

## **Rack House Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016**

### **Christmas Fayre**

We had our Christmas Fayre on the 25<sup>th</sup> where we were visited by Santa. I would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support. After taking out expenses we managed to raise £514.11. This is a fantastic sum to raise in one evening and because of this fund raising we will be able to purchase new net ball posts for our girls' team, which is forming.

### **Thanks to our Local NISA**

May I take this opportunity to thank our local NISA on Sale Circle, who have kindly donated £850 to the cost of the Reception play area. As ever, it is always great news when local businesses help our school out and I am delighted that a local member of our community is assisting the development of our children.

### **Year 4 Assembly**

Today Mrs Butler's Year 4 class delivered the assembly for St Andrew's Day at KS2 Celebration Assembly. Year 4 performed the assembly fantastically well and sang the Proclaimers song, 'If I could walk 500 miles'. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic, informative and entertaining assembly.

### **Nativity Production**

Our KS1 and Reception classes will be delivering their nativity play this year on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> (9.30 am) and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (6pm) of December. As we are now full in Year 2 and only have 27 speaking parts for this play, not all children will have to learn lines! However, all children will be invited to take part and tickets will go on sale to parents for each production with an initial maximum of 2 per family. If we have tickets spare, we will of course offer them to parents/families. The Nativity Play is where Christmas really begins for me because of the wonderful effort the children put in to all they do. I am looking forward to this years and hope to see as many parents here as possible.

### **New in-house After School Club**

Parents have expressed a desire for the school to start an after school care facility and we are aware that an after school care club, which currently collects children from school and takes them to Manchester College, has been asked to find alternative accommodation, either from April or the new academic year. With this in mind, we thought we would give our parents a viable alternative to this provision so that they can plan their childcare in absolute certainty.

From January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, the school will be starting an after school care facility which will run during term time. There will be 24 places available each evening from 3.15 pm until 5.45 pm at a cost of £8 per session, which will include a snack and a drink. If any children attend after school extra curriculum clubs, they can continue to do so as they will be taken to the After School Club afterwards.

We are trialling the care facility to see if there is enough interest to keep it going as a full time proposition. This means that if it proves to be a popular service and if there is sufficient demand, we will increase the capacity to accommodate more parents and children.

If you are interested in your child /children attending this care facility, can you please let the office know by completing, and returning, the attached form so we can start to organise numbers.

As the school will be running an after school care service from January, any child across the school who is not collected within 20 minutes of the end of their school day will be placed in the After School Club. This will incur a cost of £10 per child to parents.

### **Years 3-5 Pantomime**

Next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, Years 3-5 will attend the Wythenshawe Forum and enjoy the Christmas Pantomime. For this reason, there will be no KS2 assembly as the children will be out enjoying themselves!

**Breakfast Club**

When we return on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Year 5 Dance Extravaganza**

Our year 5 children have been working with the Dance Department from MHA over the last few weeks and will be ready to perform for parents and children on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. This will be before the celebration assembly for KS2 and all parents, especially Year 5, are invited to see the new skills your children have developed.

**Farewell**

We say goodbye to Miss Stack today, our TA support in Year 5 who has been with us 8 years. She is off on new adventures pursuing her career and we wish her every success. A new appointment has been made and Mrs Bott will commence her duties on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017!

**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.

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**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:**

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**Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip**

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## **After School Club Interest form**

By completing this form you are not entering into an agreement, you are just entering an interest in your child attending the club run by the school. The club will be staffed by existing members of the school who will conform to all OFSTED guidelines as you would expect from us.

Please complete the form below:

I would be interested in my child/ children .....  
Class..... attending the school the After School Club.

Please tick the days you may wish them to attend

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri

The cost will be £8.00 per session and children will be able to attend after school curriculum clubs (which are free) and then be brought to the After School Club. Payment for all sessions attended will be in advance unless there is an emergency attendance where you need your children to attend the club due to unforeseen circumstances. This however will incur the extra cost of £10 for the session.