

Rack House Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2017

Rack House at Parliament

At the turn of the Year, Rack House was approached by The Parliamentary Review to contribute to their magazine which asks schools who are showing rapid progress in order to share this information with schools in the North West. As a school, it was clearly an honour to participate as it shows the hard work of staff, governors, parents and all our wonderful children. This was an excellent showcase to celebrate our children's progress and to gain external recognition as being an excellent school. Last night Mrs Ward and I were invited to Parliament to celebrate this achievement together with other schools who were also recognised. I believe that this recognition is a well-deserved reward for all the hard work of our children staff, parents and governors. We will continue to strive to give our children the best education possible. I attach, with this newsletter, our contribution to the Review so that you can read it at your pleasure. A copy can also be found on the school's website! Well done to all!

Attendance

The school has a new attendance policy which has been handed out to all parents today. As a school it is vital that children attend regularly to develop their learning. As can be seen from our policy, we are actively promoting excellent attendance by giving rewards half-termly and annually to promote this. Please ensure your children are in school on time to give them the best opportunity to enjoy their primary education and to make as much progress as possible. Any class with 100% attendance for the week will receive extra play and all attendance achievements will be celebrated at assemblies.

'MacMillan' Coffee Morning / 'Race For Life' Fun Run

We will have our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. Parents are invited to buy coffee and cakes in support of The MacMillan Foundation. Any unsold items will be offered for sale to the children so that they can have a chance to participate in the event. The Coffee Morning will start around 9.30am, straight after KS 1 assembly. If you would like to donate cakes for the event please hand them in at the school office. Thank you.

In the afternoon, the children will be asked to take part in a run for Race For Life. Children will be asked to donate £1.00 to take part in the fun run. Children will run with some staff and help burn off the cakes from earlier in the day! All monies raised will go to the respective cancer charities as most people now know someone affected by cancer.

Parents' Evenings

We have our first Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. Please keep these dates in your diary. It is important to maintain dialogue between yourself and your child's teacher so we can work together in partnership.

Reading Evening for Parents

On Wednesday 8th November there will be a Parents Reading Evening at school. We are inviting parents in to see their child's teacher who will explain how reading is taught to your child/ren. The first session will start at 3.30 pm and the same session will be repeated at 4 pm. This is to allow parents with more than one child at school to see two teachers in the same evening. I hope you can take advantage of this evening as, working together, your children will improve their skills quicker and in a uniformed way. It would be great to see all parents attending this evening.

Attendance

Can I remind all parents that the school day starts at 8.55 am and we finish at 3.15 pm. It is important that children get to school on time so that we instill good attitudes towards learning and ensure that all our children know that punctuality is very important in life.

Our Attendance for each year group is:

Rec	91.0 %	Year 3	99.8 %	Year 6	95.8 %
Year 1	92.9 %	Year 4	97.7 %		
Year 2	97.8 %	Year 5	98.0 %		

Each week, all children from Rec – Y6 with 100% attendance will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of each half term, all raffle tickets will be placed in a draw (per year group) where the winner will win a £10 WH Smith voucher. The more weeks you are in 100% of the time, the more chance you have of winning! Good luck.

Nursery and Reception

Nursery and reception would appreciate any old clothes, underwear, socks etc. as they are always in need for changes of clothing, mainly for the children! If you have any children’s clothing (including footwear), please send them in.

After School Club

After School Club began at the start of term. May I remind all parents that they should contact the school office if they wish their children to attend. Prices remain the same as last year at £8 per session. We hope you take advantage of this additional service.

School Dinners

Due to our expanding school, we are continuing to have staggered lunchtimes. This proved to be very successful last year and the children and staff are happy with the arrangements. The weekly menu is available on the school website. The option of halal dinners continues to be available. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day (£11 per week). A selection of fruit is available at dinner time to encourage healthy eating!

Your child’s belongings

Please ensure that your child’s school bag, uniform items, PE kit, water bottle and lunch boxes etc. are labelled with child’s name and class. Every day there are lost items and this will help us to identify which children items belong to. Thank you for your support.

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

