



Newsletter 4

October 4th 2013



Diary Dates:

October

11th October 2pm –
School Harvest
Festival Service at
All Saints' Church

22nd & 23rd – Parents'
Evenings

25th – Non-pupil day

28th – 1st Nov
Half-Term

November

4th November –
individual/sibling
school photographs

December

20th – Last day of
term

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to Year 6. It's been fantastic to see how well they have looked after their Reception partners. The Reception children have settled in so quickly. They're so confident around the school it feels like they've always been here. Well done to all of them.

School Harvest Service

The school service is on Friday 11th October at All Saints' Church. Everyone is very welcome. Don't forget to send children in with fruit and vegetables on Thursday morning so they can decorate the church.

Sunday Harvest Service

The church's Harvest Service is on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm. If any children would like to play the bell plates during the service, please let Justine know by Tuesday at the latest.

Class 2 Canal Trip



The children enjoyed their trip to Tiverton Canal and have created a lovely display in Class 2. Do pop in to have a look. Here are some of their comments:

We went to Tiverton Canal and saw different habitats and the bit where the canal has burst its banks.

We saw a swan and we found some water mussels.

After the trip we made papier mache models of the animals we saw. I made a swan.

A big thank you to the parents who gave their time to help.

Gymnastics Club

This club has proved hugely popular this term with more children than ever taking

part. As it is so busy, could parents please wait outside Class 3 for their children. This makes it easier for staff to supervise the handover. Thank you.

Top Trugs



Next week, Jo Bradley will be starting a Top Trugs club. Trugs is a fun way to practise, reinforce and consolidate reading by playing games. So, do encourage your children to join Jo on Thursday lunchtimes from 12.45 – 1pm to laugh, play and improve their reading.

Houses

The children are proving very keen to work towards house points and credits and some are accumulating a particularly high number. Well done!

Focus on reading

We are extremely grateful to the parents who are now regularly coming in to listen to the children. If anyone else feels they are able to help, please let Justine know. Don't feel you have to make a long-term commitment. A one-off visit still makes a difference.

De-clutter your house this half-term

Sustainable Villages are putting on another popular **Give or Take Event** where they invite you to bring unwanted items and exchange them for things you do want. All for free. You don't have to give to take and you don't have to take if you give. **Give or Take** will be held at **Tiverton Market Square** on **Thurs 31st October, Friday 1st & Sat 2nd November** between **9am and 2pm**.

Collection of Mixed Plastics

As part of the Give or Take Event, there will also be a collection of mixed plastics for recycling on **Friday 1st Nov at Tiverton Market Square**. 275,000 tonnes of plastic are used each year in the UK – that's about 15 million bottles! This collection will accept: drinks bottles, household cleaning bottles, yogurt pots, margarine tubs, ready

meal containers, sandwich containers, cds and cd cases, plastic flower pots and seed trays, soft plastic bags. Please clean/rinse containers and remove any cellophane packaging.

Parents' Evenings

These are being held on Tuesday 22nd and Weds 23rd October. If you haven't already done so, please could you return your reply slips by Monday. Thank you.

Strike action by teaching staff

We would like to reassure you that none of the staff at Rackenford School are involved in the strike action. The school will stay open as usual.

Enjoy your weekend.

Claire Joyce.