

Rack House Newsletter Friday 10th February 2017

E-Safety Day

This Tuesday was E-Safety day nationally and as computers are becoming increasingly relied upon and used by both our generation and possibly more importantly, our children, we dedicated the school day to this important safety issue. We had a whole-school assembly led by Mrs Starczewska and Miss Williams including a Question and Answer session.

Classes throughout the day went on to use the internet and discuss important safety issues.

We will be running an Internet safety workshop for parents next half term to provide more information about how you can help keep children safe online at home. For now, resources to support parents in keeping children safe online can be found at:

- <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Parents Evening

A gentle reminder to all our parents that on the first Tuesday after the Half Term (28th February) and Wednesday (1st March) we have Parents Evenings. The Tuesday is from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm and the Wednesday is 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers at these evenings and governors will also be present to speak to parents. Letters and appointment times will be distributed next week so that as many parents as possible can attend.

Own Clothes Day

As stated on our last newsletter, each half term we have our own clothes day for children where we ask that you make a donation of £1.00 per child up to a maximum of £2.00 per family. We will have our Own Clothes Day on the last day of half term, Friday 17th February.

Attendance

A reminder to all of our parents that high attendance is crucially important for our children because if they are not in school, they will fall behind in their studies. There is a direct correlation between attendance, punctuality and attainment. Could all parents/carers please ensure that their children have a high rate of school attendance, as working together, we will ensure our children get the best education as possible.

If you have a problem getting your children to school because of other commitments, Breakfast Club is available in the mornings from 7.45 am to 8.45 am enabling children to be dropped off earlier. We also have an After School Club where children will be cared for from 3.15 - 5.45pm. If you need any help or want any details, please contact the office where we will endeavour to put support in place.

Sports Teams

Our sports teams are constantly playing games where the children represent the school and produce some fabulous displays. On Wednesday the two school football teams played against Button Lane and all teams from both schools produced some excellent football. Well done to all the children who have taken part in extra-curricular activities and represented the school so well.

Half Term

Next Friday, 17th February, the school closes for half term and we will re-open at the usual time on Monday 27th February. May you all have a relaxing break so that everyone comes back to school fully recharged for the half term leading up to Easter!

On Tuesday morning at 9.10 am, following our return, we will celebrate Pancake Day and Miss Taylor's Year 1 class will inform the children why we have Pancake Day, its origins and meaning. All parents are welcome and we'd especially like to see the parents of Miss Taylor's class.

Parking on Newall Drive and Yarmouth Drive

Rack House has a good relationship with residents in the surrounding community. Can we therefore request that parents and carers be mindful and courteous about where they park on Newall Drive and Yarmouth Drive when dropping off or collecting children, so as to not block driveways or park inappropriately where there are road markings. This is respectfully requested to preserve the ongoing relationship that Rack House has with its neighbours and to ensure maximum safety for our children.

Also, within the school car park, can parents/carers/visitors please be mindful **not** to park in spaces designated as **Disabled Parking Spaces** if their vehicle does not have identification.

Parent Comments and Suggestions

Disability Equality

Please state any way in which you feel we could improve our provision to cater for people with disabilities of any kind.

Safeguarding

As you are aware, we consider the safeguarding of our pupils to be of the utmost importance. If you wish to make a suggestion as to how we can improve our existing safeguarding arrangements, please let us know.

My safeguarding suggestion is:

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

