

Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2016

I have been lucky enough to spend quite a bit of my week watching the Reception and Year 1 and 2 performances. Both performances were absolutely lovely. All the children sang beautifully and spoke really clearly. They all had a lovely time and I know the audience loved the performances too. As far as I'm concerned there is nothing that shows off the true spirit and meaning of Christmas quite like a school nativity play.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all staff in the school. This is an especially busy time in school and it takes a lot of hard work, organisation and team work to make sure that the performances are so good!



Christmas Fayre – The school Christmas Fayre took place last Friday and once again the Friends organised a lovely event with their usual professionalism. 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 £2000 for the school which is fantastic and something the staff all appreciate.



Carol Service in the Church – Next week it is Key Stage 2's turn to perform on Monday and Wednesday evening in the lovely surroundings of the church which makes for a special evening. The service starts at 6.00pm so could all children be at the church by 5.45pm.

Gingerbread Trail Winners

We were really pleased to find out that our gingerbread man was the deserved winner of the Gingerbread Go trail in Wroxham. Well done to Year 6 and Mrs Goddard on their success. The class enjoyed the winning prize of a gingerbread themed hamper. Thank you to all of you for liking and sharing on Facebook.



Reception Learning Journeys – These will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Reception staff have the details of when they will be taking place. It will be a lovely way for parents to see how brilliantly the children have done in their first term.

Christingle Service



On Friday the 16th it is the Christingle Service in the church at 3.30pm to which all children and their families are welcome. This is a lovely event which I know After School Club and some school staff are planning to go to.

Holiday letter - Yesterday you should have received a letter clarifying the school's position regarding term time holidays and fines. This follows a softening of the national guidance which we felt was more in line with the schools view.



Christmas Lunch

We have around 200 children and staff having Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. 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 Wednesday it is also Christmas Jumper Day if your child would like to wear one.



Music Update

After school today we have the treat of a Rackheath Christmas Concert in the hall. Letters have gone out for children currently taking lessons asking you to confirm that they will be continuing. There is also the opportunity for new starters to take up lessons in the Spring. If you have a child in Year 3 to 6 who is interested please pop into the office.

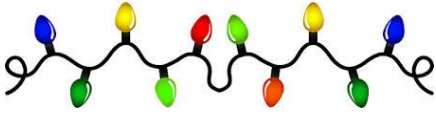
The last week of term – We have lots of other events to look forward to as well as those mentioned above. On Wednesday our ukulele players are performing while on Thursday it is Celebration Assembly. In the afternoon on Thursday it is the return of the Rackheath Cinema Multi-Plex. (Children can bring in a snack each). The term finishes on Friday with a special mystery treat!



Rackheath Express Newspaper!

The Year 5 children have carried on the tradition of creating a school newspaper which will be sold at the end of each term. The class have been busy writing about all of the key Autumn events since September as well as interviewing children, staff members and taking lots of photographs. The 'Rackheath Express' newspaper will be going on sale for **20p** straight after school on **Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December** (outside the Year 5/6 building). It would be great if you could buy a copy to find out all of the latest news! Profits will go towards a reward for the Year 5 children for all their hard work.

Many thanks, Mr Edwards



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New Year's Eve - Our annual party will be taking place on Saturday 31st December at Rackheath Village Hall. Please contact Michelle on (01603 722125 / 07799 258509) or Leisa on 07780 796038 for details.

Xmas Fayre - A big thank you for everyone's help and support we raised £808!!!

School Aprons- We have a few spare Aprons available to be bought. Please contact Leisa on 07780 796038 if you require one.

100 Club - Please return any slips to office to be entered into next year's draw! £12 a number for the year.

Our lucky winners for December's 100 Club were:

1 st	(No 28)	Mrs P Brown
2 nd	(No 9)	Sara Cleminson
3 rd	(No 22)	Julie Scotton
4 th	(No 21)	Wayne Scotton
5 th	(No 27)	Suzi Brown

House Captain's Award



Ranworth	Ben Crook
Hickling	Lennon Baker
Oulton	Caitlyn Moore
Barton	Cian McAulay

Attendance Bear
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Well done to Reception Class who had 99% 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	Alice Tandy	Polly Ottolangui	Natalia Lukaszewicz
Year 1	The Kings & Animals	The Choir	The Shepherds
Year 2	George Solomon / Sadie Pennycook	All of Year 1	Adam Houston
Year 3	All of the Class are Diamonds for Swimming!		
Year 4	Aaron Knights	Abie Peel	Theodore Tetteh
Year 5	Maddie Woodcock	Mia Westley	Calum Buckingham
Year 6	James Newson	Matt Rivett	Holly Whayman

Chris Ashman