

## Rack House Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

### Attendance

Hello and welcome back to everyone for the half term running up to Christmas. I hope everyone had a relaxing half-term and has come back refreshed and ready to work hard! We have a long half term which lasts 8 weeks and we will be open until the evening of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December! This does mean that you will be able to get all your Christmas shopping completed in the last week without your children being present!

I have attached a list below of all the important dates of this half term.

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> Y3JW Class Assembly- Guy Fawkes/ Bonfire Night  
8<sup>th</sup> Parents invited to learn about reading in school  
10<sup>th</sup> Y6AT Class Assembly- Armistice Day  
13<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week  
24<sup>th</sup> INSET- School Closed  
30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day Assembly Y4MO

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Fayre 3.15-5pm.  
13<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play 9.30am  
14<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play 6pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch  
22<sup>nd</sup> School Closes

### January

8<sup>th</sup> School Re-Opens

### Parents Evenings for Year 6

Year 6 will have their own Parent's Evening this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm to 6pm. Letters have been sent out with appointment times but if parents can't attend, we will make sure alternative times and arrangements are given.

### Attendance

As we start our second half term we want all our children to attend school as much as possible. School and parents have a statutory duty to ensure children attend school regularly. If children are not in school, they will not progress as well as their peers. Attendance will be closely monitored to ensure that children are meeting the school's target of 97% attendance for the year.

### School Assemblies

Congratulations to both Year 3 classes who produced fabulous assemblies to celebrate Trafalgar Day and Bonfire night. All the children across were fantastic in projecting their voices and informing school of why we celebrate these events. Well done, Year 3!

### Parent Invite

We will be opening up school again from 3.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November for parents to come into their child's class to learn how your children are taught reading in school. This is the third year we are running this programme and it would be great to see all parents take advantage of this opportunity. Classes will take place at 3.30 and again at 4pm on this evening.

### Job Vacancy

There is a vacancy in school for a Catering Assistant, Grade 1 Point 7 MMW, to work 2.5 hours per day, term time only. Hours of work will be 11.30 am to 2.00 pm. This is a fixed term position until the end of March 2018. The post holder will work as part of a team and contribute to the provision of an effective and efficient customer-focused catering service. The **Closing Date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 10/11/2017**. Shortlisting will take place on Friday, 10/11/2017 and Interviews will be held on Monday, 13/11/2017.

The following documents are available and can be collected from Mrs Stevenson, School Business Manager: job description, key competencies, technical requirements and job application form

**Poppy Appeal**

Leading up to Armistice Day, please note that there are items available at the main office in support of this year's Poppy Appeal: snap bands and bracelets-£1 donation; wrist bands and key chains-50p

**After School Care Club**

Can I remind all parents that they should contact the school office if they wish their children to attend the After School Care Club: cost, £8 per session. We invite you to take advantage of this service.

**Appeal for Arts and Craft Materials**

Can we ask that you send in any cardboard boxes (ie. cereal, tissue, shoe etc.) to support our Arts Curriculum across the school this half term. Thank you.

**Your child's belongings**

Please ensure that your child's school bag, uniform items, PE kit, water bottle and lunch boxes etc. are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. There are lost items collected from around school every day and this will help us to identify which children items belong to. Lost property is placed in respective red bins along the corridors of KS1 and KS2 each half term and items will be donated to charity if uncollected. Thank you for your support.

**Parking in the area**

Local residents have contacted the school to complain that some parents are parking across driveways and blocking residents in when picking up and dropping off their children for school. If people park dangerously, not only is it inconvenient for residents, it also puts our children and parents walking to school at risk. Police will be patrolling the area as residents have made official complaints. Can we please be mindful that we are all entitled to get in and out of our driveways freely so please respect our neighbours to encourage peace within our community.

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**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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