual next Thursday and everyone will have their lesson on the 17th December too. This will leave one or maybe two lessons to be completed after Christmas.



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Christmas Fayre – Thank you to everyone that came and supported us today. We hope you all had a lovely time.

Tea Towels - personalised tea towels, designed by the children are now on sale @ £3 in the office.



Christmas Post Box – The Post Boxes will be outside each class from Monday 7th December until Thursday 17th December so that the children can bring their cards in.

100 Club - Congratulations to everyone that has won in our 100 club draw this year. We still have numbers available for next year's club that starts in January! This is a great fundraiser so please buy a number and at the same time raise money for our children.





Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's award went to Finley Betts in Reception.

Attendance Bear
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Well done to Year 3 who had 99.6% 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.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Ellie Trabelsi	Isabella Crowther	Ava Woodcock
Year 1	Jacob Curle	Ben Crook	Lottie Mann
Year 2	Lewis Mann	Connie Snowden	Nicole Rump
Year 3	Archie Fiddy	Katie Moore	Billie Turner
Year 4	Jamie Barrett	Ruby Donnelly	Brooke Perrins
Year 5	Matt Rivett	Taylan Harris	James Newson
Year 6	Kiera Braithwaite	Ella Poole	Madeleine Jenkins

Have a great weekend

Chris Ashman