

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th June 2014

This is a particularly busy and exciting time in school, practically every day some of our children are involved in exciting opportunities in and out of the classroom. At the same time behind the scenes the teachers are working very hard on the children's reports. With so much happening communication is key; we do try our best to give plenty of notice about events that are coming up. If you are unsure about something please feel free to ask.

SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Monday 30th June - Fun Sports Day - This will take place from 9:15am - 11:45am. All children from Reception to Year 6 will compete in teams in a fun sports event. Parents can stay at school from the start of the day and then follow their children round and cheer them on.

Tuesday 1st July - Key Stage 1 Sports Day - This will be from 1:30pm - 2:45pm. Year 1 and 2 will compete in a series of races in the afternoon. Parents can arrive from 1:20pm.

Wednesday 2nd July - Nursery and Reception Sports Day - To take place from 10:30am - 11:30am. Our youngest children will compete in a special sports day organised with the Rackheath Bombers. Parents to arrive from 10:20am.

Thursday 3rd July - Key Stage 2 Sports Day - This will be from 1:15pm - 2:45pm Year 3 to 6 will compete in a series of races in the afternoon. Parents to arrive from 1:05pm

New Curriculum – The New National Curriculum comes in from September 2014. One of its advantages is that it gives schools more freedom, which is why last week the staff went for a walk around Rackheath as we want to base more of our work on the local area and create more real purposes for writing linked to local issues. We would love to hear from anyone who has an idea about the curriculum linked to Rackheath. Perhaps you run a business or work at the industrial estate. Could the children design leaflets or posters, visit your place of work or think about new products? Perhaps you have links to the church or to a museum or just know a lot about Rackheath or the surrounding area, if so get in touch.



Teaching Assistant Post – We will be advertising on the county website next week for a Teaching Assistant, 5 mornings per week (for one year). If you know of anyone who would be interested further details are available from the office.

Parent Lunches – Sign up for Seconds! – We have had lots of parents come and try a school dinner with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Some parents have asked about coming along for a second time, we have been waiting to give everyone the chance to visit but it is now possible to sign up again. Please can I ask that if you have signed up for a lunch and then can't make it along that you let us know. We have to give the numbers for lunch to the kitchen in the morning so if someone doesn't come in the school still has to pay.



New Parent Governors – A letter went out yesterday about an exciting opportunity for a parent to become a governor of the school and help shape the future direction of the school. I would be more than happy to chat to anyone who may be interested and let them know more about the role.

Father's Day Craft – It was lovely to see lots and lots of children taking part in our Father's Day Craft activities on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Thanks again to the tremendous Friends of Rackheath School who do so much for the children. **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM FORS** – Please ensure that you read and follow the instructions that accompany the gift!!

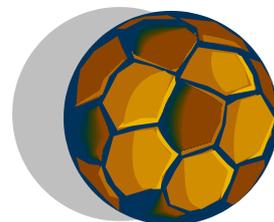


Summer Fair – Preparations are well under way for our **Summer Fair on Friday 18th July between 2:00pm and 5:00pm.** If anyone has any good ideas for the fair please let the school or friends know (see FORS note below). More details about the fair will be coming home soon. Look out for some fantastic posters designed by the children which will be going up in the community soon.

FORS Request – *“If you know anyone who would like a stall at the Summer Fayre (e.g. cards, jewellery, gifts, etc) please ring me, Leisa Whayman, on 07780 796038. Many thanks”*

Football Semi Final

Last Friday we played our semi-final against Cawston. The team performed really well but came up against a team, with three Norwich Academy Players, that had just come third in the whole country in a national tournament. Despite the defeat I was proud of the way the team kept positive and tried their best and never gave up.





CEOP briefing – On Tuesday Year 4 to 6 along with some parents from across the school attended a talk from PC Paul McAllister about staying safe online. He passed on lots of useful and thought provoking information. He was impressed by the numbers of parents who did attend and did say if there was enough interest he could come back in again.

New Reception Parent's Evening (Tues 17th June 6:30-8:00) – A big thank you to all the Year 6 children who have offered to come back to school for Tuesday's Opening Evening. The Year 6 children will be showing parents around and answering their questions.

Year 6 End of Term – There is a lot happening in Year 6 over the next 6 weeks. I am looking forward to a relaxing, sleep filled night at our camp out on the Friday 20th June! As well as the evening performances on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July there will be a leavers and parents event after school on Monday 21st July and the leavers assembly will be at 10:00am on Wednesday 23rd July.



Celebration Assembly – The third Celebration Assembly of the year will be on Monday 21st July. Letters inviting the parents of the children chosen this term will be sent out in the first week of July.

School Council

On Sunday 29th June, School Council will be holding a stall to raise money for our chosen charity – Nepal in Need – at the Rackheath Live Event. Our stall will be selling cakes and popcorn. As the event is on a Sunday, we realise that if cakes were brought in on the Friday they would be past their best by the Sunday, so we are asking you all for any donations of pre-packed cakes that we can decorate e.g. mini rolls, fairy cakes, etc. Mrs Goddard and Ms Holmes will be busy in the kitchen on the Sunday morning baking extra cakes for the event. Pre-packed cakes can be brought into school via the office or given to Mrs Goddard or Ms Holmes anytime between Monday 16th June and Friday 27th June. We will also accept any donations of homemade cakes on the day! School councillors will be manning the stall on the day.



Multi Skills Key Stage 1 Sports – Year 2 and 6 children from Year 1 had a very enjoyable morning at St John's at our latest cluster sports event. This time it was run by children from Broadland High School who did a fantastic job. I was able to watch for an hour or so and as usual was highly impressed by the behaviour and attitude of all our children. Well done!

Year 1 Trip to Carrow Road

Hannah enjoyed chasing the ball and scoring a goal at Carrow Road. Bethan's favourite part of the morning was seeing the trophies in the cabinet. Emily liked playing Golden Nuggets and trying to collect the most yellow cones. Louie enjoyed the traffic light game. Oliver enjoyed seeing the changing rooms. Josh liked having his snack sitting in the stadium. Phoebe liked passing the ball to her friends. Mason liked taking turns shooting and being in goal, on the pitch. Alfie and Caedn liked the match at the end. Lily liked it when Mrs. Pallant scored a goal!



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Nicole Rump	Molly Burdett	Anise Batchelor
Year 1	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Phoebe Player	Lola Wickham
Year 2	Sonny Hurn	Oliver Moore	Dylan Cullum
Year 3	Rhianna Tibbs	Finley Betts	Joe Turner
Year 4	Madeleine Jenkins	Gemma Smith	William Barnes
Year 5	Oliver Milligan	Ben Finch	Sam Watts
Year 6	Annalise Mason	Toby Grime	Isabella Firman

Best wishes
Chris Ashman