

# Rackheath Primary School



## Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

It's not every week that you get a visit from two Stone Age people but that's exactly what happened this week! Wood and Mema spent much of the day with Year 3 as well as visiting the rest of the school during assembly and at break and lunchtime.



*"On Thursday we were so excited as we had Wood and Mema visit us from the Stone Age!*

*Firstly we talked about when the Stone Age happened, how they used to live, what they ate and how they survived.*

*Next we helped Wood prepare a deer and then cooked the meat on the camp fire. We tried some and it was delicious!*

*After lunch we learnt how they made jewellery, clothes, weapons and made needles out of a mammoth tusk! Next, Mema and Wood showed us how they used their hunting tools, bows and arrows and we used rocks to make flint arrowheads.*

*We had the most amazing time and learnt so much. We were gutted when they had to leave 😊"*

Alex and Hattie (Year 3)



**Attendance Letter** – On Tuesday we sent out a letter outlining a change to our policy relating to holidays and Fixed Penalty Notices. If you haven't read or received the letter please make sure you do as we have had to bring our policy into line with the Local Authority. This means that families who previously weren't fined for taking a week's holiday would be liable for a fine from September 2018. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



**Class Assemblies** – This half term we have class assemblies on the following dates:

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 6

## SPORTS UPDATE...

Unfortunately our football match with Acle had to be postponed this week. It has already been re-arranged and is one of four games we have in the next four weeks. The Rugby tournament which also fell foul of the weather before half term has been re-arranged for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## Eco-News

This week the School Council have been leading a project looking at reducing waste at lunchtime. Next week we are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean again. Each class is taking responsibility for cleaning up a section of the school or surrounding area (you will have received a letter regarding this). We are expecting to be joined by members of Broadland Council as well as Rackheath Parish Council. On Thursday next week don't forget the Eco-Committee second hand toy sale after school. Donations for this can be left at the school office.



**Book Look** – For two weeks starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March we have our class book looks, when you have the chance to look at your child's books with them. All our book looks start at 2:30pm and run until the end of the day.



- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Stay and Play
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3

**New Clothing Items** - We have teamed up with Retro Alley to add a couple of items of school clothing for sale. In the next few weeks they will be able to offer school caps in the four house team colours as well as a branded hooded top and tracksuit trousers for PE. These are not part of the uniform requirement but a clothing option for parents at what we hope is a reasonable price.



## Head for the Day

Ruby and Oliver both made fantastic head's for the day on Thursday. They both showed a real talent for the job!

*"Yesterday (22nd February 2018) Oliver and I experienced a whole day of being Headteacher. It was hard but a lot of fun. My favourite part of the day was being in the staff meeting and having hot chocolate and biscuits.*

*During the day we had a number of activities, one of these was the maths walk where we had to go to each and every class and see what they were doing in maths. We went around with a clipboard with a piece of paper with lots of questions on it such as: What area of maths were they learning about? Were they all listening and behaving well? Do they all understand it? What equipment were they using? And a lot more.*

*Another activity was the Geography quiz which was where you had to pick a boy and a girl from each class and ask them geographical questions like, what country do we live in?, what county do we live in?"*

**Circus Ferrel are back!** – As mentioned previously, Circus Ferrel will be visiting the school again from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Once they set up on the school field the children will get the chance to take part in special Circus Workshops before the team put on performances in the evening for everyone to attend!



**Cross Country** – Well done to the 'Fantastic Five' who braved the cold weather in running cross country before school this morning. Evie Cleminson, Brooke Halsey, Ben Crook, Ewan Poole and Adam Houston all ran really well!



**Team Points** - Can anyone catch the reds of Ranworth who have opened up a bit of a lead so far this year?



- Hickling – 1905
- Oulton – 1965
- Barton – 1897
- Ranworth - 2424

### Sports for Schools



We are collecting tokens from the EDP and Norwich Evening News for their Sports for Schools initiative. The Tokens can be found every day in the EDP and Norwich Evening News between now and April 14<sup>th</sup>. The more tokens we can collect the more we can spend on equipment; with the top schools receiving cash prizes between £1000 and £5000. The collection box for tokens can be found in reception.



Well done to Year 3 who had 99% attendance last week!

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Reuben Wilson	Harley Carey	Kayden Forge
Year 1	Lacey Hudson	Noah Collin	Alice Tandy
Year 2	Holly Addison	Joseph Tandy	Luke Burrows
Year 3	Zach Dawson	Sadie Pennycook	All of Year 3
Year 4	Rebecca Hill	Lewis Mann	Darcey Wright
Year 5	William Ottaway	Oliver Grimmer	Katie Moore
Year 6	Harry Brown	Freya Henderson	Niamh Harris

Have a lovely weekend.

*Chris Ashman*