

Rackheath Primary School

2020 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday 10th January 2020

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all! Despite the collective shock of being up early after the break it has been a lovely first week back at school. As you know, this term our whole school topic is "A Drop In The Ocean." The focus of our study will be on water in all its forms! You should have received your child's knowledge organiser for the term which details a lot of the key learning that will be taking place.

Throughout the term we have lots planned starting with "Stories by Torchlight" on Monday. There are also plans for a science week, a celebratory day linked to the sea and a presentation linked to all that the classes have learnt at the end of the term. We will also be looking at how we can support both conservation of the oceans and the provision of clean drinking water around the world. As usual if you have expertise or a skill linked to "a drop in the ocean," or know someone who does we would love to hear from you.

Cluster E-Safety Day

Earlier in the week you will have received a letter about the cluster online safety event taking place on the 20th January at Broadland High School. During the day children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking a coach to Broadland to take part in different workshops depending on their age. To follow this up staff are then attending training after school. **Then there is a parent workshop which is open to all parents and runs from 6pm until 8pm. 2 years ago when the workshop was run at Rackheath all parents who attended found it incredibly useful. We know that helping children staying safe online is a real challenge for families and I would urge you to attend if you can.**

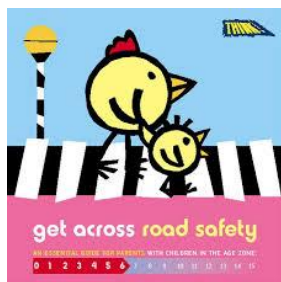


Stories By Torchlight – We look forward to seeing lots of the children at our Stories By Torchlight event on Monday 13th January between 5pm and 6:30pm. If your child is attending you must return the consent slip.

Girl's County Football Finals – For the second year in a row our girls head to the County School Football Finals as North Norfolk Champions. The finals are on Saturday 18th January in the morning at Attleborough Junior School. Good luck girls!



Clubs – All school sports clubs alongside choir and homework club start next week. They all run from 3pm until 4pm. Children are collected from the entrance to the school.



Road Safety Training – On Tuesday 14th Sarah McCluskey from the County Road Safety Team will be in school. She will be introducing Reception to Barnaby Bear as she talks to them about road safety before working with small groups outside to look at how to stay safe near the road.

Horstead Trip

In preparation for the trips there will be a meeting in the hall for Year 3 and 4 parents led by Josie from Horstead this Monday, 13th January, at 2:15pm. Year 4 are going to Horstead on Wednesday 22nd January with Miss Hughes, Mrs Pilbrow, Mrs Crook and Mrs Goddard. Year 3 are going on Wednesday 29th January with Miss Hornagold, Mrs Milligan, Mrs Spurling, Mrs Crook, Mrs Howes and Mr Ashman.

Earlier in the week your child should have brought home a Horstead kit list and medical form please fill this in and return by Friday 17th January.

Curiosity Café Dates

Our cafes this term will run from Monday 20th January until Friday 31st January. They will run from 9am – 10am and parents are invited in for a cup of tea or coffee before-hand. Dates for the cafés are below:

- Wednesday 22nd January – Reception
- Thursday 23rd January – Year 3
- Friday 24th January – Year 1
- Monday 27th January – Year 5
- Tuesday 28th January – Year 4
- Wednesday 29th January – Year 2
- Thursday 30th January – Year 6



Parents' Evening – Our second parents' evenings of the year will be on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February, with Wednesday being the later night until 7pm. Sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time.

Year 6 SATS Briefing – Mr Cavender and I will be holding 2 briefing sessions on SATS for parents of Year 6 children on Monday 3rd February. The meeting will be held at 2pm and then repeated at 5:45pm. We very much hope that everyone will be able to attend one of the meetings.

Bad Weather – We are entering the time of year when the weather can cause disruption. Should the school ever need to shut we would let you know through SchoolPing, our text system and via Radio Norfolk and the Norfolk County Council / Radio Norfolk Website.



Keeping Children Safe – Thank you to everyone who drives carefully and parks considerately around the school – it is great to see the church car park so well used. To keep everyone safe please do not park directly outside the school or use the staff car park to drop off or pick up.

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Our first School Lotto draw was last Saturday (4th January) and our winner was Treena Barrett who very kindly donated her £20 prize back to the school. The next draw is tomorrow, only £1 per week - You need to be in it, to win it!



Well done to Year 5 who had
100%
Attendance the last week of term

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Freya Key	Amelia Hill	Sophie Norman
Year 1	Olivia Hogarth	All of Year 1	Hallie Smith
Year 2	Nola Moll	Finlay Murley	Tommee Watts
Year 3	Deanna Read	Elsie Childs	Oliver Durrant
Year 4	Ollie Brett	Connor Youngs	Theo Orme
Year 5	Lottie Mann	Josh Hill	Danny Henderson
Year 6	Millie McAulay	Chloe St Hill	Jay Barrett

Have a lovely weekend!

Chris Ashman