

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2016



I have mentioned before that this is a time of significant change in education. This week amongst other things our school governors met to discuss our response to the government's policy of academisation. One thing I can say is that such an important decision will not be a rushed one and we will keep you updated at all times. Please also be re-assured that all our decisions and actions linked to these and other government initiatives are, and will always be, based on what is best for the children in our school.

SATS loom on the horizon as we head into May and this is the first year of new curriculum tests. For the first time in many years Year 2 SATS have been confined to a set time period (the month of May). Over the course of the month our Year 2 children will be taking reading and maths tests. You may know that they were meant to take a Grammar Punctuation and Spelling test but the DFE had to abandon these plans when the test was accidentally posted online.

Rackheath Neighbourhood Plan and the NDR

On Wednesday I was invited to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting and to provide a report on the life of the school over the previous year. At the same meeting it was interesting to hear from John Birchall the Community Liaison for the NDR project and from Rachel Legett who is leading the Rackheath Neighbourhood Planning Group.



There are clearly a lot of important changes impacting on Rackheath and I hope that the school and the children will be involved in discussions. I can also see that both projects will provide exciting learning opportunities for the children. If you haven't seen it already the website www.rackheathintothefuture.co.uk gives details about planned development in the village.

Keeping Children Safe

Please could I remind everyone that at the start and the end of the day the school car park is not to be used at all by parents for safety reasons. The same rule generally applies after clubs although there are some exceptions for example if you are dropping children off after a sporting fixture. If you do drive into the car park after a club please remember that there are still lots of children about and watch your speed. It has been mentioned to me that a few parents are driving too quickly into the school car park.





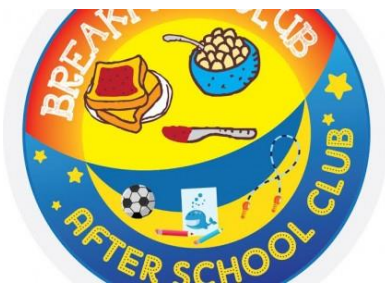
Again in the interest of safety if your child rides or scoots to school please make sure they are supervised appropriately and that they wheel their bikes and scooters in from the school's front gates.

Space Seeds

Year 5 are closely monitoring the space seeds sent to us by astronaut Tim Peake. You can see what is going on by looking at our website. From the home page, click on the Children tab and then the 'Seeds from Space' link.



Year 5 class assembly – Yesterday Year 5 put on their eco-class assembly, which they wrote and directed by themselves. The assembly was fantastic and was informative as well as exciting and fun. Well done Year 5.



Breakfast and After School Club

Thanks to everyone who returned a questionnaire showing interest in an after school and breakfast club. The next step in our viability study is the parent meetings on Tuesday 3rd May. These are at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

Parent's Book Look – This week we have had book looks in Reception and Year 4. Next week there are book looks for Year 5 on Tuesday 3rd and Year 3 on Wednesday 4th.



Year 2 & 3 Football - There will be no football club for Year 2 and 3 next Thursday 5th May as the football team is playing one of their semi-finals.

Year 2 Visit Local Chickens and Ducks!



Yesterday Year 2 had a lovely afternoon when they walked to visit a friend of Mrs Grogutt's who lives in Vera Road. She had kindly invited them to go and see her chickens and ducks. The children had a wonderful time and were able to go in with the birds, feed them and collect their eggs. The whole class squeezed into the little caravan which the chickens sleep in at night!

The children collected 9 chicken and 3 duck eggs which they proudly brought back to school. Today they made egg and cress sandwiches using the eggs which they had collected and wrote instructions for how to make an egg sandwich.



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Friendship Bench



Competition!! – A reminder for children to bring in their entries for this competition by the end of the day Tuesday!

School Photographer

Wendy from Tempest will be coming in visit on Tuesday 17th May to take Class Photos for Reception and Year 6 and also of our Sports Teams.



House Captain's Award



Ranworth Max Penson

Hickling Archie Fiddy

Oulton Ruby Horwood

Barton Molly Broadwater



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's award goes to Louie Bond.

Attendance Bear
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Well done to Year 4 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.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Skyla Downing	Harvey Moore	Rhys Davison
Year 1	George Solomon	Frazer Braithwaite	Issey Carpenter
Year 2	Sophie Appleton	Alfie Betts	Anise Batchelor
Year 3	Aaron Knights	Josh Rivett	Jamie Tye
Year 4	Grace Spurling	Oliver Moore	Callum O'Kane
Year 5	Ruby Horwood	Logan St Hill	All of Year 5 !
Year 6	Holly Warrington	Ethan Mann	Ella Poole

Have a fantastic Bank Holiday Monday! See you all on Tuesday.

Chris Ashman