

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 7th November

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. This is always a busy half term as we move into the Christmas period. At the same time it is a magical and exciting time at our school too. The term has begun with the Year 5 and 6 children on their residential. Indeed when you receive this letter on Friday I will just be returning from 2 days spent with the children at Kingswood. As most of this week's letter has been written before Wednesday I hope we had lovely weather all week!

Remembrance 1914-2014 – Around Tuesday 11th we will be focussing our thoughts on the brave men and women who have served, or serve, in the armed forces over the last 100 years. As part of the day we invite you all to join us from 9.00am until 10.00am in the making of poppies which we will display in the school. This week we have been collecting for the Royal British Legion. Children and parents have had the opportunity to donate to the poppy appeal by buying a poppy or other token of remembrance such as a wristband. Year 6 children have been visiting each class once a day with the poppies and we have now sold everything that we were sent and have a full collection pot to hand back so thank you to everyone who has supported this.



Involving children in the work of the school – Before half term the children should have come home with a letter called the Children's School Improvement Plan letting them know about our plans to continually improve the school. In November Sam and Daisy in Year 6 will be the first pair of "**Heads for the Day,**" over the day they will carry out different leadership tasks including taking an assembly, leading meetings and maybe get to spend some money!



Operation Christmas Child – Once again this year we are taking part in Operation Christmas Child. The deadline for shoe boxes is Thursday 13th November. We have already had some shoe boxes in and your generosity is very much appreciated.



Friday 14th November is Children In Need day. On the day children can wear non-school uniform for a voluntary donation of £1 and if they wish can dress up as a Hero as Heroes is the theme for Children in Need this year. This can be a superhero or someone who is your personal hero or you believe was / is a hero. There will be some fun events and races taking place during the day which the children can get involved with too. These events will also raise money and so children who would like to take part should bring in some 10p and 20p coins up to the value of £1.

farm to fork – Tesco Visits – You should have received a letter with a consent slip during the week about our class trips to Tesco. The first visit is on Thursday 13th November when Year 3 has the chance to visit Tesco at Blue Boar lane.

Website class pages – The children do lots of super work, which we want to be able to share with you. Therefore it is very exciting that our school website now has class pages which can be accessed from the home page. On the class pages you should find photos and information about each class.



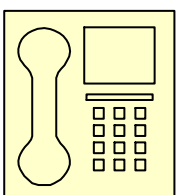
CHRISTMAS CD'S – THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER A “RACKHEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL SING CHRISTMAS” CD. THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT! IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PLACED AN ORDER THESE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A 'FIRST COME FIRST SERVED' BASIS.

Lunchtimes – It was lovely to see lots of parents enjoying a school lunch in October. Our new menu which again looks fantastic runs from November to March. The children took home a copy this week and the menu can also accessed from the EATS website.



Clubs – This half term all the clubs that took place before and after school remain the same as last half term.

Keeping our School and Children Safe – recently we have had a few problems with people coming on to the school site outside of school hours, using the school facilities and occasionally causing damage and/or leaving things on the site that could be dangerous such as bottles. Should you see or hear anything outside of school hours please either let us know or call the police either using the 101 or 999 number. Thank you for your help.



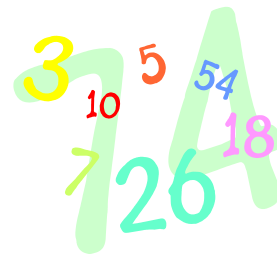


The Weather is Getting Colder – We would like to ask that all children come to school in a coat and bring a tracksuit for PE or for after school clubs.

Diary Dates for this Half Term

Numeracy Café Dates

Thursday 20 th November	Reception
Friday 21 st November	Year 4
Monday 24 th November	Year 1
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 2
Thursday 27 th November	Year 3
Friday 28 th November	Year 6



Class Assemblies – 2.40pm start on a Thursday

November 13 th	Year 2
November 20 th	Year 1
November 27 th	Reception

Christmas Dates

Monday 24 th November	Pantomime visiting the School
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 th December	Reception Dress Rehearsal (AM)
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 1/2 dress rehearsal (AM) Reception Performance (PM)
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1/2 Performance (AM) Reception Performance (PM)
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Performance (PM)
Monday 15 th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal (PM) KS2 Performance at 6.00pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Performance at 6.00pm

Celebration Assembly

Thursday 18 th December	10am
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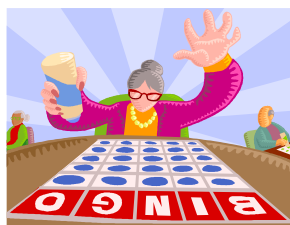
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Defibrillator – We would like to say a huge thank you to Jigsaw Carpentry and Wilson Electrical for help in ensuring that we got this up and running.

Bag2School – We will be taking donations of your unwanted clothing, shoes, bed linen, etc until the morning of Tuesday 11th November when this will be collected.

Non-Uniform Day – We will be holding this on Friday 21st November with donations of £1. This money will be used to fill our Hamper Prizes for our Christmas Raffle.



Family Bingo Night – This is being held on **Saturday 22nd November. Don't forget to purchase your tickets from Mrs Goddard for this fun night.**

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Adam Houston	Issey Carpenter	Jacob Lancaster
Year 1	James Clarke	Felicity Hughes	Darcey Wright
Year 2	Ethan Royston	Phoebe Player	Mason Parfitt-Bland
Year 3	Marshall Newton	Beth Tomlinson	Grace Spurling
Year 4	Marcus Gardner	Ruby Horwood	Cian McAulay

Chris Ashman