

Rack House Newsletter Monday 30th January 2017

Reception and Nursery Children

This is a reminder to all our parents that any child in Nursery or Reception must be picked up by someone who is at least 16 years old. We are not legally allowed to release our little ones to any person who is under this age. I appreciate that siblings often pick up children but they must be at least 16 years old.

A reminder to our Early Years parents that on Monday 13th February at 3.30 pm there will be a demonstration for Nursery and Reception parents on how to attach their own observations to their child's learning journey. It will be in Mrs Conway's Reception 1 classroom. It would be great to see all our parents attend as it will assist in helping your child's learning.

Own Clothes Day

Each half term we have our own clothes day for children when 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. I am giving as much notice as possible as has been requested.

Reception Drop-off

A reminder that our Reception children are now being dropped off by parents at the door outside the main gates. This transition happens to develop independence for the children who are met by Reception staff and walked to their classes. From now on only the 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 water bottles as the children are exercising and need hydrating afterwards.

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 will 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 5.45pm each day. The cost is £8.00 per session 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.

Year 4 visit to celebrate Chinese New Year

Our Year 4 children took advantage of the Metro-link system last Thursday to go into Manchester town centre and celebrate the Chinese New Year. The children saw traditional dragon dancing and were able to take part in sampling 'street food' in the festival. We believe it is important for our children to learn outside the classroom, as in this case. The children had a great time and sampled some of the Chinese culture.

Year 6 Class Assembly

Last Friday our year 6 children delivered their assembly to parents and KS2 children about World Holocaust Day. This was a fantastic assembly where all children in Miss MacPherson's class took part and explained the relevance of World Holocaust Day and the terrible events that took place in the last century.

It is important that our children know the mistakes of previous years so their generation do not make the same mistakes! Well done to Year 6 for a fabulously educational assembly.

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 Pay

Please be advised that the School has decided to move towards becoming a cashless facility. To this end we will be introducing the option to pay for school dinners, trips, Breakfast Club and After School Club by debit card or credit card using the well-established on line payment facility, Parent Pay. There will be more specific communication about this in the coming weeks and you will receive all the information that you need to register and move over to Parent Pay.

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

