

Rack House Newsletter Monday 17th October 2016

Parent's Evenings

I hope you have all booked your slots at Parent's Evening for this Wednesday and Thursday. Here are the times and dates:

- Wednesday 19th October the Parent's Evening times will be 3.30-5pm.
- Thursday 20th October the Parent's Evening times will be 5.30-7pm.

If you are unable to attend any of these times please speak to the class teacher and a mutually convenient time will be arranged after school. It is important to keep dialogue between yourself and your child's teacher so we can work together in partnership. Letters with preferred time slots will be sent out next week.

Mr Corbett, our pastoral support worker, will be in the hall to meet any parents who wish to speak to him or learn more about what he does. Mrs Hanson, our SENCO, will also be in the hall to speak to parents about anything they wish to ask about Special Educational Needs. We are doing this so all parents can 'drop-in' on an informal basis and talk to our staff.

On Thursday, Nichola Dodd will give a presentation in the main assembly hall where she will inform parents of the Sex Relationship Education which is taught in schools across the local authority for KS 2 children. The school kitchen will be open so that parents can obtain hot & cold drinks with biscuits if they wish. At Parent's Evening we will again be handing out questionnaires to parents to obtain feedback. Please complete these so that we can see what we are doing well and what we need to improve.

New School Vision, Aims and Values

Please find attached to this letter, a suggestion for the school to move forward with a new Vision, Aims and Values. The Governors have decided that we need to update these and have put the attached suggestions forward. We will be asking children via the school council for their thoughts and we would like to know parents' thoughts and suggestions. Please let us know what you think about the suggestions and whether you have any yourself to help the school move forward.

Own Clothes Day

On the last day of half term, Friday 21st October, we will again be having our 'own clothes day' where children can attend in any clothes they wish. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per child, up to a maximum of £2.00 per family for this special day. All monies raised will go to school funds and the monies spent directly on the children. Many thanks in advance for your support.

African World Culture Day

The last day of half term, Rack House Pupils will be learning about African countries and cultures as part of the school's African World Culture Day. In keeping with this learning experience the kitchen is providing an African culture themed school dinner. If your child normally has packed lunches but would like to have the special dinner on this day, please advise the main office and pay £2.20 if required. This is a great opportunity for the children to experience some different cuisine. Enjoy! Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school dinners as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme.

Half term

We close for half-term on Friday 21st October and may I wish you all a great holiday. We return on Monday 31st October where I look forward to seeing everyone.

Lost property

Please check the lost property rack before Friday 21st October as anything left will be recycled by our Eco Warriors in school!

Individual/Family Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 8th 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 a.m.

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 which children items belong to. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Themed Dinners after Half Term

There will be two additional themed dinners after the half term holiday as follows:

- Monday, 31st October – Halloween Themed Dinner
- Friday, 4th November Guy Fawkes' Day Themed Dinner

If your child normally has packed lunches and would like to have either or both of the post-half term themed dinners please advise the office before we break up and pay accordingly, if required.

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

Rack House Primary School

Vision Statement

A school of excellence which nurtures and inspires all.

Aims

- to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment
- to be an inclusive school where all children realise their potential
- to celebrate social and cultural diversity so that everyone feels valued and respected
- to develop confident and creative learners
- to encourage independence in thinking and learning
- to promote health and well-being (through PHSE)
- to engage parents who are actively contributing to pupils' success
- to prepare pupils to be resilient learners who are Year 7 ready

Core Values

Respectful and **R**esilient

Happy and healthy

Proud and perseverant

Safe and secure