

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2017

It has been a super first week back in school. It has been lovely to see how quickly and happily all the children have settled back into school life. A special mention must go to Year 6 for being great role models at the start of the year and to our new Reception children who have amazed me by how quickly they have settled into school life and routine. It is lovely to see their smiley faces throughout the day! It has also been lovely to welcome Amy, Jake and William - they have all settled brilliantly into school.

We have put together a **school calendar** which has some of the key dates through the year. You should have received this today along with this letter.



Reading, Reading Everywhere!

A letter all about our exciting reading plan was sent out today. Next week's highlights include our Roald Dahl day celebrations on Wednesday and our special late afternoon pyjamas and hot chocolate reading café which is on Friday 22nd September.

There is a date correction on this letter. The **Norfolk Children's Book Centre** will be holding a book sale on Friday 22nd September NOT the 25th September as stated.

Improvements to the Grounds – Mr Grubb has continued his fantastic painting programme over the summer by painting the school gates, benches and window sills as well as re-painting parts of the fence and sheds. His work really brightens up the school!



After school club remains a vibrant part of school life. We are now full on a Monday and Tuesday while there are a few spaces left on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Curiosity Café Dates

Our first Curiosity Café will link to reading and dates will run between Monday 25th September and Friday 6th October. These offer a great opportunity to enjoy working in class with your children. All cafes start at 9.00am and finish at 10.00am and as last year you are welcome to join us for a drink before-hand in the DT room. Dates for the cafes will feature in next week's letter.

Through the year we will have 3 curiosity cafes and 2 opportunities to come in and look at your children's books. New Reception parents also have lots of chances to come in and share learning journeys with their children, these are organised separately by Reception Staff.

School Uniform – The children have all looked really smart at the start of the year. It is really helpful if the children could have trainers with them to change in to when using the field. Children should only wear trainers at break and lunch and should come to school in suitable school shoes. Please also ensure children only wear small stud type earrings and that girls can tie their hair up. Both of these are important from a safety point of view.



Year 5 and 6 walking home alone – Year 5 and 6 children should have brought home a permission slip so that they can walk home by themselves. If you are happy for your child to do this please return this to school.

New class meetings for Year 1 to 6 – Over the course of next week the new class meetings will take place when you are invited in to class to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about plans for the year. Meetings are either first thing in the morning or from 2:40pm in the afternoon.

- Monday 11th Year 2 - PM
- Tuesday 12th Year 6 am and Year 1 - PM
- Wednesday 13th Year 4 am and Year 5 - PM
- Thursday 14th Year 5 – AM

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Our clubs run by school staff will start in the week beginning 18th September. Clubs at the start of the year are:

- Monday Homework Club with Miss Maibaum for Years 3 to 6
Multi-Skills Club with Mr Cavender for Reception, Year 1 and 2
- Tuesday Football Club with Mr Ashman and Mr Edwards for Years 4, 5 and 6
- Wednesday Gardening Club with Ms Bartlett for Years 4 to 6
- Thursday Netball Club with Mrs Pilbrow for Years 4, 5 and 6
Football Club with Mr Ashman for Year 2 and 3
- Friday Cross Country before school with Mr Ashman for Year 3 to 6

All afternoon clubs run between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Cross Country starts at 8.20am. Sign-up sheets for all clubs will be in school from Monday next week. We hope no one misses out but there are limits on the total number of children who can attend each club.

Choir will re-start after half term and Rockheath Orchestra will be starting on Friday 22nd September. All clubs are free except Rockheath which costs £10 for 10 weeks.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

School council will be holding our annual coffee morning on Friday 29th September. This will take place in the school hall from 9.00am to 10.00am where you will have the chance to enjoy tea / coffee and a cake. There will also be the opportunity to buy raffle tickets. If you would like to donate a raffle prize to this worthy cause please hand in to the school office. Any items would be gratefully received. We would also be very grateful for donations of cakes on the day.

We will also be holding a non-uniform day for the children on that day. The cost of which will be £1.

Many thanks from Mrs Goddard and the School Council



Music

This year I am pleased to confirm that we are carrying on with whole class Ukulele lessons with Mr Hodson and that our peripatetic lessons are also continuing. We have even more musicians this year which is great. Lessons will start on the following dates:



- Tuesdays Mrs Salton – Clarinet, Flute, Violin starting 12th September
- Wednesdays Mrs Smith – Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone starting 13th September
- Friday Mrs Brown – Guitar starting 22nd September including the Rockheath Orchestra after school

Thanks to Miss Hannant, Mrs Pilbrow and Mrs Roe for all their hard work in organising the peripatetic lessons.



Swimming – Our swimming slot has changed from Friday morning to Thursday afternoon. Year 3 will be swimming at Broadland High from next Thursday 14th. The children should have received a separate letter giving more details.

100 Club

Our lucky winners this month were:

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| 1 st (No 48) | Susan Trorey, |
| 2 nd (No 54) | Janice Allen |
| 3 rd (No 60) | Sylvia Daniels |



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Year 1	Eden Martin	Maisie Hunt	Lucca Hallam
Year 2	The Whole Class!	Kody Addison	Joseph Tandy
Year 3	All of Year 3!	Ben Crook	Evie Cleminson
Year 4	Amy Hitcham	Jake Harris	Max Buckingham
Year 5	Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey	Caedn Huckle	William Ottaway
Year 6	All of Year 6!	Oliver Moore	Dylan Cullum

Here's to another fantastic year for all at Rackheath Primary School!

Chris Ashman