

Rack House Newsletter Friday 17th March 2017

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and we are joining in to help raise money for numerous causes. The clothes theme will be to wear anything outrageous and this can be clown clothes or wearing tops on the wrong way around. We will be asking for donations for a cake sale from parents so if you follow Mary Berry and Paul Holland, please let us have your cakes.

Again, for wearing own clothes we are asking for donations to help celebrate this day. All funds raised will be given to the charity and we will let everyone know how much has been raised.

Year 5 & 6 Rugby Team

Huge congratulations must go to our Year 5 & 6 rugby team who got to the finals of the competition for all schools in Manchester. On Monday they then competed in the finals and came third out of all the schools. Well done to our children in showing determination, enthusiasm and a lot of skill. These are memories which will stay with our children forever and which they, parents and the school are rightly proud of.

St Patrick's Day Assembly

Today it was St Patrick's Day and as well as lots of fun activities taking place, Miss Worthington's Y5 class performed their assembly for parents and KS2. It was fantastic to see our young children perform in front of everyone and learn more about St Patrick's Day. Well done Year 5!

Mother's Day Assembly

Next Friday it is Mother's Day Assembly which will be performed by, Mrs Aslam's year 1 class for their parents, Reception and KS1. All parents are invited to this event. It will be especially great to see all parents there from Mrs Aslam's class to see this performance.

School Calendar

The new school calendar for 2017-18 has been published on the school website. The local primary schools in the area have all agreed to adopt this calendar for children and parents to give holidays some uniformity. I have attached the list, but as ever, all details are on the school website if you lose this paper copy.

Math's Parents Evening

We had our Maths parents Evening last Wednesday and this proved very popular with lots of parents taking advantage of the opportunity to see how we develop Maths for our children. We will hold an English evening in the summer to share with parents how we teach grammar, spelling and basic writing skills to our children.

Attendance

I would like to thank the vast majority of our parents for getting their children to school on time regularly. It is so important that children attend school punctually on a regular basis as it sets their values for life at an early stage. Also, if children are not in school they may fall behind their peers in classes.

After School Club

A gentle reminder to any of our parents that the school now provides After School Care until 5.45 pm each day. The cost is £8.00 and we still have spare places for any parents who wish to use this facility. If you require further details please contact the school office. Booking forms for After School Club for the Half Term 5 and Half Term 6 can be found on the school website and must be completed in advance to reserve your place in the club. Payments for After School Club should be made in advance. There is the option to also pay for the club with Childcare Vouchers. Please speak to the office if you have any queries.

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.

ParentPay

Please take a moment to read the ParentPay information sheet which has been sent home with this newsletter today. Rack House will be launching ParentPay from 18th April 2017, when all payments will need to be made online. Please see the office before Friday, 24th March if you do not have a bank account or access to a computer (on which to make online payments) so that we can make alternative payment arrangements. Activation letters will go home with children on Wed 22nd March 2017 to enable parents to register on line with ParentPay and be ready to utilise from 18th April 2017.

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
