

Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

House Captain Elections

On Monday we found out who had been elected to the position of House Captain this year. Well done to following children who were elected by the other pupils in their house:

Hickling	Mackenzie Ettridge and Darcie Mann
Oulton	Oliver Moore and Ruby Donnelly
Ranworth	Harry Brown and Freya Henderson
Barton	Matthew Dove and Eloisa Orme



I look forward to seeing them work in the role and to spending the day with them as Head for the Day.

Throughout the process I have been really impressed with all the Year 6 children who put themselves forward. With something like this you are always aware that while 8 children were very happy there were some who were very disappointed. I was very impressed that despite their disappointment the children who weren't picked were very gracious and supportive of their friends. In my view dealing with disappointment is something that it is really important for children to have to face within a supportive environment as it prepares them for when things don't go their way as they get older.



Reading Update – It has been lovely to see lots of children asking staff questions to try and match the adult with their favourite children's book. I wonder who will manage to complete the booklet?



Science Focus

Next half term our focus is going to be on Science Teaching and Learning. Mrs Petraglia, our science lead, and the staff are already planning exciting events, visits and visitors. Should any of you have any links to science, for example through your job, and would be able to work with the school please let us know.



Parents Evenings – Our first parent's evenings of the new year are on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. Sign-up sheets will go up in classrooms next week. A text will go out to let you know when the sheets will go up. I am happy to meet with anyone who would like to make an appointment or catches me during the evening. Retro Alley will be at both evenings too if you need to order any uniform.



Clubs in Parents Evening Week – There will be no clubs run by school staff on Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th, but Premier Sports Archery Club will go ahead as usual on Wednesday. I will run an extra football club for Year 4, 5 and 6 on Monday 16th as the children have not had the club for a few weeks due to home matches being played. There will also unfortunately be no multi-skills club on Monday 16th as Mr Cavender is leading a cluster meeting.

New Parent Governors

Last week a letter went out to all of you looking for new parent governors. On Wednesday 11th existing governors are holding 2 drop in sessions to enable parents to find out about the role. These will be at 2.30pm and then again at 7.00pm. There is a reply slip on the letter which would need to be filled in so governors know how many people will be attending.



Harvest Service



Unfortunately changes to the Fire Regulations in the Church mean that we can't go as a whole school to the church anymore. As such we are holding a Harvest themed assembly in school on Friday 13th October. **This will be just for the children and staff.** As usual we would really appreciate any donations of tinned and packet food for the Norwich Food Bank.

Harvest Art - Ms Holmes has been working with a group of 6 children to put together a lovely display called "Food Glorious Food" which is being displayed in Norwich Cathedral over Harvest. Well done to you all a big thank you to Ms Holmes.



Christmas

Now its October I can just about bring myself to mention Christmas! For the same reason as given above we have to plan a new Christmas celebration for our Key Stage 2 children. We are planning to hold an outdoor carol service with some special surprises. This will be on the evening of Wednesday 13th December.

Class Assemblies – This week we had 2 class assemblies. On Wednesday Year 1 based their assembly on all their Roald Dahl related English work while the day after Year 4 taught us all about health. All the children did a great job putting on informative, entertaining and fun assemblies. As usual there were lots of family members at the assemblies which was great to see.

Next week it's the turn of Year 3 on Wednesday and Reception on Thursday. Year 5's assembly is on the Thursday 2nd November

Football v Coltishall

On Tuesday it was a pleasure to watch at close quarters, as referee, the performance of the school football team in their game against Coltishall. All the boys played brilliantly and Caedn Huckle and Oliver Moore did really well in their first game for the school. In the end we won 10-1 with goals from Oliver Grimmer (3), Matthew Dove (3), Harry Brown, Caedn Huckle and Callum O'Kane (2) one of which was a spectacular shot from his own half that flew into the top corner. Well done boys and a big thank you to our supporters!

Next Tuesday we are home against Coltishall and the following week we are home again on Tuesday against Cromer. Unfortunately, there will be no practice for Year 4, 5 and 6 on the 10th of October.



Macmillan Fundraiser

Our grand total for last week ended up being an amazing £504.00. Thanks again to you all!!



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If you haven't already purchased or returned Spree Books please ensure that you do so by next Wednesday (11th October).

We are organising a 'Clothes Only' Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st October from 10.00am to 12.00pm. If you have any donations of good quality, clean clothes (adults or children's), shoes, bags or belts please leave with the school office or give to Treena Barrett by Thursday 19th October.

100 Club – Our lucky winners this month were:

1 st (No 96)	David Kay
2 nd (No 14)	David Tandy
3 rd (No 4)	Simon Hunt

Attendance Bear

Well done to Reception who had 95.5% attendance last week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Joshua Webb	Tommee Watts	Jasmine Dawson
Year 1	Leo Pask	All of Year 1	Jaydn Turner-Morris
Year 2	Rhys Davison	Jack Unsworth	Amy-Leigh Knights
Year 3	George Solomon	Issey Carpenter	Zach Dawson
Year 4	William Finch	Sophie Appleton	Charlie Cramer-McConnell
Year 5	Emily Addison	Phoebe Player	Louie Bond

Have a super weekend!

Chris Ashman