

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 5th December

Since last Thursdays fantastic Friend's Festive Fayre the school has been full of festive cheer, with rehearsals around school in full flow as we prepare for performance week from Monday 8th.

Christmas Performances – Our Christmas performance are starting soon. The dates and times of performances are below. 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. **The time of the KS2 service has been moved from the previously stated time of 6.00pm so as to avoid tea-time and give working parents more of a chance to make it along.** For school based performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts. Children should arrive at the church for 6.15pm.

- *Monday 8th December* *10.00am – Reception Dress Rehearsal*
- *Tuesday 9th December* *10.00am - Year 1/2 dress rehearsal Reception*
1.45pm – Reception Performance
- *Wednesday 10th December* *10.00am - Year 1/ 2 Performance*
1.45pm - Reception Performance
- *Thursday 11th December* *1.45pm - Year 1/ 2 Performance*
- *Monday 15th December* *1.30pm - KS2 Dress Rehearsal*
6.30pm - KS2 Performance
- *Wednesday 17th December* *6.30pm - KS2 Performance*

Friend's Christmas Events – I would like to pass on an enormous thank you to all the wonderful Friends of Rackheath who have worked so hard over the last few weeks to put on some lovely events. Today's Christmas Fayre and the Festive Fayre last week have been brilliantly organised and given the Rackheath community some great opportunities. The Festive Fayre raised a fantastic £1092 for the school. As a team of volunteers you really can't be beaten!





Christmas Visitors - On Tuesday and Thursday this week Reverend Sandy and Linda from Holy Trinity Church came into assembly to talk about Advent and the Christmas Story. On Tuesday they left us with Mary and Joseph and then came back on Thursday to leave us a sheep as we are one of the venues in Rackheath taking part in a special challenge to find all the special sheep in Rackheath.

Christmas Dinner

On Monday the children took home a letter about Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December. Our first Christmas lunch, cooked by Natalie and her super team from EATS, should be a lovely event and I hope as many children as possible choose to have the lunch. There will be Christmas Crackers and Christmas Music and the staff will be serving the food. All children including those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to return the slip by Friday December 5th so the right amount of food can be ordered. As there is normally a very high uptake there will be no jacket potato option on the day.



Christingle Service - There will be a Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church, Rackheath on Friday 19th December at 3.30pm to which everyone is invited. The school choir have been asked to sing at this service. We do hope that as many choir members as possible will be able to sing and that lots of other families will join us at this special service too.

Year 5 - The children have been busy making some amazing Viking Longboats as part of their Anglo Saxon topic. Below are the end results!





Rackheath Christmas CD – At the last count 101 copies of the Rackheath Primary Christmas CD have been bought. Christmas day listening is now sorted in the Ashman household – although my family may force me to skip track 12!

Visit from Wes Hoolahan – At some point in the next few weeks we very much hope to welcome Wes Hoolahan to our school. He has very kindly agreed to visit school for a special assembly, when he is able to fit it in, as he recovers from his injury. Once we have a definite date we will text this out as hopefully children will have the chance to get a picture or another item signed by Wes. I know a lot of the children are very excited by this, as am I as he is my favourite Norwich player!



Start Active with Premier Sports – You should have received a letter today about Premier Sport's latest link up with the school. The idea is to see what interest there would be in a daily activity session before the start of school from 8.00am until 8.45am costing £3 a session, should there be enough interest this could become a permanent feature of the school day. Exercise is shown to improve concentration and focus and as it is an earlier start to the school day it may be useful for working families.



Reception road safety – On the morning of Thursday 11th December children in Reception will be visited by Bethany and Benjamin Bear as they learn about road safety.

School's Fantasy League – The season is well under way with the early pace being set by Sam Watts with his team Cheeseball United. Molly Broadwater and Finley Betts are close behind in second and third place.

Clubs – There will be no football, netball or cross country club in the last week of term so next week is the last week for these clubs until after Christmas.



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Christmas Fayre - Thank you to everyone who supported / helped with this today. We will let you know how much we raised in total next week.

Festive Fayre – As Mr Ashman has already mentioned you helped us raise an amazing £1092!!

Calendar\$ – Don't forget to purchase your calendar from the office. They will be available until Wednesday 17th December. A great gift for grandparents!

100 Club – We still have some numbers available so don't forget to send in your form. Extra forms available from the office.

Christmas Post Box – These will be available in all classes from Monday 8th until Thursday 18th December.

A big thank you to Parker\$ Skip\$ again this year for their donation of the tree for the hall and also to Andrew Dale of Rackheath Paving and Fencing for chopping it down and delivering it for us!!



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Hanna Rudd	Jacob Curle	Ewan Poole
Year 1	Max Buckingham	Rebecca Hill	Ellie Collin
Year 2	Lily Stone	Lola Wickham	Rory Watts
Year 3	Grace Spurling	Callum O'Kane	Niamh Harris
Year 4	Asher Foley	Amelia-Mae Evans	Oliver Firman
Year 5	Nathan Nicholls	Ella Poole	John Barrett
Year 6	George Mickleburgh	Thomas Moore	Lucy Cowey

Chris Ashman