

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 18th December 2015

The children at Rackheath never stop amazing me. It has been a really busy and exciting term. Over the last few weeks the children's thoughts have been turning to Christmas, some have been feeling tired, others have been shaking off bugs, coughs and colds and yet they remain enthusiastic, keen to learn, motivated and impeccably behaved. It is a real privilege to come to school and work with them every day.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the staff who I know are also feeling excited about Christmas as well as tired! They work really hard every day to make sure our school is a happy place where learning is fun and children make good progress. I hope you agree that the children at Rackheath enjoy lots of rich opportunities and memorable experiences during a term. This is only possible because all the staff work as a team and are so caring, positive, enthusiastic and hard working.

KS2 Christmas Service

In a packed church the Key Stage 2 children put on a fantastic Carol Concert on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It was a lovely and magical experience in the church on those nights and we really appreciate the links we have with Reverend Sandy and her team at Holy Trinity.

All the children did themselves proud, the singing was beautiful and all the children reading the Nativity story read in very clear voices. I was especially impressed by all the solo singers who sang beautifully. I would like to thank everyone who helped organise the service, with a special mention going to Mrs Chapman for her fantastic piano playing.

As you know this year our charity collection was in honour of Ms Holmes partner Chris. Ms Holmes' chosen charity was The Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund at Great Ormond Street and for this we raised £340. I know your generous donations and kind words have meant a lot to Ms Holmes at this sad time.

Finally, it was great to see so many of you at the church over the two nights. The church was packed out which just added to the occasion.



Music Concert

On Wednesday the school were treated to a first ever concert from our talented musicians. Despite the children only starting lessons ten weeks ago they had the skill and confidence to perform in front of an audience. A special well done to Maddie Woodcock, Bethan Lancaster, Evie Cleminson, Dylan Parnell, Logan St Hill and Kiera Braithwaite who performed solo. I know this is only the start of the process as already more children are starting lessons next term and Mrs Brown is already talking about starting a Rackheath Orchestra in the Summer Term. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Smith, Mrs Salton and especially Mrs Brown for their super teaching and hard work.



Recycled Art Club – The children really enjoyed making the items that were on sale at both Christmas Fayres and managed to raise a grand total of £106 which will be used to purchase more craft supplies.



Christmas Dinner

The children and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner on Wednesday cooked by our fantastic chefs from Vertas (formerly EATS) Natalie, Amanda and Caroline. There was a festive atmosphere in the hall as the staff took it in turns to serve the children. All told, 190 children and staff enjoyed a high quality lunch. We are very fortunate to have super cooks who regularly cook lovely meals from scratch for well over 100. Quite an achievement!



Attendance Assembly – On Friday we presented all the children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance with a certificate. Well done to all the children who got their certificate.

Celebration names – A big well done to all the children who received their special certificate and badge in our Celebration Assembly on Thursday. You have all been brilliant role models this term.



Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

Charlie Crisp
Hanna Rudd
Chloe St Hill
Louie Bond
Sonny Hurn
Ruby Culling
Charlie Pilbrow

Matilda Purton
Liam O’Kane
Charlie Atkinson
Emily Addison
Beth Tomlinson
Rosie Milligan
Freddie Smith

We say farewell this term to Amelie Thomas in Year 4 who is leaving us to join Langley School. We all wish her well in her new school.



FORS

Happy Christmas to everyone and thank you for your support from all FORS members.

New Year's Eve! You should have all had a flier today for our 13th 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 Michelle Roe on 01603 722125.



Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 6 who had 100% attendance for last week and were visited by Attendance Bear!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children again on Tuesday January 5th.

Have a lovely holiday!

Chris Ashman



100 Club Winner\$ for December

Our lucky winners for this month were:

1st Prize	No 2	Judy Nicholson
2nd Prize	No 48	Sue Grime
3rd Prize	No 25	Kevin Allison
4th Prize	No 66	Sue Potter
5th Prize	No 41	Lesley Burdett

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and good luck for next year. Remember you can still join if you haven't already