

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018

It has been great to see how quickly everyone has settled back in across the school. It has been especially lovely to see the blossoming friendships between our Reception and Year 6 children. The Buddy system really helps our youngest children settle in to school quickly whilst our Year 6 children really enjoy the friendships they make and benefit from the responsibility being a buddy brings.



**School Photographer** – As per the text yesterday our school photographer will be in on Thursday morning to take pictures of the children both individually and with their siblings. If you have any pre-school siblings you would like photographed with their brothers / sisters please go to the hall with them before the start of school.

**Curiosity café dates** – Our first Curiosity Café will link to reading and will run between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 in the DT room beforehand. Café dates are as follows:

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Reception
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1



The café for Reception parents will focus on phonics teaching and also introduce parents to Tapestry. Tapestry is a great way for parents to not only see their child's learning journey through Reception but also to contribute to the online platform with news from home. We have been using the system for the last two years and it was very popular with parents and children.

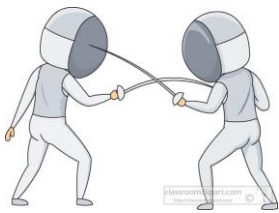


**We have a book fair in school the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September. There will be lots of great books to buy. A letter with more details of the week will be out soon.**

**Assemblies** – This week we have been looking at how to start the new term well. For the next few weeks our whole school focus theme is “it’s good to be curious.”



**Apples** – We have had a bumper crop of apples (both eating and cookers) so if you fancy some apples please help yourself from the tress in the school. I’m happy to taste test any apple crumbles!



**Premier Sports Fencing and Street Dance** – Premier Sports are continuing to run clubs before and after school on a Wednesday. Street Dance runs between 8.00am and 8.45am and Fencing between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. More information can be found at <https://www.premier-education.com/schools/extra-curricular>

### **School Uniform**

**Retro Alley** our school uniform suppliers have their first pop up shop of the year on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. They will be in school just before the end of the day until around 3.45pm (depending on demand). Their website address is <https://retroalley.co.uk/>



**New class meetings for Year 1 to 6** – It has been good to see lots of you at the start of year meetings held in Years 1 to 6. With the meetings and class newsletters we hope that everyone has a clear idea about what is planned for the term and what goes on in the class.



Our clubs run by school staff start on Monday and are as follows:

- 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  
Rockheath Orchestra for our musicians

All afternoon clubs run between 3pm and 4pm. Cross Country starts at 8.20am. There are still some spaces for the Monday Multi-Skills Club with Mr Cavender as well as in Rockheath.

Children attending football club do need to wear shin pads. Boots are optional but as it gets wetter boots become more necessary.

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**Mandarin** - It was great to say hello (Ni Hao!) and welcome Mrs Jing Song to the school on Tuesday. Year 5 and 6 each had an hours lesson which introduced the class to China and it's culture. One amazing fact we learnt is that the population of Shanghai is bigger than the population of Australia! The class then learnt Chinese letters, greetings and how to count to 10.

**Football match** – Following last year when the team won both the North Norfolk School League and Cup the school team have two matches coming up against Mundesley and Cromer.



**Music** – This week we had our first whole class Ukulele lessons with Mr Hodson, this term he will be teaching Years 4, 5 and 6. Our peripatetic lessons start on the following dates:



- Tuesdays Mrs Laws – Piano, Violin starting 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesdays Mrs Smith – Clarinet, Flute starting 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Thursday and Friday Mrs Brown – Guitar starting 20<sup>th</sup> September including the Rockheath Orchestra after school starting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>



**MSA Vacancy** – We have a vacancy within our MSA Team. If you are interested in working in school a few hours a week, or would like more details, please speak to Mr Cavender or the office staff.

### 100 Club

Our lucky winners this month are:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> (No 7)  | Louise Jenkins   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> (No 5)  | Emma Bland       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (No 10) | Danielle Downing |



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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Honey Allard	Millie Halls-Nee	Connor Appleton
Year 1	George Finch	Trinity Beck	Harlow Baker
Year 2	Maisie Hunt	Deanna Read	Jaydn Turner-Morris
Year 3	Dylan Symons-D'Souza	Ellie Royston	Charlie Crisp
Year 4	Zach Dawson	Willow Geary	Callum Mickleburgh
Year 5	Charlie Atkinson	Lily-Mae Wright	Darcey Wright
Year 6	All of Year 6	Summer Geary	Katie Moore

Have a super weekend.

*Chris Ashman*