

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30th November 2018

Christmas Performances – The stage is now up and rehearsals are well underway for our Christmas Performances. Dates and times for performances are listed below - please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts.

- Tuesday 11th December– Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.00
- Tuesday 11th December– Year 1/ 2 Dress Rehearsal 1.50
- Wednesday 12th December Year 1/2 Performance 10.00
- Wednesday 12th December Reception Performance 1.50
- Thursday 13th December –Reception Performance 10.00
- Thursday 13th December – Year 1/ 2 Performance 1.50



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - Our special Key Stage 2 Carol Concert with the Salvation Army is at 7pm 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.

We would like the children to arrive from 6:30pm at which time refreshments will be available in the hall. Other members of the community are also invited to join us from 6:50 in time for the start at 7pm. There will be no charge for the refreshments but we would ask for donations which will be split between the Salvation Army and EACH, our chosen school charity

Should any of you be able to bring in some cakes, mince pies, biscuits or savoury snacks such as sausage rolls for the night that would be great. If you are able to please bring them in during the day of the concert. Additionally 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 concert.



Christmas Post – Children can post their Christmas cards from Monday 3rd December in the post box next to each classroom.

EACH Santa Run – On Tuesday 4th December we are having a special Christmas Rackheath Runners Event in support of East Anglia Children's Hospice. In exchange for a donation of a £1 the children will get some festive headgear to run in and then keep. More details were in a letter that went out earlier in the week.



Christmas Lunch Friday 14th December

Our Christmas Lunch is always a lovely occasion. The staff and children eat together in two sittings with staff taking the food to the children. It will also be **Christmas Jumper Day** in school when all children and staff can come in to school wearing a Christmas jumper. If you haven't already ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please do so by **Monday 3rd December** so Shane can order the right amount of food in plenty of time.



Pantomime – Continuing the festive theme you will have received a letter about the whole school trip to the Pantomime in Lowestoft on Monday 17th December. Please return the consent slip as soon as possible. A huge thank you

to the FORS and all of you who have made the trip possible through your generous support of FORS events.

Christmas Fayre Friday 7th December – The FORS are busy planning for our annual Christmas Fayre which will be held straight after school next Friday, 7th December. As well as the stalls in the hall there will be refreshments and more stalls in the Year 5 and 6 block. Father Christmas will also be paying a visit! **There will be no Rockheath on this day.**

Governor Day – Yesterday we held our annual governor day where the school governors come and monitor different aspects of school life, spending time in classes, looking in books and chatting to pupils, staff and parents. It was a very positive day with all governors commenting on the enthusiasm, kindness and positive attitudes shown by the children. Thank you to all the governors for giving up their time and for the important work they do in school.



FORS Christmas Movie Night

Yesterday was also the FORS organised Christmas Movie night. Around 150 children and family members settled down to watch Polar Express in the hall. It certainly looked like a lovely event. A massive thank you again to our fantastic FORS team, especially Treena and Suzanne and to Shane who cooked pizza and hot dogs. I would also like to thank Mr Grubb and Ms Holmes who

always support these events and come back later in the evening to clean the school – it is greatly appreciated!

Clubs – The last week for most clubs run by school staff will be the week beginning 3rd December. There will be no football, netball, multi-sports or homework clubs after that week. The last choir will be on Monday 10th December.

Parent Lunch Month – It has been lovely to welcome lots of you into school for lunch over the course of this month. Feedback has been really positive about the quality of the food and the atmosphere in the dining room. Thanks to Shane, Odette, Eric and the midday supervisory team as well as Mrs Pilbrow and Mrs Roe.



HELP! Toilet Roll; / Kitchen Roll Tubes - If you can help us with this (needed for making Candy Canes) we need them in school by Wednesday.

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Christmas Family Movie - Thank you to everyone who came to our first ever Family Movie Night. We raised a very impressive £361.41. We hope you all had a lovely evening. Special thank you's go to Shane in the kitchen and Sam Trabelsi who donated the popcorn, without them our night wouldn't have been as successful.



Christmas Tree - Some of you may have seen our lovely tree in the hall which was kindly donated by Karl Unsworth. A massive thank you to him!

Christmas Fayre - This will be held from 3.00pm next Friday. Our personalised bags will be on sale for £5 each.

Non-school Uniform - Don't forget that this is next Friday. The cost of this is £1 which will help to cover the cost of the Chocolate Tombola and the Raffle Hampers.

Raffle Tickets - Don't forget to return money and stubs before Friday. These can be placed in the box which is situated in reception.



100 Club - Please return completed forms to the school office. Further forms are also available if you would like them.



Gingerbread Go – The annual trail around Wroxham and Hoveton is taking place from 1st – 10th December. Look out for our World War I Gingerbread Man! St John's also have a special Gingerbread Display this weekend from 10am – 4pm and a Winter Wonderland tomorrow from 10am.

Poppy Appeal – Thank you to everyone who helped the school raise £180.39 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Cluster Cross Country – Due to the bad weather on Wednesday the Cluster Cross Country had to be postponed. The new date is Wednesday 6th February.



Girl's Football County Final – The girl's football County Final has also fallen foul of the weather and has been re-scheduled for Saturday 2nd February.

Boys Football – The North Norfolk Cup on Tuesday 4th December will now be held at North Walsham Football Club, Greens Rd, North Walsham (NR28 0HW). Timings all remain the same.



Well done to Year 4 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	Rachel Bryan	Hallie Smith	Isaac Rynn
Year 1	Harlow Baker	Lexi-Louise Thompson	Trinity Beck
Year 2	Orlaith Hebron	Polly Ottolangui	Jessica Lines
Year 3	Jack Unsworth	Theo Hallam	Amy-Leigh Knights
Year 4	Rian Ainge-Sakr	Tyrone Tetteh	All of Year 4
Year 5	Jake Green	Connie Snowden	Millie McAulay
Year 6	Lola Wickham	Hannah Scotton	Keegan Mickleburgh

Have a super weekend.

Chris Ashman