

Rack House Newsletter Friday 6th October 2017

School Prefects

All Year 6 children were invited to apply for the role of school prefect who would set an example for all children in the school whilst ensuring all children treat each other with respect. Fifteen children have been selected at this stage, including head and assistant head students. One of the roles will be to show visitors around our school and chat to them. The following children have been appointed:

Head Students: Lucas Sinclair and Jily-May Edwards

Assistant Head Students: Charlie Smith and Ethan Patterson

Prefects:

Shaniqua Reeves

Amarachi Ezekiel

Remy Singh

Gasser Hassan

Nikita Ayyanki

Karrisann Wolstenholme

Alex Hilton

Safa Ahmed

Ted Spragg

Omnia Samli-Cheddadi

Kevin Choleva

All our Year 6 children have the opportunity to become prefects throughout the year. We hope this will allow our children to develop their civic responsibilities and become ambassadors for the school.

Another Success

The government has just published details of the progress that children have made in school. The results show that children who attended Rack House last academic year made magnificent progress; in fact, Rack House placed in the top 10% of schools, nationally, for childrens' progress!

This is something to be proud of and shows that the longer children attend Rack House, the greater their progress and the more they become ready for High School. Placing in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress cannot occur without the support and team work of parents and children. It is important that we continue to go forward together, working as a team, to ensure our children obtain the best education possible.

Parents' Evenings

As we carry on through the first half term, we are fast approaching our first Parents' Evenings which will be on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. Forms are being sent home with this newsletter for you to pick which time and evening is most suitable for you to see your child's class teacher to hear about their progress. School and parents work better improving children's education when we work as a team. I encourage all parents to make appointments to see the class teacher. If for any reason these dates are not convenient, we can make alternative arrangements if requested.

MacMillan Coffee Morning / Race for life.

We managed to raise £69 at our MacMillan Coffee morning and I would like to thank all those who contributed cakes, time and donations for this support. All monies go to the local MacMillan fund.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm. Children in Reception to year 6 will celebrate by singing songs. We will accept food donations (not fresh) at this celebration and will be giving all donations to Northern Moor Community Church. We have chosen this church as we are aware that many families attend and donated goods will go to local families.

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 instil good attitudes to learning and ensure that all our children know that punctuality is very important in life.

Our attendance target for all children is 98% and currently we stand at 96.5%! We are having meetings with parents whose children have excessive time away from school to encourage all to send children to school. We are in a very fortunate position where all children have a right to education, as not all children worldwide do. We must therefore work in partnership to ensure all children attend school on a regular basis and take advantage of the excellent education they can receive from Rack House Primary School. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Own Clothes Day

As ever, the last day of each half term is Own Clothes Day where children are requested to bring in a £1.00 donation per child (maximum of £2.00 per family) to wear their own clothes. All donations go to school fund which are spent directly on our children. This has proven very popular and allows all to have a fun last day. Can I remind all parents that the clothes children are sent in must be suitable for school to ensure that we are all able to continue to enjoying this school tradition.

No Dogs Allowed!

Can I remind all parents that no dogs are allowed on the school premises. This is to ensure that no incidents occur where dogs may get excited! If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please leave your dog at home or off the school premises whilst doing so.

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

Can I remind all parents that they should contact the school office if they wish their children to attend the club. Prices remain the same as last year and we hope you take advantage of this extra service.

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 to whom which child lost items belong. Thank you for your support. Please claim any lost property from the main hall by Monday after school as all remaining items will then be recycled at the close of Monday, 9th October 2017.

Parking in the area

Local residents have contacted the school to complain that some parents are parking across driveways and blocking residents when picking up and dropping off their children for school. Can we please be mindful that we are all entitled to get in and out of our driveways freely and please respect our neighbours as we all need live together in peace. Police will be patrolling the area as residents have made official complaints.

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
