

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

19th September 2013

It has been a lovely week in school. The children have settled really well into their classes and a lot of good learning has taken place. It has been great to see lots of children enjoy the wide variety of clubs on offer too.

Our Harvest Service

On Friday 26th September the school will go to the church at Rackheath to celebrate Harvest. The service will start at 2.00pm. We hope that many of you will be able to join us at the church on the day. Like last year we are collecting for the Norwich Food Bank and would very much appreciate any donations that the children could bring in of any of the following:

Milk (UHT Long Life)

Sugar

Fruit Juice (Long Life)

Tinned - Rice Pudding, Sponge Pudding, Tomatoes, Fish, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables

Instant - Mash Potato, Custard, Coffee

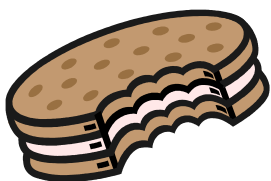
Tea Bags (Pack 40)

Pasta Sauce

Snack Bars

Jam

If you are able to donate, children could start bringing in donations to their classrooms from Wednesday.



Tuckshop - From Monday 22nd September we are going to trial tuck shop for all of Key Stage 2 every day. Children will be restricted to two food items maximum a day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 still receive their free fruit at break times.

Curriculum Events This Term



From talking to children it is clear how much they enjoyed our special curriculum events last year like Science Week, Maths Week, Passport Day and World Food Day.

This year we are kicking off with an exciting Poetry Week in October and then in November we are going to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I with a week of activities connected to it and especially Rackheath during World War I. We are already planning lots of exciting activities for both these weeks but we could really do with your help especially with our work linked to World War I and Rackheath. Perhaps you have some great ideas to help commemorate the anniversary or have family links to people who were alive during World War I. Perhaps they fought, worked in a factory or have a family story to tell. Whatever your idea we would love to hear from you and remember as a community the brave men and women who fought and died 100 years ago.



Administration of Medicines Policy

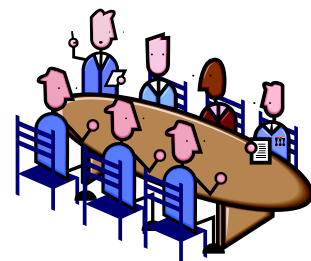
The policy for administration of medicines in school is as follows:

- There may be occasional instances when medication needs to be given to children in school for example as part of a course of prescribed antibiotics or for a long term medical condition.
- The form *Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine* **must** be completed before any medication can be administered. This form can be picked up from the office.
- Once the form has been returned Mr Ashman will review the request and the school will inform you of the decision whether or not to administer medication.
- Designated school staff will administer medication and record this in a central medication log book.

This system is in place to eliminate any confusion there may currently be and will come in to force from Monday 22nd September

Pupil Committees

Last year we started 3 pupil committees to come up with ideas and help make decisions in the school. For example the Assembly Committee helped run an assembly and suggested that we should have more singing in assemblies which we now have. The groups did not meet all that regularly last year so the children in Year 1 to 6 have stayed the same and we welcome 3 new children from Reception to join us. I have promised the children that we will meet more regularly this year!



Parent Lunch Month – We are pleased to invite parents in to school to try a school lunch starting on the 29th September and running until Wednesday 22nd October. The system we will use will be the same as last year which proved very successful and popular with families. There will be a sign up sheet for each day with space for a maximum of 8 people to try lunch each day. Parents with children in different sittings are welcome to sign up more than once during the month so they can have lunch with all their children.

Parents of Reception children should arrive at 11.45am. Parents of Year 1 and 2 should arrive at 12.00pm. The children in Year 3 to 6 go into lunch on a rota with the first children going in at approximately 12.25pm and the last children going in at 12.40pm. The rota for these weeks is included in the table below.

Week Commencing	12.25pm	12.25pm	12.40pm	12.40pm
29 th September	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
6 th October	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
13 th October	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3
20 th October	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4

Last time a few parents could not make the day that they had signed up for, should this be the case please let us know before the day otherwise the school has to pay for the meal as it has been ordered.

Tesco's Farm to Fork – As a school we are signed up to the Farm to Fork initiative which gives children an insight into how food gets from a farm to our homes. As a result each class will have the opportunity in November to visit Tesco at Blue Boar Lane for a morning. The children will take part in some fun activities, get to try some food and visit the warehouse part of the store. The trip including transport is completely free too! More details to follow.



House Captains – A big well done to the 8 children chosen to be House Captains this year. They are Daisy Stone and Sam Watts for Barton, Charlotte Abramson and Carter Daniels for Ranworth, Lydia Rivett and Oliver Milligan for Hickling and Lucy Cowey and Thomas Moore for Oulton. Commiserations to all the other Year 6 children who put themselves forward to be House Captains.



Chess Club at Broadland High School

Broadland High Staff are running a chess club on a Monday at their school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm (it doesn't matter if you can't get there until 3.30).



They have kindly opened the club up to the cluster primary schools. Should anyone like more information please visit our office. You will need to collect a form from us to fill in and take along to the club.

Lost Property - Please name all items of clothing, we already have some brand new items of clothing that have not been claimed and have no name in.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Alex Dove	Hanna Rudd	Sebastian Jenkins
Year 1	Bethany Dampier	Max Buckingham	William Finch
Year 2	Oliver Grimmer	Abi Peel	Katie Moore
Year 3	Calum Buckingham	Molly Broadwater	Matthew Dove
Year 4	Elizabeth Ritchie	Stanley Bond	Ellen Hughes
Year 5	William Barnes	Millie-Rose Addison	Hayden Parfitt-Bland
Year 6	Oliver Milligan	Daisy Stone	Freya Grime

Have a lovely weekend

Chris Ashman