



# Newsletter (Autumn No.8)

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



Dates for next half term ;

6<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3 swimming

10<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Fayre 5-6.30pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Flu Jabs

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Lantern parade

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Class Two Sharing Assembly 9.15am

13<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 1.30pm and 5.30pm performances

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch day

## Bonfire Art Morning

Tremendous to see a number of parents working alongside all of the children. There was a firework popping fizzle going off in each class.



## New Track

Over half term the outside of Class One had a huge make over and now has a wonderful new track to run and drive around on. The squeals of delight and smiles from the children all week have been wonderful to see and hear! Thank you to the PTFA and Flora for helping secure the money from Batsworthy Cross Windfarm fund. Thank you to the team of builders who worked tirelessly to ensure the work was completed in a week. Thank you to Liz Heywood for clearing away tires etc. Finally a huge thank you to Mrs Hagley who gave up a lot of her time over half term to ensure that builders had access to the site and securely locked up after they had finished.

## Staff news

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November will be Mrs Rigamonti's last day working at Rackenford Primary. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and care that she has shown to the children and adults here over the last six years. She is a highly valued member of staff and will be greatly missed. We are sure that you, along with us at school, would like to wish her well in the future.

## Parent Forum update

Thank you to the number of you that have returned behaviour questionnaires. Your responses will feed into discussions about the new policy. This week also saw the school listen to the children more as Mrs Drake had lunch with the school councillors on Monday where they asked her about various improvements they would like. They were instantly able to make some improvements – moving another bin to the playground to reduce litter, creating a lunchtime football rota for each class, discussing the safest way to have a toilet whistle, making arrangements for playground equipment at lunchtime and finally they spoke to Jane (in the kitchen) about having chips in a bag on Fridays and whether this could be improved. It was a very productive session and Mrs Drake and the school councillors enjoyed feeding back to the rest of the school the changes that would take place in assembly.

## Tea Towels & Christmas Cards

If you require any more of either please contact Michelle Halsey or Hilary in the office by Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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## SNACKS AND DRINKS

Thank you to everyone for their big effort to ensure children are having healthier snacks at break time. There has been a wide range of chopped up fruit and vegetables, alongside other healthy snacks like breadsticks and crackers.

### Site safety

We held an assembly about site safety this week and now adults and children are working together to ensure that visitors to the school are correctly identified with lanyards and mobile phones are not being used inappropriately around the site. If you have any concerns regarding these issues with people you see on site please see Mrs Drake or Mrs Hagley.

### Website update !

Final tweaks are going into the new school website and we hope to see a launch in this coming week.

### Absence Penalty Fines

Attendance is a very important issue and it is crucial for your child to attend school as much as possible in order for them to maximise on their learning and not miss important information. Due to this it has been decided across the federation that penalty fines will be given to children who have 10 or more consecutive sessions (a session is a morning or an afternoon) of unauthorised absence from school. At the start of the year we sent out the information regarding applications for holidays and the guidance we follow when deciding if it should be authorised or not. The criteria is quite clear that it must be an exceptional circumstance. If you would like a further copy please see Mrs Bostridge in the office.

## The week ahead

<b>Mon</b>	Class 3 swimming Mr Webster football club
<b>Tues</b>	Drumming lessons Mrs Hagley out pm (but back for parents evening) – Mrs Drake to cover Parents evening 3.40pm – 5.30pm
<b>Weds</b>	Piano lessons Mrs Rigamonti's last day Pantasaurus assembly
<b>Thurs</b>	Mr Williams lunchtime club Parents evening 3.40pm – 5.30pm
<b>Fri</b>	Open morning Mrs Drake out



Little Angels team are regularly investing in up to date training and next week Gemma will be attending part 2 of her domestic violence training.

### Parents Evening

You should have received your slips today with your appointment(s) on.

### PTFA News

Only 3 weeks until our Christmas Fayre. Tonight you should have received an envelope from us. Next planning meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Nov after school.

### Music Lessons

Mrs Ali Billington is here every Wednesday offering Piano and Guitar lessons.

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