

Rack House Newsletter Friday 13th January 2017

Happy New year

A warm welcome back to everyone as we race along into the new year; we are already half way through the first month! I hope the new year brings everything you wish for and that we continue to move forward together. It really is vitally important that both the school and parents continue to work together to ensure that your children become the best people they can be; achieving the best results they can, becoming the best musicians, artists, sports people they can and fully enjoying their childhood at Rack House. We can only achieve these goals if we continue to work together ensuring the children continue to develop.

We have made some important changes to the provision we provide at Rack House having launched our new After School Club which runs from 3.15 pm to 5.45pm. We do have spaces free for each day if parents wish their children to attend the club. Please contact the front office for details if you require this service. Please be reminded that the price of our morning breakfast club has increased from 60p to £1.00 per day, per child, regardless of whether your child (children) have breakfast or not. I know this is an increase but I am sure you agree with me that this is still great value for the service provided.

Dates for the diary

Below, please find a list of events taking place over the Spring Term. If there any changes or additions, we will inform you immediately.

January

- 9th School Re-Opens
- 27th World Holocaust Memorial (Y6 CM)

February

- 17th School Closes
- 27th School re-opens
- 28th Pancake Day Assembly (Year 1 VT)
- 28th Parents Evening 5.00 - 6.30pm

March

- 1st Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
- 1st St David's Day Assembly (Year 2 SC)
- 3rd World Book Day Celebrations with poet, Ian Bland
- 8th Invitation for parents to come into school 3.30-4.30pm to see the way our children are taught Maths in school.
- 17th St Patrick's Day Assembly (Year 5 MW)
- 24th Mother's Day Assembly (Year 1 NA)
- 29th Performance for Year 4 at MHA.
- 31st World Culture Day - Poland
- 31st School Closes

Reception Drop- off

Please be reminded that our Reception children are now being dropped off by parents at the door outside the main gates. This transition happens in order to develop independence for the children who are met by Reception staff and walked to their classes. From now on only parents of Nursery children will be walking through the playground. If you have any concerns about this please contact me or speak to your child's class teacher.

PE Kits

A reminder to all our parents to send in PE kits at the beginning of every week to allow the children to take part in essential physical activity. Depending on each year group, PE takes place twice a week and it is important that children take part in these activities and enjoy the exercise. Can parents also send in a water bottle as the children are exercising and need hydrating afterwards.

Parking on Newall 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.

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

