

Rack House Newsletter Friday 18th November 2016

Christmas Fayre

We have our Christmas Fayre coming up next Friday and I hope you will support it as enthusiastically as you normally do. We will again have a variety of stalls in the halls where the children will present items they have made or engage you in various activities. We will have Santa's Grotto where children will be able to visit Father Christmas and receive a present from him! I know this is the end of November but it allows all parents and children to enter the festive spirit and still allow you time to spread the cost of what is always, a very expensive time of the year!

Today is own clothes day where monies raised will go to buying presents/items for the Christmas fayre. I realise that this is Children in Need day but, charity begins at home on this occasion. When we have Christmas Jumper day, the money raised will go to Save the Children.

There will be no KS2 assembly next Friday afternoon as we will be busy preparing the halls for the fayre.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, as a school, we have been discussing National Anti-bullying week where the children have discussed the varieties of bullying which people can be subjected to and how it makes people feel. The children started the week with an assembly which was presented by Year 5 MW and set a perfect tone. All children participated and it has proven to be a very good learning tool which we will take part in annually and continue to develop across the school year.

Year 6 Assembly

Last week we had our Remembrance Day Assembly from year 6 AT class who were absolutely fantastic. They captured the spirit of the day and all the children memorised their spoken parts and were a credit to parents and Rack House. Well done Year 6!

Year 4 Assembly

Our next themed assembly will be on Friday 2nd December for Year 4 Mrs Butler's class, who will deliver the assembly for St Andrew's Day at 2.30 pm and end with the KS2 Celebration Assembly. All parents are invited for 2.30 pm that Friday.

Breakfast Club

When we return on January 9th, the cost of the Breakfast Club will rise to £1.00 per day per child. This is to reduce the loss we incur on this club. The children receive a drink and breakfast from 7.45am and the club sets children up for the day. We will not be making a profit on this price rise, just reducing our losses. I hope you can understand why we have to do this.

The Half Term ahead

Please see important dates for the forthcoming half-term which you may wish to put on your calendar.

November

14th Anti-Bullying Week
18th Own Clothes Day for donations to The Christmas Fayre
25th Christmas Fayre 3.15-5 pm.

December

2nd St Andrew's Day Assembly Y4 KB
13th Nativity Play 9.30 am
14th Nativity Play 6.00 pm
16th Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for Save the Children
16th Songs around the Christmas Tree – 2.30 pm in the Nursery for Nursery Parents
22nd Christmas Lunch
23rd Party Lunch
23rd School Closes

January

9th School Re-opens

Live Kitchen

Thank you all those who have registered with Live Kitchen to date. The new dinner ordering system has started well and the children are enjoying choosing their meals in advance. Can I remind you that the Cook's hot meal Choice (available every day) is the only meal that can be offered as a halal option. Please bear in mind, when pre-ordering, that meat sandwiches are not halal. Please also note that Nursery children will automatically be served the Cook's Choice, as the dining arrangement is slightly different for them. Parents and children are able to choose dinner options from Reception onwards. In order to enable the kitchen to operate effectively, we ask that children having school dinners do so every day of the week, for a minimum of at least one half term. If a child then wants to change their dinner preference, this should be requested, in writing, at the main office.

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.

School Photos

By now, you should have received the proofs of your child's school photos. School photo orders should be returned to school no later than 9 am on Friday, 25th November in order to be processed by school. Any orders brought in after this time will be returned with the child and parents/carers will be able to order on line directly from John Hunt Photography website. "

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

