

## Rack House Newsletter Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Anti-Bullying Week

As part of this week's anti-bullying focus, our children were asked to design posters. We had winners from each year group which were then sent off to a committee for primary schools to be judged. Well done, **Dylan Hayes**, whose anti-bullying poster was awarded **3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Manchester Primary School Category**. This is a fantastic achievement! The poster will be featured on the Healthy Schools website and sent out via twitter. Healthy Schools are also working on organising a display of posters somewhere in Manchester but we will give further details once this is arranged.

As Anti-bullying Week comes to a close, **children have been invited to wear blue tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** in support of anti-bullying. Please ensure that sensible clothes and footwear are worn.

### School Poet

**Tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**, we have Ian Bland, our local poet, in school working with all classes in KS2. For this reason, **there will be no KS2 assembly** for parents as the children will be celebrating their poems.

### Christmas Fayre

I know it sounds that Christmas is getting earlier each year but we have our Christmas Fayre early, so you can start gathering presents! Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3.15pm until 5pm where all the year groups will have stalls. There will be hot food to buy in the evening so you don't have to cook something for the family when you leave!

### Own Clothes Day

There will be an **Own Clothes Day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** in support of Year 2, who are having a Chocolate & Teddy Bear/Soft Toys Tombola for the Christmas Fayre. In exchange for wearing own clothes we are asking for donations of chocolate and soft toys to support Y2's tombola. Additionally, Miss O'Connor in Year 4 is also asking for donations of glass jam jars for her stall so if you empty a jar, please send it in to school in support of Year 4's Christmas fayre stall.

### INSET Day

Just a reminder, as per the school calendar, that school will be closed to children on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November as there is an INSET day for staff training day.

### School APP

We will be trialling an App which parents can place on their phones (tablets etc) which will be coming soon. This should allow parents easier access to find out what is happening at school. It should also have the facility to alert parents immediately if an emergency/cancellation or event is taking place. We have been asked to fill in an on-line questionnaire which will allow the app to be developed specifically for our school. The questionnaire is only 10 questions and should take no longer than 2 minutes. Please take the time to fill it in as it will allow the App to be designed specifically for Rack House and your needs. The link to the questionnaire is <https://max704.typeform.com/to/uWFnz2>

### School Assemblies

Congratulations to Year 6AT who produced a fabulous assembly to celebrate Remembrance Day. All the children were fantastic at projecting their voices and informing school of why we celebrate this event. Well done, Year 6!

### 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.

**Collection of Children**

Can we remind all parent/carers that if someone other than the usual parent/carer is collecting a child from school, you are required to advise the school office/class teacher prior to collection. This will facilitate the collection procedure and ensure the safety of our children.

**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 cars are parked 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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