

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Horstead Trips** – By the time you read this Year 4 will have returned from their residential at Horstead. Next week it is the turn of Year 3 who will be off on their first school residential trip. I'm sure they will have an amazing time!

A full report of Year 4's adventures at Horstead will appear next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who give up their time to take the children away. Thank you Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper, Mrs Crook, Ms Bartlett and Mrs Pilbrow who went with Year 4 this week and to Miss Hannant, Mrs Milligan, Mrs Rivett and Mrs Spurling who are taking Year 3 next week.

### **Lesson Study**

Over the next few weeks the teaching staff will be working in pairs as they plan, teach and support each other across their classes. We have found this is a really good way for staff to learn from each other and continue to develop their practise in the classroom.

This is part of this half term's plan to focus on learning and teaching. Next half term our focus is maths. Mr Cavender and the staff are busy planning lots of interesting experiences for the children. Further details are below:



*"During next half term we will be focussing on Maths, with maths themed days and number lessons based on reading books. This will be similar to the reading and Science Half Term focuses that took place during the Autumn term. As part of our maths focus we want to show children the importance of maths in the real world and how it can be important in many jobs. Therefore, we are looking for family members that would be willing to pop into class to talk about maths in their work and we would then try to set up an activity linked to that in some way. If you would be willing to help then please speak to your child's class teacher so that we may be able to put together a plan for how this may work!"*

Mr Cavender

**Year 1 Assembly** - Another great assembly on Thursday, this time by Year 1, based on the Kings and Queens of Britain. We also had a fantastic retelling of the Three Little Pigs with some great actions. A big well done to Year 1 as they were incredibly loud!



**Year 4 Class Assembly Date Change** - As year 4 swim on a Thursday their class assembly will be on Wednesday 7th March rather than Thursday 8th.



## News from Rackheath Parish Council

Rackheath Parish Council are planning to improve the facilities at the Stracey Playing Field on Green Lane West and hope to encourage greater use by the whole community. To start with we are developing a children's football programme (further details below) and plan to create a new venue offering a variety of activities and social events for all ages. The Pavilion will be transformed with new changing rooms, a new function room, new fitted kitchen and bar and better facilities including disabled toilets.

Funding for the project will come from loans (against future income from housing development) and grants from organisations such as the Football Association and Sport England. In order to be awarded the grants and to develop a sustainable facility we need to provide activities that people want to come to and we would like you to tell us what you think we should offer by completing our short survey - please click here- <https://goo.gl/forms/0orTpBGb6YlfGBxu1>

It would help us tremendously if you could pass this to other members of your group, your friends and family members who might be interested in using the new facility. Could you please complete the survey by Friday 9th February 2018

Further information available from the Parish Clerk, Diana Dring on 01603 758249/  
Email: [Clerk@rackheathparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@rackheathparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Football Taster Sessions

Rackheath Parish Council in partnership with Wroxham Football Club are running FREE football taster sessions with a view to setting up Wroxham FC teams based in Rackheath. You should have had a leaflet with details of the sessions. They are on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am until 11.30am at Stracey Sports Park (opposite industrial estate) for boys and girls of all abilities in Years 1-3. No need to book, just turn up a 9.30am. Tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be available for parents! Leaflets are available in the school office.



# Curiosity Café

Our first Curiosity Café dates of the new year started this week. It was great to see lots of you in attendance. We hope you continue to find our cafes beneficial. The other classes have cafes next week and they are listed below:

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 5
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 1

As usual all cafes run from 9-10 and parents are invited in for a cup of tea or coffee before -hand.

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

## Parents' Evening

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our second parents' evenings of the year will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, with Thursday being the later night until 7pm. We will send a text to let you know when the sign-up sheets will go up.

**EATS Bake Sale for Charity** - On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February our caterers EATS are holding a bake sale straight after school. Shayne will be selling cakes for 50p each with all money raised going to Cancer Research UK. Should any of you be able to donate cakes for sale at the same time that would be great!



## Y6 SATS

### Year 6 SATS Briefing

Just a reminder that Mr Cavender and I will be holding 2 briefing sessions on the SATS for parents of Year 6 children next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Parking News** – We have been informed that due to some building work, a section of the pavement opposite the school will be fenced off and as such will be out of use. Works start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January and will last for around 2 weeks. Please take extra care at drop-off and pick-up time.



**Quiz Club** – Next Monday our two quiz club teams will battle it out in the cluster heat of the general knowledge quiz. Good luck to the 8 children taking part.



**Baby News and MSA Maternity Cover!**

Massive congratulations to Charlotte Allen who is expecting a baby at the end of April. Due to her going on maternity leave at Easter we will be looking for someone to cover her MSA hours from 16<sup>th</sup> April. If this is something that you may be interested in then please pop in and speak to the office staff for more information.



Well done to Year 2 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.

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Connor Bush	Alex Bland	Freddie Pelan
Year 1	All of Year 1	Polly Ottolanguì	Natalia Lukaszewicz
Year 2	Eleanor Royston	Ellie Trabelsi	Lily Ardagh-Ptolomey
Year 3	Sebastian Jenkins	Ewan Poole	Jacob Curle
Year 4	All of Year 4 have been Stars!!		
Year 5	Hannah Scotton	Isabelle Mann	Caedn-Marc Huckle
Year 6	Jamie Barrett	Mia Westley	Brooke Perrins

Have a super weekend.

*Chris Ashman*