

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th December

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 Fair

The school Christmas fair 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 £2500 for the school which is fantastic and something the staff all appreciate.

Sad News – Our thoughts and prayers have been with Ms Holmes and her family this week following the tragic death of her husband last weekend. As a mark of respect the collection at the two evening performances in the church next week will go to a charity of Ms Holmes' choice.

Carol Service in the Church

Next week it is Key Stage 2's turn to perform on Tuesday 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.



Website Update – We have been busy updating and improving our website. One way we have done this is to create a link from the home page to our weekly newsletter. Thank you to one of the school governors, Ben Orme, for his hard work and expertise.

Christmas Lunch

We have around 190 children and staff having Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. It should be a lovely occasion. We are going to have two 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.



Child Minder Needed – A parent in the school has asked if any of you work as a child minder or know someone who works as a child minder in the local area and has spare capacity to please get in touch. This would be for both before and after school care.

The last week of term - We have lots of other events to look forward to as well as those mentioned above. On Tuesday we have some special visitors being introduced to us by Reverend Sandy, then on Wednesday we have a **special music assembly** at 10.00am when our musicians will perform. On Thursday at 10.00am it is **Celebration Assembly**. We look forward to welcoming parents to these two events.



In the afternoon on Thursday it is the return of the **Rackheath Cinema Multi-Plex**. (Children can bring in a snack each). We finish off the term on Friday with a special mystery treat!



*Finally on Friday at 3.30pm it is the annual **Christingle Service** at the church to which everyone is welcome to attend. This is a lovely festive way to finish of the term.*



FORS

Christmas Tree - We would like to say a big thank you to East Anglian Cable Recycling for supplying our school Christmas tree.

100 Club - We still have some numbers left £12 for the year & this fundraiser raises £600 for the children if we sell 100 numbers, for more info speak with office or any FORS member.

New Year's Eve! It's our 13th year of holding our annual New Year's Eve party at the village hall. If you would like to come along and join the fun, then speak to Leisa on 07780 796038 or the ladies in the school office regarding tickets. You will also see posters around the school with more details.



Xmas Fayre - We raised £925 this year do big thank you for supporting this event.

Aylmerton Residential - Year 5 and 6 have spent the last week on their residential at Aylmerton. A special thank you, from me, to Mr Cavender, Mrs Chapman, Mr Edwards, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Howes for giving up their time to take the children.



Well done to Year 6 who had 99.6% attendance for 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	Kody Addison	Lily Key	Corey Carpenter
Year 1	The whole of Year 1 and 2 have been Stars this week for their wonderful performances of their Christmas play		
Year 2			
Year 3	All of Year 3 have been stars this week for their superstar swimming		
Year 4	Luke Royston	Freya Henderson	Grace Spurling

Have a great weekend

Chris Ashman