

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019

It has been another busy and exciting week at school. Yesterday the choir performed a special Christmas Carol Service at the Bluebell Dementia café in Wroxham. It is lovely to connect with other groups in the local community and I know from talking to Mrs Grogutt she was very proud of all the choir for being part of a magical occasion.

This morning Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 presented their work from the "World Outside Our Window" topic to an audience of parents and children. Each of the groups demonstrated some super knowledge and were able to recite some fascinating facts. The children really enjoyed the experience and this was in large part due to the large numbers of parents who took part. A big thank you to all of you for doing so as it made the experience a really memorable one for the children as they had such a large and appreciative audience.

Today really signals the start of **CHRISTMAS SEASON** at Rackheath with our annual Christmas Fayre tonight. Then next week is crammed with performances, a carol service, a music concert, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Christmas Performances – Our performances are all next week - please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts.

- Tuesday 10th December Reception Dress Rehearsal (10.00am)
Year 1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal (1.50pm)
- Wednesday 11th December Year 1 & 2 Performance (10.00am)
Reception Performance (1.50pm)
- Thursday 12th December Reception Performance (10.00am)
Year 1 & 2 Performance (1.50pm)



Please abide by the rule governing social media set out in the letter sent out on Tuesday 4th December.



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

As previously mentioned our special Key Stage 2 Carol Concert with the Salvation Army is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th 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 6:50pm in time for the start at 7.00pm. 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.**



Rotary Club Santa Sleigh – As well as at tonight's fayre, Father Christmas will also be at school next Wednesday from 2:30pm - 3:30pm when the Rotary Club Santa Sleigh will be visiting the school and Bombers. **Please note the sleigh may be in the school car park at the end of the day.**

Christmas Post – The Christmas post is up and running at Rackheath this Christmas. Cards can be posted in the special post boxes outside each classroom.



Christmas Dinner

We have around 200 children and staff having Christmas Dinner next Friday. It should be a lovely occasion. We are going to have 2 sittings with Key Stage 2 staff serving the Reception and Key Stage 1 children and staff before Reception and Key Stage 1 staff serve the older children and their teachers. On Friday it is also wear a **Christmas jumper to school day.**

Music Concert

As well as Christmas lunch there will be a Christmas themed performance just for the children by Rockheath and our other musicians on Friday morning.



Clubs - There are no clubs next week. Clubs will start up again after Christmas.

Cross Country – We have a re-arranged date for cluster cross country at Coltishall. It will take place on Wednesday 5th February.

NDR Visit Follow Up – A few weeks ago Year 5 and 6 re-visited the site of the NDR. This Wednesday Ian Taylor, from the NCC team that worked on the NDR, came in to school to talk about the project. He showed us an aerial video of the NDR shot from a helicopter and told us all about the project. It was fascinating to hear about everything that goes into the planning and about some of the unexpected challenges they had to overcome. Ian was full of praise for our Year 5 and 6 children, in an email he stated, “I was very impressed with the number and quality of the questions and of course their behaviour was exemplary on both occasions. A credit to their school and their parents!”

EACH Assembly

On Monday Tim from East Anglian Children's Hospices came in to school to thank us for raising a wonderful £435.63 over the last year for the charity. Tim told us that our money has gone towards the building of a big extension, which has increased the capacity of the hospice substantially. He also told us the school has a named brick at the site to thank us - which is great!



Important Date for your diaries – On Monday January 20th the cluster welcome back E-safety trainers to deliver a day of training for the children from Year 1 to 6 followed by a shared staff meeting and finally a parent workshop for all parents to attend. The two John's, as they are known, have a wealth of experience and the parent workshop they delivered two years ago at Rackheath had a huge impact on those that attended. More information will go out after Christmas.

As mentioned last previously next term our whole school topic is titled “a drop in the ocean”. Should any of you have any ideas or perhaps links through a job contact that might link into our topic it would be great to hear from you!



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Christmas Fayre - Thank you to everyone who joined us this afternoon. We will let you know how we got on next week!

100 Club Winners

1 st (No 56)	Helen Lancaster
2 nd (No 71)	Cheryl Daynes
3 rd (No 27)	Hannah McDougall
4 th (No 21)	Sara Cleminson
5 th (No 28)	Louise Dawson



This is the last draw of the year. Thank you to everyone for your support and don't forget to join our new lottery!

Well done to Years 6 who for the
third week in a row had
100%
Attendance last week

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Our last letter of the term will be on Wednesday 18th December. Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Ashman