

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

It was lovely to welcome Year 4 back into school this week. They were back just in time to enjoy a fantastic festive finale to the term.

One of the loveliest activities this week has seen the children making Christmas gifts. Many of the classes have been making Christmas wreaths and table decorations whilst some of the classes have made Christmas art canvasses as well as Christmas Cards and other festive decorations.

Wednesday was a lovely day in school. The children and staff all looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers as we all enjoyed Christmas lunch and the virtual pantomime.

### Christmas Lunch

This was very different from the norm but lovely none the less. All the children ate lunch with their teachers with Christmas music playing. A big thank you to Shane and Odette in the kitchen who cooked a lovely lunch for 200. The children all had a cracker to pull thanks to the FORS which made the lunch extra special.



In the afternoon all the classes enjoyed **Rapunzel the Lockdown Pantomime** performed by the Norfolk Music Hub. It was lovely to walk past the classroom doors from Reception to Year 6 and hear all the children joining in with the singing, responding to the actors on screen and having a lovely time.



**Reception, Year 1 and 2 performances** – This week the reception class took home their copies of the nativity performance. It has been fantastic to be able to bring Christmas in school to the families of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. A huge thank you to all staff and other adults who have made it possible to create such special memories and film them for posterity.

**Thank You FORS** – The FORS have really been amazing this term. They have held fund raising events and supported the school through funding our various Christmas activities as well as providing every child with a Christmas gift which Santa delivered this morning with the help of his elves.





**Food parcels** – Thank you to the members of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions for their kind donation of food parcels that were delivered this week. I know it is greatly appreciated.



### Reception

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What an end to an amazing first term at school for all our Reception children. We have navigated new routines, mastered endless hand washing, making new friends, learning 38 new phonic sounds, writing numbers to 10 and recognising numbers to 20, learning lines and songs, performing in a virtual Nativity for parents and generally being all-round superstars!

We hope that you all have an absolutely fantastic Christmas break together. Thank you for all your support at home – we couldn't do it without you. Keep reading together over the holidays and enjoy lots of family fun as well. We hope it is a truly magical Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

### Year 1

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Wow! What a fantastic first term in Year 1! Our class is amazing – what a bunch of superstars.

We have been learning the 'aw' (yawn at dawn) sound in Phonics and comparing it to 'or' (shut the door). Mainly though, this week has had a very Christmassy theme. We started the week writing our letters to Father Christmas, independently and beautifully.

We made our Christmas table decorations on Monday and once again, we were brilliant. We all worked independently and waited patiently for help attaching the ribbon. I am sure you will agree they looked fabulous! Thanks again for the FORS for funding the supplies, and to the parents for all your hard work collecting the greenery. We have enjoyed using the excess to make natural art this week.

We finished making our Christmas decorations this week. We have made clay Santa hands, sewing snowmen, jingle bell wreaths, and cheeky elves. Oh, and Christmas cards too!

Christmas dinner was a highlight this week, and the Virtual Panto was fantastic – we loved singing along, especially to Dance Monkey. We finished the week with a Christmas Party where we really showed off our moves! Thanks to the FORS for our delicious bags of food treats.

Have a fantastic Christmas break – the children are definitely ready for some snuggles and sleep! Keep reading and have lots of fun. We can't wait to hear all about your holidays in January.

## Year 2

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Year 2 have had an absolutely wonderful last week of the Autumn Term at school. The children have really enjoyed making their beautiful table decorations, decorating little wooden snowmen and making Christmas cards. They also loved the Rapunzel lockdown panto, joining in the singing, the booing and cheering and calling out "It's behind you!"



As well as completing lots of Christmas worksheets and puzzles the children have listened to stories including Rapunzel and used 2D shapes to create Christmas pictures.

I have introduced them to the delights of Raymond Brigg's, The Snowman and Father Christmas which may well become firm favourites!

Today the children have had a lovely last day, played Pass the Parcel, watched a Christmas film and enjoyed a delicious party tea provided by the FORs.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

## Year 3

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We have had a fantastic last week, doing all things Christmassy, in year 3! We started the week off with our Christmas party, on Wednesday we ate our delicious Christmas lunch together which was followed by watching the brilliant Rapunzel Christmas Panto. Throughout the week, the children have presented their 'My Hero' homework presentations to each other, as well as their electricity posters – which were all AMAZING! Over the last two days, we have designed and created some wonderful pieces of art, made some Christmas cards for our families and watched Christmas movies!

Mrs Milligan and I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of the children for making our first term so fantastic and for all the continued support of the parents and carers. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!



## Year 4

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We have been so pleased to back together this week in Year 4, and it has been such a fun filled week. We had a really wonderful day on Tuesday making our Christmas wreaths and we were all so proud of how well our finished designs turned out. Thank you so much for sending in all of the amazing foliage for us to use, I think I may be calling on your donations again when I come to do my wedding flowers in the summer!

We have also made lots of Christmas decorations, enjoyed Mrs Howes and Mrs Crook's amazing rendition of 'Girls just want to have fun!' in our panto practise, made Christmas tree cards which actually light up and listened to 'Last Christmas' atleast a hundred times. Thank you Year 4 for making us all smile loads this week, we really do adore you all, even if you are a bit loopy sometimes!

Also, a truly huge thank you for all of our wonderful gifts, cards and socially distanced well wishes. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing you in 2021!

## Year 5

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What a week it has been! All of our maths has been based on Christmas with activities such as trying to find out how much Christmas presents cost using algebra and trying to buy gifts for the family by spending £500 – the children had some excellent ideas although Harry did want to get his sister a sack of coal! We spent time making each family a special Christmas present and then we taught the children how to wrap! Let me tell you – getting 32 children to wrap a gift was one of the most difficult tasks I



have ever done as a teacher!!! We have had a 'don't pass the parcel' game, made by Mrs Spurling which was hilarious! Our class party on Thursday was a highlight of the week with the girls winning team for the dance off. We also spent the £20 that was given to us by Tesco – we made posh milkshakes! A fantastic week!



I want to say a big thank you for the amazing gifts I received – you are all far too kind. Mrs Spurling and I wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## Year 6

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What a fantastic term it has been for the amazing Year 6 children! I would like to say another huge thank you to them for working incredibly hard and for being so kind and caring to one another. This week has been very fun with lots of exciting things happening. To only name a few, we have: participated in a range of Christmas quizzes, made wreaths, watched an online panto, watched the Reception class perform their nativity play and had a class party! During the class party, it was great to see the children having fun, playing musical chairs and then have a Boys v Girls dance off! The FORS also provided each child with a party bag containing snacks, treats and a drink. On Thursday morning, the Year 6s also logged onto Google Classroom where I had set a Christmas Quiz for them to complete. They all seemed to enjoy using it and homework tasks will be posted on there next term. At break time today, the Year 6s also got a visit from Father Christmas himself! Courtesy of the FORS, Santa gave everyone a selection box. Overall, the children should be extremely proud of themselves for the incredible progress they have made. Ms Holmes and I were also extremely grateful for all of the gifts and cards we received. Thank you so much! We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021! Oh, and don't forget to eat lots of chocolate!



# Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 3 for  
**99.6%**  
Attendance last week!

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Ella Fowler	Jayden Ward	Louis Rynn
Year 1	Jack Nobbs	Vinnie Johns	Joey Fairweather
Year 2	Kian Woodcock	Emily Ofori	Whole of Year 2
Year 3	Freddie Pelan	Whole of Year 3	Cody Ketland
Year 4	Whole of Year 4		
Year 5	Lennon Baker	Olivia Read	Whole of Year 5
Year 6	Whole of Year 6	Chloe Smith	Liam O’Kane

Have a fantastic Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Fingers crossed for a kinder and better year!

Chris Ashman

