

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 21st September 2018

It has been a busy week in school as all the clubs run by school staff have started. It has been great to see so many children enjoying a wide variety of different activities. This week has also seen the beginning of our peripatetic music lessons. It has been lovely to see all the musicians, especially those in year 3 who are just starting out, enjoying their first lessons of the year.

Mandarin - Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their second Mandarin lesson with Mrs Song this week. I have really enjoyed learning alongside the Year 6 class although it is a bit strange getting my work marked! So far, we have learnt greetings and how to count to 10. On Tuesday we started writing the numbers using Chinese Characters, which I did find a little tricky at first, certainly most of the class picked it up quicker than I was able to!



"Every Tuesday for year 5 and 6 we have a Chinese teacher come in called Mrs Song, she is very nice. We are one of three primary schools to have her come in so we are very, very lucky. It is very fun, we recommend it to everyone. We have learned loads of interesting facts about China like tones, numbers, writing numbers and loads more. Also, we have learned about a very rich and busy city called Shanghai. There are a lot of malls like Chapelfield but much bigger and there are around over 50 restaurants and 100 to 200 shops in each and they are still fully packed, they have 5 floors not including the car park. We are very, very lucky to have her come in and teach Mandarin, so thank you Mrs Song."

Report by Mason Parfitt-Bland and Emily Addison



Governor Elections - The school are looking to appoint two new parent governors to join the governing body. A governor role is really rewarding and governors play an important role in the school. A letter has gone out today with more details of this exciting opportunity.

Curiosity café dates – As mentioned last week our first Curiosity Cafés run between Monday 24th September and Friday 5th 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 before-hand in the DT room. Café dates are as follows:

- Monday 24th September – Year 4
- Tuesday 25th September – Year 2
- Wednesday 26th September – Reception
- **Thursday 27th September – Year 3 - This is a date change**
- Wednesday 3rd October – Year 6
- Thursday 4th October – Year 5
- Friday 5th October – Year 1



The café for Reception parents will focus on phonics teaching and 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 is very popular with parents and children alike.

Rotary Club – On Wednesday, Joyce and Philip from the Rotary Club came in to present Year 6 with their individual dictionaries. We really appreciate their kind gesture and I know the children will benefit and get a lot of use from their dictionaries.



This will take place next Friday 28th September from 8.45am – 10.00am in the school hall. There will be a raffle (tickets are available from the school office if you cannot attend). You could also help us by donating a raffle prize or cakes / biscuits for the coffee morning itself. These can be brought in on Thursday or on the morning.



Rackheath Runners



We are starting our own version of the Daily Mile on Monday 24th September. Every day at different times, the children will be able to take part in the run. On Mondays and Fridays, we would love to see lots of parents and other family members take part as on a Monday we will be running straight after school and before school on a Friday. Further details regarding this went out in a letter today.

Cross Country – We had over 20 children attend this morning before school. Well done to all the runners, next week I am going to be joining in.

We have 'The Book People' visiting with a book fair in school next week starting on Monday 24th September. There will be lots of great books for you to look at and buy.

This will take place every day after school, for most of the week the venue will be the hall.



Assemblies – Class assemblies start again soon. Parents and other family members are invited to join us to share what the children have learnt. We start class assemblies at 2.40pm so arrive for 2.35pm. Assemblies this half term are:

- Thursday 27th September – Year 6
- Wednesday 3rd October – Year 3
- Thursday 4th October – Year 4
- Wednesday 10th October – Year 2
- Thursday 11th October – Year 1
- Thursday 1st November – Reception
- Thursday 8th November – Year 5

Apples, Carrots and Conkers

We have had a bumper crop of apples – both eating and cookers – so if you fancy some apples please help yourself from the trees in the school. I've already taste tested two lovely apple crumbles and am more than happy to taste test more! The kitchen have also used the apples to make a crumble and used the carrots planted by the gardening club on roast day (they were lovely)

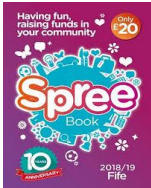


It is also conker time again. Children can collect them before or after school to take home. When the children collect them we would just ask to make sure that they are collecting them in a safe and careful way.



Christmas – Ordinarily I would be very reluctant to start talking about Christmas in September but we have some exciting news to share. Firstly, we are going to be joined by the Salvation Army Brass Band for our Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Tuesday 11th December. Secondly, the FORS have organised for the whole school to go to the Pantomime at Lowestoft Theatre on Monday 17th December.

FORS



Spree Books went out this week. If you would like to purchase yours please take payment to the school office by 11th October where you will be issued with your cards (cheques to be made payable to Spree Publications Ltd). Any unwanted ones should be returned.



Well done to Reception and Year 3 who had 100% 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	Maxwell Sweatman	Maisie Finch	Harlan Halsey
Year 1	Connor Bush	Nola Moll	Olive Champion
Year 2	Scarlet Curle	Leo Pask	Lacey Hudson
Year 3	Harvey Moore	Imogen Rump	Matilda Purton
Year 4	Liam O'Kane	Olivia Bush	Ewan Poole
Year 5	Bethany Dampier	Max Buckingham	Rebecca Burrows
Year 6	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Danielle Ramm	Emily Addison

Have a super weekend.

Chris Ashman