

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016



**Mrs Pulford** – I am sad to say that, for personal reasons, Mrs Pulford has decided to take a break from teaching for a period of time. Mrs Pulford is a fantastic teacher and great friend to all at Rackheath. We will miss her a great deal and very much hope that we will continue to see her in school in the future perhaps as a supply teacher.

We are in the process of recruiting a replacement and will keep you informed.

### Teaching Staff 2016-17

Teaching staff for next year's classes are listed below:

- Reception – Mrs Pallant / teacher to be confirmed, Mrs Bird and Mrs Howes
- Year 1 – Miss Hughes and Mrs Penson
- Year 2 – Mrs Grogutt and Mrs Rivett
- Year 3 – Miss Magee / Miss Brannan, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Milligan, Mrs Spurling,
- Year 4 – Miss Maibaum and Mrs Diaper
- Year 5 – Mr Edwards and Mrs Goddard
- Year 6 – Mr Cavender and Ms Holmes
  
- PSA – Mrs Woollorton
- HLTA Staff – Mrs Chapman and Mrs Bartlett
- Intervention Support – Mrs Bartlett



As you can see the only teaching change sees Mr Cavender and Mr Edwards swap. Mr Edwards has done a fantastic job in Year 6 but having spent his first 3 years as a teacher in Year 6 it is important that he works in other year groups too. In Mr Cavender we have another brilliant teacher with considerable experience of the particular demands Year 6 brings.

### History Week



Straight after half term we have our history week. Miss Maibaum and the rest of the staff have been busy planning exciting events. Different groups are looking round the village, as well as visiting a farm. In addition we have visitors from the local community and the Norwich Record Office.

On Friday the children and staff are coming to school dressed in the clothes worn through one of the decades of the Queen's Reign. Friday is also the day when parents are invited into the school to share our learning from the week as we open the Rackheath Museum with a special parade from 2pm. We then link with the rest of the community to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from 11:45am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**Teaching Assistant Role** – We are in the process of adding some extra hours to our Teaching Assistant Team. Should anyone be interested they should contact the office for more information. Deadline for applications is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Survey** –Yesterday your child will have brought home a copy of the parent survey results. On behalf of the staff it was lovely to see such a positive response it means a great deal that our community feel so positive about the school. I also felt that the improvement points, such as those linked to homework and the website, were very thoughtful and we will review our current practice in light of your comments. Thank you to Mrs Dampier who collated the parent survey on behalf of the governors.



### **Mobile phones**

*A few of our older children have been bringing in phones to school. This is ok as long as there is a really good reason for them to be in school. However, they should be handed in to the school office at the start of the day and collected from there at the end of the day.*

**Cricket** - Unfortunately the cluster cricket was cancelled on Wednesday due to the weather. The perils of an English Summer! As the organiser I am hoping to re-arrange the tournament, however, it may be tricky to find a date every school can make and also the volunteers from Ashmanhaugh who all took the day off work this week to help and may find it hard to do the same again. We will keep you posted.



Half term Cricket Coaching - Barton Turf Cricket Club are running a beginners course next week on Monday and Tuesday for 6-13 year olds. The cost is £20 per day from 10am - 3pm. For further details contact Hendro on 07775 335787 or email: [hendro.puchert@yahoo.com](mailto:hendro.puchert@yahoo.com)

### **Special Meals**



**The School Council brought up the idea of having more special occasion meals recently so it is great that we have a special Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic Lunch on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. EATS are also going to have a special Euro 2016 lunch soon.**

**Friendship Bench Competition** – On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June Morgan Scotton, Brooke Halsey, Maddie Jenkins and Freya Henderson are going to visit CIMS on Rackheath Industrial Estate to see their signs being made.

### **Photographs**

**If you haven't seen them yet the photos of different sports teams, school and eco council, the choir and orchestra are well worth a look. Parents can see the full size versions in the library.**



**Squash** – For those that signed up Squash Club starts after half term on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.



## Head for the Day

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we were heads for the day. We started the day off with a school staff briefing and then we replied to some emails on Mr Ashman's computer. After that, we organised the Euro 2016 teams for a draw in assembly. Each piece of paper had a team written on them, so we then sorted them into 3 pots (top, middle and bottom). The draw took place and we read out which teams were assigned to each class (results of draw below). Then we had some hot chocolate and biscuits! As well as this we chose our favourite murals from a company called Sunny and Pea as Rackheath may have them come into create one in our school. Next we taught

Year 2 football which was great fun. Finally we looked through a catalogue to choose some items we may buy for our school. Thank you Mr Ashman for letting us have the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a Headteacher!

**By Gemma and Dylan**

## Euro 2016 Draw

There was a lot of excitement on Wednesday in assembly as our Head's for the Day, Gemma and Dylan, drew out each classes teams to follow in Euro 2016, which starts just after half term.

	Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3
Reception	Portugal	Republic of Ireland	Switzerland
Year 1	Spain	Iceland	Slovakia
Year 2	England	Poland	Northern Ireland
Year 3	Russia	Czech Republic	Albania
Year 4	France	Ukraine	Sweden
Year 5	Italy	Romania	Hungary
Year 6	Germany	Turkey	Croatia
Office	Belgium	Wales	Austria



## Netball v St Johns

Yesterday, (26<sup>th</sup> May 2016) 7 selected children played against St Johns. The game started off smooth sailing as it was 1-0 to us, the goal was scored by Gemma Smith. Then, it became 1-1. Eventually, it was 2-1 to us again scored by Gemma Smith! Unfortunately, they scored another two nets which meant it was 3-2. The players were: Alfie Mann (captain for the game), Kiera Braithwaite, Gemma Smith, John Barrett, Hayden Parfitt-Bland, Tom Elliff and last but not least Luke Mayes. A big well done to St Johns and thank you Mrs Pilbrow for being such a fantastic coach!!



Written by Kiera Braithwaite and Gemma Smith.

**New Parents Evening** – The meeting for new parents for 2016-17 Reception Class is at 6:30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Some of our Year 6 are going to be there to help out and answer questions.

### House Captain's Award



**Ranworth** Roman Carey

**Hickling** Gideon Martin

**Oulton** Sadie Pennycook

**Barton** John Barrett



**Lunchtime MSA Award** – This week's award goes to Caedn Huckle and Callum Mickleburgh.



**Well done to Year 3 who had 100% attendance last week and were visited by Attendance Bear!**

**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	Theo Orme	Lily Ardagh-Ptolomey	Joseph Tandy
Year 1	Callum Mickleburgh	Alex Dove	Zach Dawson
Year 2	Lucy Eglan	Roman Carey	Carys Tomlinson
Year 3	Billie Turner	Oliver Grimmer	Louie Bond
Year 4	Callum O'Kane	Calum Buckingham	Marshall Newton
Year 5	Amelia-Mai Evans	Ruby Culling	Hannah Peel
Year 6	Madeleine Jenkins	John Barrett	Gemma Smith

I hope you all have a great half term and we get to see some sunshine.

*Chris Ashman*

