

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st November 2019

It has been a really positive start to the new half term. The children have all settled straight back into school life after their break and they have been busy producing some fantastic work linked to our Whole School topic the “World Outside Our Window.”

Harvest Service



On Tuesday the school went to Holy Trinity Church for a Harvest Service led by Reverend Darleen. We sang a couple of harvest songs and Reverend Darleen showed us how much work goes from farm to fork in the creation of a Jammy Dodger! Thank you to you all for your generous donations to the Norwich Food Bank. As you can see from the photograph, the table displaying all the food was groaning under the weight of all your generous donations.

Governor Day – On Thursday 14th November our school governors are in school for the day as part of their annual scheme of monitoring visits. During the day they visit classes, meet subject leaders and chat to the children. The governors play an important role in the school in their role as a “critical friend” and I appreciate the time they give up to fulfil their role.

NDR Visit - On the 20th November, Year 5 and 6 are re-visiting the site adjacent to the NDR where previously our eco-committee children had planted trees. We are meeting with representatives of Norfolk County Council to hear about the impact of the NDR. Later in the term NCC staff will hold a follow up visit to the school to answer more of our questions.



Homework Club – Due to Mr Cavender being on residential this will take place in Miss Hughes’ classroom on Monday 4th November.

Class Assemblies – We have three class assemblies left this term, the dates of which are below. All assemblies start at 2:40pm:



- Year 4 Wednesday 6th November
- Year 5 Thursday 7th November
- Year 6 Thursday 14th November (please note this is a change of date)

Remembrance Day – Next week Year 5 will be collecting money for the Poppy Appeal. They will be selling poppies and other items at break times next week. As a guide price the ruler bands cost £1 and everything else is 50p.



Christmas Diary Dates

It's hard to believe that it's November 1st today which means Christmas will be with us soon. Some of the key Christmas dates are below:

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| Friday December 6th | Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 10th December | AM - Reception Dress Rehearsal
PM - Year 1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 10th December | Evening - KS2 Performance with the Salvation Army |
| Wednesday 11th December | AM - Year 1 & 2 Performance
PM - Reception Performance |
| Thursday 12th December | AM - Reception performance
PM - Year 1 & 2 Performance |
| Friday 13th December | Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day |



PE KITS - Could we remind all parents that children should bring their kits with them to school on a Monday so that it is here all week!

School Council Charity Work – Over the course of the year the school council have organised various fundraisers including a cake sale, Santa Run and a toy sale for their chosen charity East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH). In total thanks to everyone in the school we have raised a fantastic £435.63 this year. In recognition of this a representative from EACH will be coming to school soon to thank us for our fundraising efforts.



Year 2 Drama Project

Mrs Grogutt will not be in school next Thursday and Friday, or the following Monday as she has been selected to take part in an International Drama Project. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity as she is one of just five teachers from the UK who will be travelling to Lodz in Poland for five days. Five teachers from each of the five countries participating will be meeting with drama practitioners and Theatre companies to take part in a four day training course. Teachers will be learning to deliver different drama lessons, and will also have time to see some of the sights. Later during the year Mrs Grogutt will be delivering some of these lessons with her class, particularly focussing on the impact of drama on shy children. Please feel free to catch up with Mrs Grogutt if you would like to know more.



Music Update - Mrs Brown has finalised her lessons for the rest of the term. This week there were no guitar lessons for Year 3 and next week there will be no lessons for Year 6 as they are at Aylmerton. Lessons will be as normal on the 14th/15th November and 21st/22nd November. Then on the 28th November Year 3 and 6 will have their 10th lesson. Rockheath Orchestra will meet on Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November.

Parent Lunch Month

Although we have already had lots of parents and family members sign up for Parent Lunch Month 2019 which starts next week, there are still some opportunities to share a lunch with your children. For those new to the school the idea is that on any day in November a maximum of 8 parents can come and eat a lunch with their children. The sign-up sheet and further information can be found in the office. Parents with more than 1 child can sign up more than once as due to timetables it is not possible for all children to eat together. Reception parents should arrive to eat from 11.50am. Parents of Year 1 and 2 should arrive at 12.00pm. Parents in KS2 should arrive for either 12.20pm or 12.35pm depending on the lunch rota. All timings are approximate.



	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm
Week 4th Nov	3	5	4	
Week 11th Nov	3	6	4	5
Week 18th Nov	3	4	5	6
Week 25th Nov	3	5	6	4

Year 6 Aylmerton Residential - Next week Year 6 are off to Aylmerton for what is always a fantastic week. Don't forget to bring lots of warm and waterproof clothes for the week! A big thank you to Mr Cavender, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Roe who are taking the children again this year.



Admissions – Norfolk County Council are currently consulting on their admissions procedures for entry into school. The survey link is:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorfolkAdmissionsConsultation2021-22/

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Thank you to everyone for supporting our cake sale by either donating cakes or buying them. We really do have some bake off contenders amongst our parents! With your help we made a grand total of £107.25



Christmas Family Movie Night - Remember to return your slips and monies for our screening of Arthur Christmas later this month.

Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 6 who had
100%
Attendance before half term!

Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners – Well done to the following children who got their certificates in assembly today.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Amelie Richards	Vinnie Johns	Alexander Hough
Year 1	Hallie Smith	Ben Ketland	Leon Symons-D'Souza
Year 2	Alex Bland	Nola Moll	Lexi-Louise
Year 3	Ellie Broadwater	Jack Fleetwood	Lacey Hudson
Year 4	Dylan Symons-D'Souza	Lennon Baker	Charlie Crisp
Year 5	Frazer Braithwaite	Ruby Cozens	Jacob Lancaster
Year 6	Bethany Dampier	Max Buckingham	Molly Burdett

I hope you all enjoy a firework display sometime this weekend.

Chris Ashman