



Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd November

Christmas Performances

We are now starting to rehearse for our Christmas performances and I can say for certain that you are in for a treat!

Our performances are a big part of our Christmas Celebrations. The dates and times of performances are below. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal if they cannot make another performance. Like last year we would ask anyone who wants to take photographs or record the performance to sit or stand at the back. Similarly if pre-school children come to watch could they sit in a place where they can quickly take a break if they are unsettled.

Dates and times for performances are listed below. For school based performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts.

- Tuesday 11th December Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.00am
- Tuesday 11th December Year 1 / 2 Dress Rehearsal 1.50pm
- Wednesday 12th December Year 1 / 2 Performance 10.00am
- Wednesday 12th December Reception Performance 1.50pm
- Thursday 13th December Reception Performance 10.00am
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Our special Key Stage 2 Carol Concert with the Salvation Army is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th December. This will be held outside on the school grounds. As well as the carols and readings refreshments will be available too. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join our festive celebrations. More details to follow soon.



HELP! Jam Jars Needed - Should any of you have some spare jam jars we would love to have them so we can use them to hold tea lights at the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert.

Christmas Lunch Friday 14th December

Our Christmas Lunch is always a lovely occasion. The staff and children eat together in two sittings with staff serving the children at their table. It will also be **Christmas Jumper Day** in school when all children and staff can come in to school wearing a Christmas jumper.



Suitcase Appeal



Next term we are basing all our work across the school on the theme of "here to there and back again," as part of our plans we are looking for 7 interesting suitcases, 1 for each class. I can't give away too many details about why we need them but if you have such a suitcase that you would be happy to loan the school that would be great.

Children In Need – We raised a fantastic £236.81 last Friday from our non-uniform day and races. Thanks to everyone!



Year 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trip



On the 19th November, we travelled to West Stow (in Suffolk). Upon arrival, our tour guide, Stephanie, greeted us. She led us into the museum and said she would meet us at the end for a question and answer session. We read interesting facts about the items in the display cases and played a game called Nine Man Morris. We also got to try on a replica of an Anglo-Saxon helmet..... they must have had big heads because the helmet was huge! Then we sat down, Stephanie passed around some more Anglo-Saxon replicas and taught us how to speak to

artefacts. After lunch, we got to look around a life sized replica of an Anglo-Saxon village. When we were walking around the village we noticed the houses were all made of wood with thatched roofs and a fireplace in the middle (which made the house smell of smoke). We're all very glad we don't live in Anglo-Saxon times! We all really enjoyed the day and learnt so much.



By James and Bethany

CAN YOU HELP?

Governor Day - Parents Wanted!

On Thursday 29th November we have our Governor Day which we hold once a year. Our governing body come in to see the work of the school, talk to children and staff and look at books. The governors would like to hear from you as well. As such **if any parent would like to speak to a governor about school life they would love to hear from you from 2:30pm in the hall.**

Year 2 / 3 football club – Unfortunately there will be no football club for Year 2 and 3 on Thursday 29th November as staff are all involved with governor day.

Cluster Cross Country



Next week 37 children from Year 3 to 6 will be taking part in the Cluster Cross Country at Coltishall. The children taking part took home a letter this week.

Girl's Football County Final – The girl's team are taking part in the County Finals on Saturday 1st December at Attleborough Primary School.



Year 6 STEM Trip



On Thursday 22nd of November Year 6 went to the Aviation Centre to learn about STEM. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This event was organised by the RAF and mad science. The activities Year 6 took part in were: paper aeroplane making, egg drop test, rivet making, tallest tower building, robot programming and bomb transporting team work challenge. All the Year 6 children had a fantastic time and were impeccably well behaved!

By Emily Addison and Rebecca Burrows

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Christmas Family Movie - We look forward to seeing you all next Thursday evening!



100 Club - Please return your applications to be in with a chance to win next year ASAP! Further forms are available from the school office.

Raffle Tickets - These have been sent home with children today. Please could money and stubs be placed in the box which is situated in reception. You will also see our beautiful hampers on display there.



Attendance Bear

Well done to 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	Jake Hudson	Honey Allard	Leon Symons-D'Souza
Year 1	Libby Buckingham	Igor Niski	Holly Trabelsi
Year 2	Deanna Read	Katy Webb	Ben Newson
Year 3	Corey Carpenter	Olivia Read	Theo Orme
Year 4	Jacob Lancaster	Liam O'Kane	Evie Cleminson
Year 5	Molly Burdett	Amy Hitcham	Molly Jakobczyk
Year 6	Theo Tetteh	Bethan Lancaster	All of Year 6

Have a super weekend.

Chris Ashman