

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 14th October 2016

We ended another busy week with our Harvest Festival Service this afternoon. As usual we were able to put together lots of food parcels to go to the Norwich Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who made donations and also to everyone at Rackheath Church for welcoming us and sharing our service.

Next week is another busy one especially in Year 5. On Monday Year 5 have their Anglo Saxon day and follow that up with a trip to Sutton Hoo on Friday. On Tuesday there is a Karate Taster session for all the children. Year 3 to 6 are going to a Science Show at the Forum on Thursday and on Wednesday we have the Cluster Football Tournament.

Praise for the School

Earlier in the week we received a letter from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner at the Department for Education, congratulating the school on our Key Stage 2 Results this year. He recognised the collective hard work from staff, children, governors and parents that went in to our excellent results. It is always good to have the school's achievement recognised by those outside of the school community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with our school as it is very much a collective effort.



Parent's Evening – Our first parents evening of the year will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October. Tuesday is the late night until 7pm and Wednesday lasts until 5pm. Janet Butler who works with the cluster Schools supporting children with special educational needs is joining us on Wednesday. Should you like an appointment with Janet you can sign up with the office beforehand or pop in on the day. Janet will be based in the DT room. I will also be available during both evenings if you would like to make an appointment or would just like a quick catch up.

Parent Lunch Month

For the last few years parents have had the chance to share a lunch with their children. This has been very popular and we are pleased to say that we are repeating this in November. Every day a maximum of 8 people can sign up to join us for lunch. The cost will be £2.64 for adults and £2.20 for younger siblings. Reception parents should arrive at 11.50am and parents of children in Year 1 and 2 at 12.00pm. In KS2 we have rotating times for lunch depending on the week. Times to arrive for lunch are listed below:



- Week beginning 31st October - Year 3 and 6 at 12.20pm / Year 4 and 5 at 12.40pm
 - Week beginning 7th November Year 3 and 4 at 12.20pm / Year 5 and 6 at 12.40pm
 - Week beginning 14th November Year 4 and 5 at 12.20pm / Year 3 and 6 at 12.40pm
 - Week beginning 21st November Year 5 and 6 at 12.20pm / Year 3 and 4 at 12.40pm
- (All timings are approximate)

There will be no parent lunch when we have our special lunches for Halloween and Bonfire Night. Should you wish to sign up or have any questions please speak to Mrs Pilbrow who is organising the administration for this event.

Year 3 Assembly



On Thursday Year 3 put on another excellent class assembly full of music and poems - all linked to 'Families'. It was a lovely assembly as it reminded us that our family are not just those people who we are related to; here at Rackheath we are also a family as we look out for each other and care for others in our school. Well done to all of year 3 (you were all so loud!).

Author Visit - Last week's visit to KS2 from the children's Author Billy Bob Buttons proved a great success. I sat in on one of his workshops and found his presentation on how he writes absolutely fascinating. I know lots of our children bought Billy's books and I'm sure they found his presentation useful and inspirational.



Curiosity Cafés and Big Draw Events – Lots of parents have enjoyed the opportunity to join their children at our cafe and learning journey sharing sessions over the last two weeks. It has been great to see so many of you join us! For example on Tuesday Reception class and their parents produced some lovely art work on big sheets which looked amazing.



Football

On Tuesday the football team continued their winning start to the season with a hard fought 4-2 win over a very hard working and determined Mundesley team. All the boys performed well and our goals were scored by Aston Culling, Freddie Ottolangui, Matthew Dove (on his debut for the team) and Sonny Hurn who chipped the goalkeeper superbly!



Brancaster Meeting - it will soon be the week that all of the year 6 parents are looking forward to, the week of the Brancaster Residential where all year 6 children will be away for the whole week giving their parents a much needed rest. In preparation for this there will be a meeting for parents and children on Monday 7th November at 2.30pm in the school hall. We will be discussing the timetable for the week and going through important information. It would certainly be beneficial for you all on the lead up to the trip.

There will be no Multi Skills session after school on Monday 31st October.

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Spree – This week is your last chance to purchase a spree book. If you still have an unwanted book then please could you hand it in to the office by the end of the day on Thursday.

House Captain's Award



Ranworth Lacey Hudson

Hickling Amber Houston

Oulton Katie Moore

Barton Honey Wright



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	Amber Houston	Orlaith Hebron	Katy Webb
Year 1	Isabella Crowther	Luke Burrows	Connor Youngs
Year 2	Sadie Pennycook	Issey Carpenter	Ewan Poole
Year 3	Whole of Class!	Mia Jenkinson	Alfie Betts
Year 4	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Isobel Crisp	Katie Moore
Year 5	James Nurse	Charlotte Warrington	Matthew Dove
Year 6	James Newson	Olivia Crook	Matt Rivett

Have a great weekend.

Chris Ashman

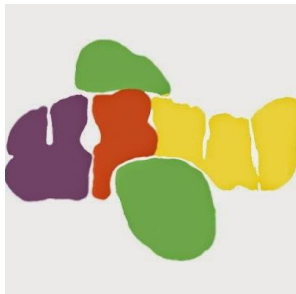
OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Rackheath Neighbourhood Plan



Drop in sessions are being held for you to comment on the Draft Plan for Rackheath. Please come along and give us your feedback.

Saturday 15 th October	10am - 1pm	Village Hall
Monday 17 th October	5pm - 8pm	Trinity Church
Thursday 20 th October	12noon - 2pm	B24 Café



Bombers Pre-school

Our annual visit from the photographer will take place on Saturday 5th November from 10am. If you would like to book a slot for a family photo session just call in to Bombers and sign up.



Halloween Hunt – We will be holding this event in in Wilde Road woods on Saturday 29th October from 2pm – 4pm. Cost £2 per child. See posters around village for more details.