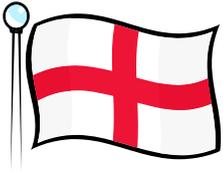


Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2014



Passport Day

On Friday 27th June it is passport day! The children will be catching a flight to one of the countries in the World Cup to find out what goes on there. In the next few days they will receive their tickets to their destination. On the day it would be great if children could come into school in their own clothes, suitable for the country they are visiting where appropriate / possible. They should also bring a small bag to go on the plane with them and a book or magazine to read in the departure lounge. There will be a shop in the departure lounge selling snacks while they wait for their flight. Children could bring in a bigger bag to go into the hold of the plane if they wish. Don't worry they will all be back by the end of the day.



Thank You - A big part of the school ethos is to involve parents and the community in the life of the school. We really appreciate all the help you give in many ways such as volunteer readers, volunteering for trips and helping with FOR's events. In the last few weeks as well as this support we have had ideas to link with local businesses and offers of books. It really does make a big difference to the life of the school.



INSET Day Thursday 26th June – A reminder that school is closed for an INSET day on the 26th June.



Summer Fayre

The Friends and School are working very hard in preparation for the Summer Fayre on Friday 18th July. You may have seen the posters around the school and village designed by children in the school. We already have some super stalls and activities such as Go-Karts, Donkey Rides, Bouncy Castle and Slide, a BBQ, a visit from a Fire Engine and Soak the Teacher!!

Year 6 have been busy writing to various organisations asking for donations and prizes. Already we have had prizes donated by Norwich City Football Club (a signed pennant), The Theatre Royal (a voucher), Pleasurewood Hills (4 free tickets) and Bewilderwood (a book) all the organisations having been persuaded by the letters written by our Year 6 Children.

On the day itself school will finish at 2:00pm. We appreciate that this may not be convenient for some families so staff will be on hand to look after children who can't be picked up until 3:00pm. A letter explaining this in more detail with a tear off reply slip will be sent home soon.



Non-Uniform Day - On Friday 4th July there will be a non-school uniform day linked to the fayre. Instead of the children bringing in a £1 to take part the Friends have asked for donations of sweets for their 'Sweet Tombola' (no chocolate please as we are hoping for lots of sunshine!) They really appreciate anything that you donate.



Futsal - On Monday we were joined by students from Dereham Education and Soccer Academy who introduced some children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Futsal. A version of football developed in Brazil to develop skill and technique. All involved had a great time.



Year 6 Camp Out

Tonight is the Year 6 camp out. I hope the weather is good! Year 6 along with Miss Holmes, Mr Edwards and I will be camping out on the school field. If you hear noise coming from the school you will know it is us!

Parent Questionnaire - A huge thank you to everyone who responded to this. You should have received the results today on a separate sheet. We really do appreciate your time in completing this and all information is carefully looked at.



Barn Dance - If you haven't already purchased them I have about 30 tickets available for this. Just to remind you it's on Saturday 5th July, all friends and family welcome. Tickets £10 per adult and £5 per child (15 and under). This includes hot food. Come and join the fun. Thank you - Mrs Goddard

Amphitheatre – Unfortunately the Amphitheatre is unsafe at the moment. There are quite a few large stones coming up to the surface and a crack developing which a child could catch their foot in. We are looking into ways to rectify these problems in the meantime in the interests of safety children will not be allowed on it at any time.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Dylan Quinsey	Alfie Betts	Lucy Eglen
Year 1	Caedn Huckle	Billie Turner	Katie Moore
Year 2	Maddie Woodcock	Marshall Newton	Freya Henderson
Year 3	Logan St Hill	Amelia Evans	Charlie Hayhoe
Year 4	Millie-Rose Addison	Tyler McMullen	Ethan Mann
Year 5	Tili Cutting		
Year 6	Ebony Culling	Lydia Moll	Katie Nurse

