

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

**Maternity News** – Mrs Pulford's last day before she goes on maternity leave will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Miss Barnett will start working in Year 1 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> so the transition will be smooth. On behalf of the school I would like to wish Mrs Pulford and her husband all the best for the imminent arrival. We will keep you posted with news and we all look forward to meeting the new baby!



### The Amphitheatre Before and After School

One of the great things about our school is the way lots of children and families stay on the school grounds after school to play on the field, the trim trail and now the amphitheatre. I think it is great that our children want to stay in school and I always enjoy seeing children playing and parents chatting at the end of the day.

I certainly don't want this to stop but I am concerned about the safety of the children on the amphitheatre. I thought it would be helpful to include the rules we have set for its use to minimise the risk of accident or injury:

- The amphitheatre is a quiet space
- Walk when you are in or on the amphitheatre area
- Only one person in a tunnel at a time
- Be careful when you go into and come out of a tunnel
- Sit on the top section - no standing
- No one can go around the back of the amphitheatre or climb up it from the back

*It would be a shame but if the children are behaving in a dangerous way before or after school then we will have to stop the use of the amphitheatre at these times.*

**New Turf** – We have had new turf laid outside Class 5 & 6 which we will need to keep off for at least 6 weeks!



**SATs and Year 6** - The week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May is SATS week when our Year 6 children take the National Tests. The children have been working really hard with Mr Edwards and Ms Holmes. We are really proud of all of them and know they will do their very best. During the week there will be a special SATS breakfast for children in Year 6 and as a reward for completing their tests at the end of the week we are taking the class to Great Yarmouth to go for a swim at the Marina Centre before having fish and chips for lunch. More details to follow soon.

**Year 6 Leavers Events** – As Year 6 come towards the end of their time at Rackheath we are planning some special events. Amongst other things we are planning a BBQ and camp out on the school field as well as a leaver's event for children and parents. As soon as we have more details we will let you know.



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**Feedback on EATS Catering** – We are really pleased with the job EATS are doing so far, which is reflected in lots of positive comments from children and a significant increase in the number of children having school lunch. We welcome feedback from parents too. Once the new team have settled in there will hopefully be opportunities for parents to try the school dinners too.

**Our New Target System** – This term we have introduced a system of personal targets across the school so that children can know their next steps to make progress. In Year 3 to 6 children have a separate target card for literacy and numeracy, which they will keep in their books. One side will have targets set by the teacher and the other side is for children to set their own target. As the children make progress and achieve their target a new target is added to the card.



There is also a system of targets in Reception, Year 1 and 2 where targets are shared with children using a variety of methods such as through verbal feedback, pictorial reminders or in writing.



**Library area** – We now have some lovely, colourful sofas in the library area, which is an important part of our plan to develop the area and its use as a library.

**Year 5** – Don't forget to join us for their Literacy Café on Tuesday morning next week and their Assembly on Thursday afternoon.

**Defibrillator** – We should be taking delivery of this in the next few weeks. It will need wiring in so we wondered if there were any electricians amongst you who would be happy to do this for us. If you can help please contact the school office.



FORS will be holding a Summer Fete this year on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July for which further details will follow. In the meantime if any of you have a connection with a business that would be happy to donate a raffle prize we would be very grateful.

On a personal note this week has seen the arrival of a new member of the Ashman household. We now have a 7 week old Labrador puppy called Poppy. Since I told the children about it they have been giving me lots of good advice which has already come in handy. With 3 boys aged 10, 7 and 4 and now a dog, our house is certainly quite a busy and lively place!



**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	Carys Tomlinson	Millie McAulay	Lewis Mann
Year 1	Louie Bond	Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey	Mason Parfitt-Bland
Year 2	Ruby Donnelly	Mackenzie Ettridge	Matthew Dove
Year 3	Joe Turner	Macy Wickham	Max Penson
Year 4	Ryan Daynes	Madeleine Jenkins	Gemma Smith
Year 5	Thomas Moore	Lydia Rivett	Freya Grime
Year 6	Isabella Firman	Toby Grime	Lydia Moll

Best wishes  
Chris Ashman