

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

It is hard to believe that this school year has only a day left to run, from my perspective the time has flown by. For me this year has been a steep learning curve but at the same time an immense privilege and pleasure. I am already looking forward to next year and to many more years to come!

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work, support and determination to go the extra mile. I would also like to thank all of you who have made me feel so welcome and for all the support you give your children and the school. Finally I would like to say an enormous thank you and well done to the children who make coming into work so enjoyable as they are all absolute stars!

### Leavers

Tomorrow we say goodbye to Mrs Paul. I believe that all our children have at some point been in Mrs Paul's class and have benefitted immensely from her superb teaching, high expectations and caring, supportive nature. Mrs Paul has given all the children she has worked with a first class start to their life in school, which is so important if children are to reach their potential. She has been part of a great team with Mrs Bird and Miss Bartram and I know they will miss her enormously.



Since I started Mrs Paul has been a great support. She is always willing to talk things through and her cheerful good humour and work ethic really shines through even when she is not feeling 100%. On behalf of all at Rackheath I wish her a long and happy retirement. We all look forward to catching up and finding out about her adventures and trips abroad, including hopefully to the Arctic!

**Year 6 leavers** – Our Year 6 children have had an incredible year and we are so proud of them all. They have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school and we will all miss them. I know they will go on to do great things at Broadland and I hope they come back to tell us all about it. Through the year they have risen to every challenge with determination and good humour. Last week was no exception as they put on a great performance of singing, dancing and acting in their play "Move It"

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Edwards, who in his first year as a teacher has done a fantastic job and Miss Holmes who has played a big part in the success of the Year 6 Team.

## Summer Fair

We were certainly blessed with fantastic weather on Friday. It was great to see all the children having so much fun on the school field. I think being soaked may well have been the best place to be it was certainly the coolest! Well done to all the children that performed and ran a stall. A massive thank you to everyone who attended and especially to all those that helped organise and run stalls. In total the fair raised a massive profit of £1145.



**Swimming Gala results** – On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 8 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Cluster Swimming Gala. Everyone represented the school to the best of their abilities. Our best results came in the girl’s medley which was won in style by Charlotte Abramson and in the girl’s relay which was won by a team of Chloe Whybrow, Lydia Moll, Daisy Stone and Charlotte Abramson. There were also top 3 places for Daisy Stone (3<sup>rd</sup> in the breaststroke), Lydia Moll (3<sup>rd</sup> in the backstroke), Chloe Whybrow (2<sup>nd</sup> in the front crawl). A big well done to the boys - Oliver Milligan, Carter Daniels, Alfie Mann and Tristan Wilson who also took part.



**SATS scores** – This year the children in Years 1, 2 and 6 have performed really well in the various tests they take, which are used to compare children and schools nationally. A brief summary can be seen below (The comparison is against National Average Scores for 2013 as 2014 data is not available yet):

Test and Year Group	School Performance compared to 2013 National Average Results
Year 1 Phonics Screening Test	17% above
Year 2 Reading Level 2B and above	4% above
Level 3 and above	4% below
Year 2 Writing Level 2B and above	3% above
Level 3 and above	3% below
Year 2 Maths Level 2B and above	3% below
Level 3 and above	10% above
Year 6 Reading Level 4 and above	9% above
Level 5 and above	36% above
Year 6 Writing Level 4 and above	11% above
Level 5 and above	8% above
Year 6 SPAG* Level 4 and above	20% above
Level 5 and above	21% above
Year 6 Maths Level 4 and above	9% above
Level 5 and above	34% above
Level 6 and above	8% above

SPAG\* – Spelling Punctuation and Grammar

The children can be very proud of their efforts. We are especially pleased with our Year 6 data where we are above national averages in every indicator and in many cases significantly above. A big thank you to all those who have worked with the children during this and earlier years.

**Year 1 / 2 football** – On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July a mixed team of Year 1 children took part in a football tournament organised by Norwich City. Before the tournament I was a little worried as the girls and boys were up against mainly opposition from Year 2. As it turned out I needn't have worried as the children showed great skill and determination to win 3 out of the 4 games they played. We certainly have some future stars in the children that took part. For the girls we had Hannah Scotton, Emily Addison, Lola Wickham, Danielle Ramm and Bethan Lancaster. Representing the boys were Caedn Huckle, Mason Parfitt-Bland, Oliver Grimmer, Josh Rivett and Aaron Knights.



**Year 2 Teaching Assistant** – Well done to Mrs Rivett who was appointed to be a teaching assistant in Year 2 from September.

**Report replies** – thank you to everyone who has sent in their parent comment slip. It is always good to hear your views and I know staff appreciate all the positive comments that you make.

**Residentials Next Year** – Our new **Year 5 and 6** classes are off to Kingswood Adventure Centre in October. A parent meeting will be held soon after the start of the year. In January and February it will be the turn of **Year 3 and 4** to visit Horstead, again a letter about this will go out soon after the start of the new academic year.



### **Celebration Assembly**

The following children were awarded a Special Award at an assembly on Monday. Well done to:

Reception - Darcey Wright and Ellie Collin, Year 1 – Rebecca Burrows and Aaron Knights, Year 2 – Ruby Donnelly and Jamie Barrett, Year 3 – Holly Whayman and Finley Betts, Year 4 – Dylan Parnell-Crook and Millie-Rose Addison, Year 5 – Ben Finch and Lydia Rivett, Year 6 – Ebony Culling and Tobias Grime

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish everyone a happy, exciting and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes  
*Chris Ashman*