

# Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Diwali at Rackheath** - As a school, this week we have been looking at the Hindu Festival of Diwali. We started and ended the week with some Indian “Bollywood” Dance. In between the children have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita and enjoying some exciting art and craft activities. This is part of our wider focus on RE this half term which includes visits to Norwich Cathedral, a Mosque and Synagogue as well as all our Christmas events linked to the Nativity Story.



**Letter of Congratulation** - Following on from our letter commending the school on our Year 6 Results we were pleased to receive another congratulatory letter this week. This time the School's Minister Nick Gibb, wrote to congratulate us on our Year 1 Phonics Results which placed us in the top 8% of schools across the country. A big well done to all involved, results like this come from great team work between home and school and reflect the fantastic attitude of the children.



**Poppies** – From next Monday poppies and other items linked to Remembrance Day will be available in school. A guide price for each item will be on display to help the children.

## Head for the Day

On Tuesday, House Captains Ruby Culling and Stanley Bond will be our first Heads for the Day. I look forward to working with them and hearing their ideas.



# Christmas

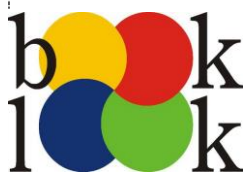


Amazing as it is, we are heading towards Christmas rapidly and some classes are beginning to learn songs for their Christmas Plays. Every year this time of year is very busy. Some key dates for your diary are listed below:

- Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> Festive Fayre – Christmas craft / stalls
- Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fayre for children with Father Christmas
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Reception Dress Rehearsal (am)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Dress Rehearsal (am) Reception Performance (pm)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Performance (am) Reception Performance (pm)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Performance (pm)
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 'Rockheath' Christmas Concert (3.15pm)  
Christmas Disco
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Dress Rehearsal (pm) KS2 Performance 6pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas Lunch  
KS2 performance 6pm

## Book Look Dates

Our first parent book look of the year will take place between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. You are invited in from 2.30pm to share your child's books and listen to them talk about work they are especially proud of. Year 4 book look is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Year 6 is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Year 5 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Year 3 is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Year 2 is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Year 1 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>.



Reception book looks are organised slightly differently and will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – more details to follow.



**Rotary Club Dictionaries** - On Tuesday we welcomed Joyce Plant and Paul Cornfield from the Rotary Club who came in to school to present our Year 6 children with their own copy of a beautifully illustrated dictionary. This is something that happens every year and we are very grateful to the Rotary Club for their kind donations.



## Sport Update

**Cross Country** – Our next Cluster Sport's Event is the Cross Country on 30<sup>th</sup> November. We can take 32 children from Year 3 to 6. The 10 or so children who regularly attend cross country club will go to the event so there are around 20 places still to fill. If your child wants to take part the best way to be involved is to come to cross country club from 8.15am on a Friday morning.

**Football Tournament** – On Thursday the football team played in the North Norfolk Schools Cup. The boys battled through a tough group to finish runner up in the group which led to a Semi-Final with Sheringham. In an excellent game the boys just squeezed through with a goal from Matthew Dove. In the final we came up against Millfield, who had already beaten us in the group. Our boys gave it their best but Millfield were just too strong. All the boys should be really proud of their achievement especially for the sporting way they congratulated Millfield at the end. The boys that played were Matt Rivett, Charlie Clarke, Oliver Firman, Marcus Gardner, Finley Betts, Freddie Ottolangui, Samuel Abramson, Sonny Hurn, Luke Royston and Matthew Dove.

**Football Club** – Unfortunately there will be no Year 4, 5 and 6 football on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> as there is a home football match.



**Children in Need** – We will be taking part in this on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The cost to take part is £1 and the theme is "Dress up Spotty". There will also be fun, sporty and spotty races during lunchtime at 20p per go. Gail, our fantastic cook, has said that she will bake some special "Spotacular Biscuits" for dessert that day.

## FORS

**100 Club** – Letters will be coming home next week explaining about 100 Club & how you can purchase a ticket. This fundraiser will raise £600 for us to spend on the children so your & your families support is appreciated. This month's lucky winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> (No 19) Brenda Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> (No 45) David Bishop and 3<sup>rd</sup> (No 68) Helen Grogutt.



**Bag2School** – Don't forget to fill your bag and return to school for our collection on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.



**Festive Fayre** – We will be starting to sell tickets in the next few days – all family & friends are welcome!

**Westfield Shopping Trip** – there will be a coach leaving school on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, if you would like to come call 07780 796038.

**Art Update** – Over the holiday Mr Grubb put up our **school mosaic** it now has pride of place in the hall and looks brilliant. Our **Hall Mural** is really taking shape and I'm sure it will look amazing when it is completed.

### House Captain's Award



**Ranworth** Freddie Ottolanguai

**Hickling** Jacob Lancaster

**Oulton** Ruby Donnelly

**Barton** Eloisa Orme



Well done to Year 5 who had **99%** attendance last 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	Logan Phoenix	Isobel Jefferson	Noah Collin
Year 1	Lennon Baker	Matilda Purton	Joseph Tandy
Year 2	Jacob Curle	Caitlyn Moore	Alex Dove
Year 3	Anise Batchelor	Molly Burdett	Millie McAulay
Year 4	Jamie Tye	Bethan Lancaster	Abi Peel
Year 5	Marshall Newton	Grace Spurling	Mia Jenkinson
Year 6	Logan St Hill	Macy Wickham	Joe Turner

*Chris Ashman*