

## **Rack House Newsletter Friday 4th November 2016**

### **Sharing Reading**

We have been asked by parents to explain and demonstrate how we teach reading, writing and maths so that parents may help their children at home. In the past summer term we had a good response from parents attending classes, where we showed parents how we teach maths to the children.

Following on from this success, next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 3.30 pm and 4 pm, we are holding classes for parents in school to show you how we teach your children to read. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at these classes as it will develop consistency for our children to be helped to read the same way at home as they are in school. Please feel free to attend your child's classes at 3.30 pm and/or 4 pm next Wednesday.

### **New School Vision, Aims and Values**

Many thanks for the replies for the new school vision, aims and values. We are in the process of consulting children via the school council and when the new vision, aims and values of the school are formalised, these will be shared with you. Also many thanks for completing the school feedback questionnaires, the results of which, again, will be shared with you once all forms have been compiled.

### **Year 3 Assemblies**

We have been fortunate enough for the last two school assemblies to celebrate Trafalgar Day and Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night. These two assemblies were delivered by both Miss Holden's Year 3 class and Miss O'Connor's Year 3 class. The children in both classes were absolutely fabulous in their preparation and delivery to an audience. These assemblies are important to develop self-confidence in our children and also because the audience learns so much! Well done year 3!

### **Year 6 Assembly**

Our next assembly will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November for Year 6, Miss Talbot's class, who will deliver the assembly for Remembrance Day at 10.30 am and end with a 2 minute silence at 11.00 am. All parents are invited for 10.30 am next Friday.

### **The Half Term ahead**

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

#### **November**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly Year 3 OH Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Class Assembly - Remembrance Day (AT)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> Own Clothes Day for donations to The Christmas Fayre
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre 3.15-5 pm.

#### **December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's Day Assembly Y4 KB
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play 9.30 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play 6 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nursery Songs around the Christmas Tree – 2.30 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Party Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> School Closes

#### **January**

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

**Individual/Family Photographs**

The photographer will be in school next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. He will be taking family/individual photographs. If you have pre-school children you may bring them along to the hall at 8.30 am to have pictures taken with older siblings.

**Live Kitchen**

From Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, a new school dinner ordering system will be implemented in school, where children will pre-select their dinner option as part of the morning registration process. The system is designed to enable children to select their meal choices in advance of the lunchtime period, thereby reducing queuing times at lunch time. As parents register with Live Kitchen there will be the option to pre-order meals for your child from home up to a term in advance and to pay by Direct Debit, as co-ordinated directly by Live Kitchen. Initially, staff and children will have training on how to utilise the new system during the first couple of weeks and there will be further information provided to parents regarding the registration process and advantages of Live Kitchen to parents after the school completes an initial trial period. Parents will be able to access the registration process as long as you have provided school with a current email address. If you are unsure as to whether school has a current email for you, please contact Mrs. Holt in the office on 0161 998 2544 and she will ensure that your email is updated and accurate within the school's data system.

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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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