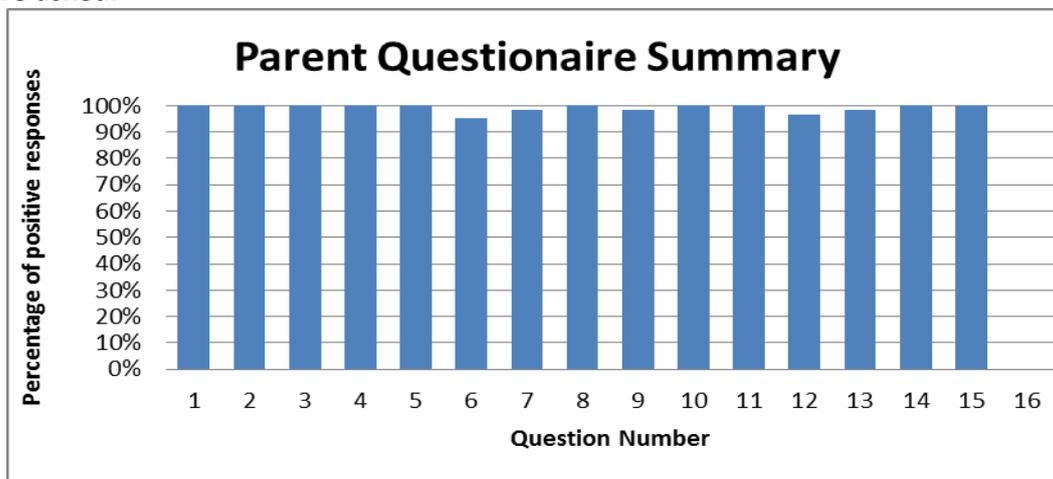
Best wishes
Chris Ashman

School Improvement Questionnaire

Summary of Results

Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire! There were 63 returned giving a total response rate of 38%.

The chart below summarises the percentage of positive responses (strongly agree/agree) to each of the questions we asked.



Question	Strongly Agree/Agree	
	2014	(2013) (2012)
1. My child is happy at our school.	100%	(98%) (99%)
2. I believe my child is well cared for at our school	100%	(100%) (97%)
3. My child feels valued as an individual at our school.	100%	(100%) (93%)
4. Our school motivates my child to learn.	100%	(100%) (93%)
5. I believe my child learns well at our school.	100%	(100%) (92%)
6. I know what my child is learning at our school.	95%	(98%) (80%)
7. Our school shows me how to help my child learn outside of school.	98%	(95%) (66%)
8. Our school understands my child's individual needs and looks to build on strengths and improve weaknesses.	100%	(94%) (86%)
9. Our school helps my child to develop the social skills they need for the future.	98%	(92%) (91%)
10. Our school nurtures my child's self-esteem and encourages them to have respect for others.	100%	(98%) (92%)
11. Our school recognises and rewards my child's successes, good behaviour and positive attitude.	97%	(97%) (92%)
12. Our school has good links with the members and organisations within our community.	98%	(90%) (87%)
13. Communication at our school is good.	100%	(92%) (72%)
14. My opinion is listened to and valued by our school.	100%	(90%) (78%)
15. I would recommend our school to another parent.	100%	(95%) (87%)

Overall the vast majority of you think the school achieves its aims and objectives of ***Inspiring Learning, Valuing All*** by:

- Providing a safe, happy and caring learning environment;
- Aspiring to outstanding levels of individual achievement;
- Developing self-esteem and promoting respect for others;
- Celebrating success, positive attitudes and behaviour;
- Promoting lifelong learning at the heart of the community.

What Now?

Overall your feedback has been very positive but you have highlighted that there are still areas where we can improve things both for the children and yourselves. We will be using your comments to create an action plan to address the issues identified by you. In particular, we will:

- Improve the way we inform you what your child is learning during the school day.
- Give you more guidance on how to extend learning out of school
- Raise our profile within the community

Thank you, once again, for your input. Your child's education is important, we want to get it just right.

The Governing Body.