

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 8th December 2017

Next week it's CHRISTMAS performance week at Rackheath! Our performances are a big part of our Christmas Celebrations. As a reminder 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 Reception and KS1 performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts.

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| • Monday 11 th December | Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.00am |
| • Monday 11 th December | Year 1/2 Dress Rehearsal 1.50pm |
| • Tuesday 12 th December | Year 1/2 Performance 10.00am |
| • Tuesday 12 th December | Reception Performance 1.50pm |
| • Wednesday 13 th December | Reception Performance 10.00am |
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Our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert is at 6pm on Wednesday 13th December. This will be the first Christmas Concert held outside on the school grounds and we hope to make it a special occasion. As well as the carols and readings refreshments will be available too. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join our festive celebrations.



A Big Thank You to FORS

The school Christmas fair took place last Friday and once again the Friends organised a lovely event. It was lovely to see our children enjoying themselves in the lead up to Christmas, especially having the chance to meet Father Christmas. Along with the Festive Fair and thanks to your generous support the Friends have raised over £1500 for the school which is fantastic and something the staff all appreciate.

After organising the fairs the FORS then went on to organise the discos which all the children really enjoyed. I would like to pass on a big thank you to our DJs Brian and Marcus Gardner as well as to all the parents and other family members who have worked so hard over the last few weeks.

Panto Visit

On Monday the school enjoyed a performance of Robin Hood put on by a visiting theatre company. The children all enjoyed the show and were treated to some lovely dancing from staff "volunteers" Mrs Pallant and myself (oh no they weren't!). A report from Darcey Wright follows:



"On Monday 4th December 2017 we watched a pantomime in the hall which was called Robin Hood. When we got sat down Mr Cavender told us all to talk a bit quieter because the show was about to start. When it started a man called William appeared. William declared for us to 'boo' when some music came on and to cheer when some other music came on because the Sheriff of Rackheath and Robin Hood would come on.

Robin Hood and William AKA Silly Billy were in the woods and they came across an old man and Robin asked if he knew who Robin was and he said he was a Brussel sprout! Robin and Silly Billy tried to rob the man but every time he tried he said he was poor again but in the end they got half each. But the old man took off his cloak and to Robin and Billy's surprise it was beautiful Maid Marion! She said that she snuck out of the castle disguised as an old man so she could find Robin Hood. William then got Mr Ashman and Mrs Pallant to dance with Robin to be his new Merry Men. Just then the Sheriff walked on so Robin quickly ran off stage to run away. The Sheriff asked Billy where Robin was so he could capture him! Billy said it was secret because he and his Merry Men were hiding from him.

The Sheriff said there was an archery competition soon so when he was one Billy said for Robin to come out. He did, he'd heard everything the Sheriff said so Robin and Marion disguised themselves as different people. When they got to the archery competition Marion went first and nearly got a bull's eye! Robin was next and, guess what, he got a wonderful bullseye!

When it was over all the competitors got together to hear the winner. The Sheriff announced the winner but he spotted Robin! Then he spotted Marion so he ordered Marion and Robin to be locked up! The guards locked Marion up in the darkest tower and Robin got locked up in jail. Billy stole the keys from the guards and freed his friends! Billy did it by disguising himself as Richard the Third. The Sheriff appeared and saw Billy AKA Richard the Third this time and he ordered Robin to have some land back and the Sheriff to be gone forever.



Maid Marion and Robin Hood married in the end! I really enjoyed it because it was very funny and I think other people enjoyed it too because they were making lots of noise and laughing."



Gingerbread Trail - This weekend it is the Gingerbread Trail in Wroxham. If you have a chance to visit see if you can find "Supportive Santa" created by children from Rackheath with the help of Mrs Goddard. A letter with more details about the trail has been sent out as well.

Christmas Dinner – We have around 200 children and staff having Christmas Dinner on Friday. It should be a lovely occasion. We are going to have 2 sittings with Key Stage 2 staff serving the Reception and Key Stage 1 children and staff before Reception and Key Stage 1 staff serve the older children and their teachers. On Friday it is also wear a Christmas jumper to school day.



Music Concert

As well as Christmas lunch there will be a Christmas themed performance just for the children from each of the classes learning ukulele and Rockheath on Friday morning.

Music Update – It is great that we have so many children enjoying peripatetic music lessons. Letters have gone out for children currently taking lessons to confirm that they are continuing. Please ensure that these are returned as soon as possible.

Head for the Day

On Tuesday I was joined by Mr Matthew Dove and Miss Eloisa Orme who were heads for the day. They did a grand job in helping me: attending staff briefing, answering emails and choosing some new equipment for wet play being just a few of their tasks.



Reporting an absence.



Absence for Illness or Other Reasons

If your child is off, or you know that your child is going to be off, for any reason, please do let the office staff know even if you tell a member of the teaching staff. As in a busy day sometimes those messages don't get back to the staff dealing with attendance registers and lunch numbers. Thanks for your help.

Clubs – Just a reminder that there are no clubs run by school staff next week, however there will still be Archery and Dance run by premier sport on Wednesday. Clubs will start again from Monday January 8th

FORS NEWS

100 Club Forms - we still have a few some spaces available so if you are interested please return as soon as possible (extra forms available from the office).

Our lucky winners this month are:

- 1st (No 14) David Tandy
- 2nd (No 12) Karl Unsworth
- 3rd (No 31) Louise Dawson
- 4th (No 19) Samantha Webb
- 5th (No 23) Sara Cleminson

Christmas Fayre - Thank you all for your support last week. We raised a massive £872.65!

New Year's Eve!! - Remember to buy your tickets for our annual family party. Lots of fun to be had by young and old alike, so come and join us to see in the New Year. Tickets are on sale now.



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Well done to Year 3 who had 99% attendance last week!

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Isobel Chilvers	George Finch	Harlow Baker
Year 1	The Whole of Year 1		
Year 2	Charlie Crisp	Josie Solomon	Imogen Rump
Year 3	Ben Crook	Tyrone Tetteh	Gideon Martin
Year 4	Jake Harris	Molly Jakobczyk	Ellie Collin
Year 5	Theo Tetteh	Bethan Lancaster	Oliver Grimmer
Year 6	Freya Henderson	Darcie Mann	Maddie Woodcock

Chris Ashman