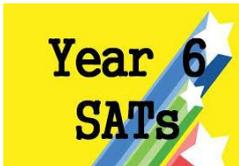


Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th January

Once you receive this letter Year 4 will have returned from Horstead. From what I have heard they have had a super time and been their usual brilliant selves. I would like to pass on a big thank you to Miss Maibaum, Mrs Crook, Miss Allen, Mrs Diaper and Mrs Pilbrow for taking them.



SATs Briefing – On Monday Mr Cavender and Mr Ashman are leading 2 briefings for parents regarding the Year 6 SATs. They are at 2pm and 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Uniform – Yesterday we heard that the School Wear Centre is to close next weekend. They have been our main uniform provider and as such we are already looking to source a new supplier. They have said that any orders placed will need to be collected before this date and also they are selling stock with a 50% discount. As soon as we have secured a new supplier we will let you know but in the meantime you can always use Tesco online who stock some of our uniform items.

Café dates – Next week we have 4 curiosity cafes in different classes. On Tuesday 24th it is Year 3 on Wednesday year 2 and then on Thursday it is Year 4 and finally it is Year 6 on Friday. All cafes start at 9.00am and run for an hour.



Y6 Assembly – Year 6 will kick off our class assemblies this term on Thursday 26th. Parents should arrive by 2.35pm. Assemblies start at 2.40pm.



As a staff and school it always important to look forward and to look at ways we can improve what we do. This term quite a few staff have been or will be going out on courses and visits. We have also been working together in pairs to share planning and lesson ideas. Subject leaders are also planning out their spending priorities to improve our resource base.

Parent's Evening – Our second set of Parent's Evenings take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. We will let you know when the sign-up sheet will go up.



Head for the Day

Miss Hannah Peel and Mr Max Penson were Heads for the Day on Tuesday. They both did a super job. Their account of the day is below:

“On Tuesday the 17th of January 2017 we (Max & Hannah) had our chance to be head for the day.

First, in the morning we attended the staff briefing at 8.30am where we listened to what was happening in the school. After that, we received a letter from Mr Ashman telling us what we were doing that day. As well as that, we waited outside with Mr Ashman and said hello to parents as they walked past. Then we checked the emails and found out what extra jobs we needed to do. Next we did a learning walk where we toured the school and wrote down on a clipboard how people were working, how tidy the cloakrooms were and all the good and bad parts about the school. Moreover, on our own we helped with duty at break and helped during assembly.

Secondly, after break we ventured round the school taking surveys on different subjects such as: tuck-shop options, Sumdog and play equipment. In addition to this, we found out that lots of children would like a climbing frame and would like to play Sumdog more often. At lunch time representatives from Mile Cross School came to see what our hot dinners were like. Finally close to the end of the day we identified an area to spend money and decided on dodgeballs. Overall we enjoyed our day very much.

I (Hannah) enjoyed the surveys most I think that they were very interesting.

I (Max) enjoyed the spending money part because it was fun looking through all of the catalogues.”





Rackheath Consultation – In case you were not already aware on Wednesday 25th January there is the final consultation event linked to the proposed building plan for Rackheath. This is taking place between 3:00pm and 8:00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Pick 'N' Mix

Our Friday Pick N Mix starts again next Friday. Children choose from an exciting range of activities which include calligraphy, drama, singing, 'Hama' beads and first aid. They then spend 6 hours with that group spread out over 6 hour long sessions. This time Reception Class is joining us, which is great.

Sunset over Rackheath – You may have seen the incredible sunset on Wednesday afternoon if not Ms Holmes captured it beautifully in the picture below. (Check out the website to see the image in all its glory!)



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New Year's Eve – A big thank you to everyone who joined us for this event and we hope you all had an enjoyable evening. We would like to say a special thank you to Justin Ettridge who very kindly provided some games and entertainment for the younger members attending and are also pleased to report that we have secured 'Steel Revolution' again for this year.

Attendance Bear
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Well done to Year 4 who had 98% 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	Jaydn Turner-Morris	Honey Wright	Leo Pask
Year 1	Lennon Baker	Olivia Read	Joseph Tandy
Year 2	Liam O'Kane	Charlotte Mann	Jacob Curle
Year 3	Roman Carey	Mia Jenkinson	Charlie Atkinson
Year 4	They were all STARS!!		
Year 5	Grace Spurling	Oliver Moore	Harry Brown
Year 6	Stanley Bond	Aston Culling	Cian McAulay

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman