

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th September 2021

It has been a lovely week in school. It has been amazing to see the children and staff mixing more inside and outside. Holding key stage assemblies inside, having classes together over lunch and having all the children arrive and leave at the same time has felt not just brilliant but also natural and right. The school feels really buzzy and it is exciting to be looking forward to different events taking place through the term.



Welcome to Rackheath Primary

The new reception class have made a great start to the new year and it has been lovely to see them settle so quickly into school and enjoy their first few days. So far they have been with us for the morning. From Monday the class will be in for lunchtime and from Thursday will be in full time.

Along with Reception class we have welcomed 5 new children across the school who have settled in equally well. It has been great to meet all our new arrivals and their families too.

Rackheath Rocks - Our whole school curriculum topic this term is Rackheath Rocks. During the term we will be basing a lot of our work on Rackheath and the surrounding area. We will be finding about the geography and history linked to Rackheath as well as what the future holds for the village as it continues to grow. We already have lots of trips and local walks planned to enhance the curriculum.

Rackheath Rocks Fun Day and Picnic

The school have teamed up with the FORS to put together an exciting, fun filled day to celebrate the start of the school year and especially the fact that we are all back together as a school community.

Next Friday 17th we will have:

- A Picnic Lunch provided by the kitchen and FORS
- Inflatable Bouncy Castles and Assault Courses
- An Ice Cream van with free ice creams!
- Music
- Games
- Competitions
- Non-School Uniform



A further letter with more information will be sent home early next week. The letter will include a consent form linked to use of the inflatables and a section to indicate any dietary requirements which we will need back before the day.



Afghan Refugees

Many of have been shocked and saddened by what has taken place in Afghanistan recently. As a staff we feel it is really important for children to have an understanding of important world events. With that in mind this week Janet Marshall, who used to work in the Cathedral Education Team, came in to deliver workshops to all classes from Year 1 to Year 6. Janet was very impressed with the children's approach, knowledge and the compassion they showed.

Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

From next Monday the tuck shop for key stage 2 will be returning. This runs over break time for Years 3 to 6. Children can bring in a maximum of 50p per day. The shop will sell a selection of savoury and sweet snacks as well as fruit and juice drinks.



Important Letters – Earlier this week letters linked to attendance and fixed penalty notices, changes to guidance around close contacts and Operation Encompass were sent out on School Ping and via email. If you haven't read them yet, please take the time to do so.

Clubs

Earlier in the week a letter went out to Year 1 to Year 6 listing all the clubs taking place this half term. As part of the letter there was a sheet to return to school showing which club, or clubs, you would like your child to do. Some of the clubs filled up really fast and sadly we did have some children who couldn't get a space and are now on the waiting list. They will get priority should the club (or something similar) run again. There are spaces as follows:

	<i>Tag Rugby (Y3 / Y4)</i>	<i>6 places</i>
	<i>Homework (Y3 to Y6)</i>	<i>1 place</i>
	<i>Netball (Y5 / Y6)</i>	<i>2 places</i>
	<i>Football (Y3 / Y4)</i>	<i>2 places</i>
	<i>Football (Y5 / Y6)</i>	<i>2 places</i>
Q	<i>Rockheath (Y3 to Y6)</i>	
	<i>Cross Country (Y3 to Y6)</i>	



Confirmation of places has been sent out by schoolping today.

Some of the clubs listed below will run most of the year. Others will change each half term. For example, at some point there will be opportunities for reception to take part in a club and other clubs may well swap the year groups that are invited.

Kit for clubs

Children taking part in after school clubs will need to change out of their school clothes at the end of the day. Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 will pair up so boys and girls can change separately. Where children already have PE kit on because they have a PE lesson they wouldn't need to fully change. For football club they would need to change into long socks and wear shin pads. As the weather changes those in football club will also need to wear football boots.

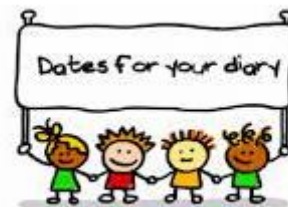
As explained in the letter all clubs will start in the week beginning Monday September 13th and run from 3-4pm unless otherwise indicated. All clubs are free except Rockheath Orchestra.



The Shoebox Appeal - This year we have the opportunity to take part in the Shoebox Appeal with Link to Hope. We will send out further details by SchoolPing.

Dates for your Diary Autumn 2021

Please note these dates are all provisional and the exact format is yet to be confirmed. We very much hope they will go ahead as planned. More details will be shared as and when we have them.



Class Show and Tell for Parents

These will take place from 2:30pm. The plan being for classes to share with their parents the work they have been doing. At this stage other classes will not be in attendance.

Thursday 7 th October	Year 6
Thursday 14 th October	Year 5
Wednesday 20 th October	Year 4
Thursday 28 th October	Year 3
Thursday 11 th November	Year 2
Tuesday 16 th November	Year 1
Thursday 18 th November	Reception

Christmas

Once we have them we will let you have more details linked to timings and any possible ticketing plans linked to capacity.

Monday 13 th December	Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsals
Tuesday 14 th December	KS1 performance am Reception Performance pm
Wednesday 15 th December	Reception performance am KS1 Performance pm
Date TBC	KS2 Evening Carols Performance with the Salvation Army
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Other Dates

w/c 18 th October	Autumn Parent / Teacher Evenings (format to be confirmed)
8 th – 12 th November	Year 6 Aylmerton Residential
Friday 3 rd December	Presentation of our learning to parents "Rackheath Rocks"

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

	STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS
Year 1	Whole Class are Stars, Vienna Seymour, Esme Stevenson
Year 2	Whole Class are Stars, Erin Moore, Sidney Tyrrell
Year 3	Kayden Dent, Ethan Hitchcock, Whole Class are Diamonds
Year 4	Josh Webb, Whole Class are Angels, Reid Sheldon-Smillie
Year 5	Whole Class are Stars, Maisie Hunt, Archie Judge, Oliver Barber
Year 6	Whole Class are Start, Sienna Wones, Rhys Davison

It has been lovely to see you all again this week.

Have a great weekend

Chris Ashman