

Rackheath Primary School

Back to School Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2016

It has been a super first week back in school. It has been lovely to see how quickly all children have settled back into school life. They have all impressed me with their positive approach, keenness to learn and by their kind and thoughtful behaviour. 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. Below are a couple of pictures of them having lunch together. It is lovely to see their smiley faces throughout the day! It has also been lovely to welcome Ronan, Theo and Tyrone to school as well as welcome back Amy-Leigh. They have all settled brilliantly into school.



We have put together a **school calendar** which has some of the key dates through the year. This is a provisional list so if anything changes we will let you know. You should have received this today along with this letter.

After School Club - This week has seen the re-launch of our After School Club. A big thank you to all the after school club staff, Mrs Roe and Mrs Pilbrow as well as all of you for helping get the club off to a smooth start. From my point of view the first week seems to have been very successful and we are really pleased that we can offer the club as part of our school provision. If any of you have any comments on the way the club is running please let us know - we always welcome your input.

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Improvements to the Grounds

Mr Grubb has continued his fantastic painting programme over the summer by painting the sheds and fence. His work has really brightened up that part of the school and turned the sheds into "beach huts!" We have also been working to create a bigger and better outside space for our Year 1 children giving the children more opportunities for outdoor learning! Lots of people helped but a special thank you needs to go to Miss Hughes and Mrs Penson.



Year 5 and 6 Walking Home Alone - Year 5 and 6 children can walk home by themselves. If you are happy for your child to do this please return the letter sent earlier this week to give your permission. Extra copies are available from the school office.

Curiosity Café Dates

Our first Curiosity Café dates of the year are listed below. 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.

Tuesday 4th October – Year 4
Wednesday 5th October – Year 5
Thursday 6th October – Year 1
Friday 7th October – Year 3
Tuesday 11th October – Reception
Wednesday 12th October – Year 2
Thursday 13th October – Year 6



Throughout 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 opportunities to come in and share learning journeys with their children, these are organised separately by Reception Class Staff.



School Uniform – The children have all looked super smart at the start of the year. It is really helpful if the children could have trainers with them to change into 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.

Our clubs run by school staff start next week. Lots of children have signed up and there are still places in some clubs. A few clubs have filled up and I know some children will be disappointed to miss out. Year 4 to 6 football club can accommodate the extra children as there are 2 staff running the club, also taking into account the age of the children. Unfortunately we do have to cap Mr Cavender's multi skills at 20. Those children who missed out this time will be first on the list for the spring term when children have to sign up again.

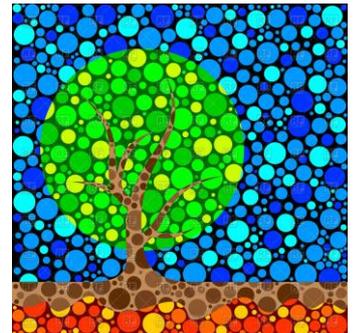
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CLASS INFO

New Class Meetings – Over the course of the week new class meetings took place. It was great to see lots of you attending. Over the week you should also have received class letters which are packed with useful information. As a school we know the importance of close links between teachers and parents and all staff are more than happy to answer any questions you may have throughout the year.

Art Events

This half term we have a focus on art. In a couple of weeks we are looking forward to creating a whole school mosaic with local artist Carolyn Ash. Following this the School Council are going to help design a mural that artists Sunny and Pea are going to be coming in to school to paint. We are also involved in the big draw! Thanks to Miss Magee for sorting all these exciting opportunities.



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 13th September
- Wednesdays Mrs Smith – Trumpet starting 14th September
- Friday Mrs Brown – Guitar starting 16th September including the Rockheath Orchestra after school (Rockheath will not take place on the 23rd September)

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

Swimming – Year 3 will be swimming at Broadland High from next Friday 16th. The children should have received a separate letter giving more details.



Our lucky winners this month were:



- 1st – (No 74) Queenie Whayman
- 2nd – (No 7) Mark Huckle
- 3rd – (No 9) Sara Cleminson

The school council will once again be holding their Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of the month. 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. Many thanks



**Prizes
needed
for raffle**

Mrs Goddard and the School Council

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Everyone was a Star!	Lila Ing	Polly Ottolangui
Year 1	Lily Ardagh-Ptolomey	Charlie Crisp	Joe Barrett
Year 2	Tyrone Tetteh	Caitlyn Moore	Everyone was a Diamond!
Year 3	Charlie Cramer-McConnell	Max Buckingham	William Finch
Year 4	Theodore Tetteh	Emily Addison	Keegan Mickleburgh
Year 5	Dylan Cullum	Ruby Donnelly	Sonny Hurn
Year 6	Taylan Harris	Elizabeth Ritchie	Everyone was a Diamond!

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

Chris Ashman

