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What a busy week!

On Wednesday morning we were joined by Westcountry TV who are making a news item documentary about Rackenfords Village. As part of this they spent the morning capturing what makes Rackenfords Primary School so special. They filmed children on the daily mile, in their classrooms and outdoors on the common during their learning time. They interviewed parents, families, children and staff. All in all it should make for a good news item. We will let you all know when it is going to be aired.

Meet The Teacher – 30th September

As you know we have organised an opportunity for you to meet your teacher, an informal chat to see how the first few weeks are going. We have also arranged for you to meet with Hannah O'Donnal who is an expert in play-based learning. She is giving a talk at 2.15 and will explain why we have play at the heart of our learning and how important it is for brain development and in developing skills such as writing, problem solving, mathematical reasoning and much more.

There will be creative activities for you to do with your children (who you can collect from class after the talk)

So join us for refreshments at 2.00pm, meet our new families, catch up with friends, learn more about play and then meet with your teachers.

2.00 - 5.00pm (Teachers are available from 3.30)

All welcome



There will be a PTFA cake sale after school next Friday (20th). Donations are welcome. Thanks

Come and join the PTFA Facebook group.

Search For: Parents Group for Rackenfords Primary (PTFA)

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/243924689647700>

Awards

Learning Leaves

Class 1 - Zack & Tiger

Class 2 - Benji & Michaela

Class 3 - William

House Points

Alex & Katie

Class 2

Dart



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Residential

We are excited to announce that next year we have booked a residential trip for Years 3,4,5,6 to Beam House in North Devon from Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March 2020. A letter about the residential has been handed out today so check your child's bag. Please take a look at the below links which provides information about what the residential will entail.

- <https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/DocumentManagerDocuments/AdventureUK/Promotional%20Videos/PGL-Promotional-Video-Primary-Schools-Parents-and-Pupils-Whats-It-All-About.mp4>
- <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

Secondary School Applications

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2020 is now open. Parents of Year 6 pupils should have received a letter from the Local Authority giving details about applications for secondary schools. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications on-line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline by 31st October 2019. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please speak to the school office for assistance. You may want to visit Schools' open events which are usually held in September/October, details are available from the schools direct or via devon.cc/opendays

PARKING!

Please can parents be aware of where they are parking when dropping/picking up their children from school. We understand parking is very limited in the village but please make sure you are parking in a safe place (not on the zig zag lines in front of the school) and that enough room is available for other vehicles to pass you.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice this week so please can you check your child's hair. It is recommended that children should be treated every week to keep headlice at bay as well as tying long hair up when coming to school.

Fight the Flu! virgin care

Protect your children and family against Flu!

FREE annual nasal Flu spray!!

All years included: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6!

For further information and to complete a consent form please access:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

The deadline for completing the consent online will now close on September 29th. Please follow the link <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>



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Diary Dates for Autumn Term



30th September 3.45 – 5.00

Meet the teacher drop in

4th October

School Photos

'New to you' clothes sale - after school.

9th October

Harvest Service 2pm at All Saints Church

10th October

R – Y6 Vaccinations

18th October

Film Night

Half term

21st - 25th October

30th November

Lantern Parade Tiverton

6th December

Christmas Fayre

11th December

Nativity 2pm

13th December

Christmas Disco

18th December

Beauty & the Beast Panto

PTFA

- Does anyone have a Driving Licence with validity to drive a minibus, or perhaps you are a trained minibus driver who may be interested to volunteer now and again to help with school trips.
- Does anyone work for companies who may provide grants for local schools? Please let us know if you may be able to help.
- The next PTFA AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm at Springhill House, Rackenfords.

Clubs

Tuesday Afterschool – Archery

Thursday Afterschool – French



Thursday Lunchtime – Football

Monday Lunchtime – Girls Football Taster

PE

Class 2 & 3 on Tuesdays

Class 1 - Fridays



We would like to welcome Zoe and Lana to our team, they will both be doing their level 3 in childcare whilst with us. Zoe will be working with Chloe in the baby room and Lana will be our 'angel' staff member, she will be covering anyone off and giving support where needed.

Our Wednesdays are getting busy! We have a rotation of activities which include Messy Church, Process Arts, RE and Gospel Choir. The Art workshops will happen when Messy Church is not on. This will be run by new parent Victoria. Each week can you please send your child to school with a change of clothing in a spare bag, which you do not mind getting paint, glue ect on (old shorts/leggings and a t shirt are perfect). They will play in bare feet so spare shoes are not required for this. Class 3 and Reception will have Process art workshop next Wednesday 18th.

Process Arts

"The afternoon was all about open-ended play, whole-body sensory art/play experiences and process-based art. I am incredibly passionate about children of ANY age having these opportunities and experiences.

I believe it is invaluable for our children's mental health and wellbeing to experience non-judgemental space and time and this kind of creative joy and freedom. I could talk for hours about the benefits I witnessed during th afternoon of process art and play.

The making connections, the collaborating, the constructing, the problem solving, the risk-taking, the innovating, the inventing...I saw pulley systems created from one end of the room to the other for their 'art cities', enormous towers built by many pairs of hands working together, imaginations fired by an enormous blank canvas and the sheer joy of throwing their whole bodies in big mounds of clay!

A huge thank you both to Sarah for such a great opportunity and to all the children who were nothing short of AMAZING yesterday! They are all an absolute credit to you as parents and a school." - Victoria T

