

## Lynton & Lynmouth Trip

On Monday, Class 3 visited Lynton and Lynmouth. The children started off at Lynmouth, where they went to the Flood memorial and spoke to a local volunteer learning lots of interesting facts about the flood in 1952. After, the children travelled along to the Cliff Railway up towards Lynton, to explore the Lyn and Exmoor Museum artefacts about the history of Lynton and Lynmouth.

The children also bought A postcard to send to Mrs James about their Visit.

The children all really enjoyed the trip and they were complemented on how interested, curious and polite they were with all the people they met.



## Awards



### Learning Leaves

- Class 1 – Seb & Aurora
- Class 2 – All Class 2
- Class 3 – Evelyn

### House Points

- Sophia
- Class 2
- Exe

Please meet Tiddles (although the name may change), Our new resident hamster who currently lives in class 2.



## Sports Relief

Today we joined in with Sports Relief to help raise money.

Children came to school dressed in their sports gear, they took part in a danceathon, watched videos and spoke about what sports relief is all about. We raised £30.55 which could help pay for a safe place to stay for a night for two young homeless people.

Due to delivery issues – Monday's dinner menu will be swapped for Thursday.

Monday will be sausage & mash/Jambalaya and Thursday will be Meatballs/Quorn dog.



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## Little Angels

Staff have been doing lots of training this term, they have done prevent, domestic abuse, FGM and their safeguarding to ensure they are all up to date with everything. We also have first aid booked in this month.

If your shopping online please don't forget to shop via the Easyfundraising website/app <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rackenfordspta/>

This is a really easy way to raise money for the PTFA. Over the festive period PTFA supporters raised over £100 by shopping via Easyfundraising website.

## Rackenford Primary School PTFA

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm

# Easter Bingo

Bingo Books £5 each which includes a snack

All children must be accompanied by an adult  
Adults & children can play together or individually

Easter related prizes



## Dates



### 19th March

Tempest Class Photos

### 19th March & 23rd March

Parents Evening

### 20th March 3:30pm

Easter Bingo

### 23rd March

Parents Evening

### 25th March

Easter Service

### 27th March

Last day of Spring term

### 27th March - 2pm

PTFA Colour Run Committee Meeting at The Stag Inn

### 14th April

First day of Summer Term

### 15th April - 7:30pm

Committee Meeting at Ellie's House

### 29th April

New to you clothes sale

### 8th May

Bank Holiday Friday

### 22nd May

Adults Bingo

### 4th July

PTFA Colour Run



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## Coronavirus update

Rackenfords Primary School has been keeping up to date with the latest government advice regarding Coronavirus.

We are trying to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness within the school and are supporting all of our students and staff to maintain high standards of basic personal hygiene. Our cleaner is checking soap and towel dispensers and refilling them daily. Staff are talking to students regularly about the importance of thorough hand washing.

As of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March the government has moved to the “delay” phase of its action plan to tackle the virus. **Schools currently remain open but have been advised to cancel trips abroad.**

The additional advice from government which is likely to have an impact on schools and industry is *anyone with a “new, continuous” cough or high temperature is now advised to self-isolate for seven days.*

This new emphasis may well lead to an increase in staff and student absence. With regards to staff absence I need to make you aware that dependent upon the level of staff absence it **may** result in a partial or full closure of the school.

If we resort to a partial or full closure parents will be informed in the following way;

- Parents/Carers will receive a text from the school by 8.00am that morning informing them to check the website for further information
- Parents/carers need to check the information on the website by clicking on the Coronavirus link.
- Updates for the following day will be posted on the website/Facebook page and text messages will be sent out by 6pm on the day of any partial closure.

The Department for Education continues to keep schools updated on the government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and have launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone 08000468687, opening hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday) or via email at [DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

We are aware that the government COBRA committee is meeting regularly to review their action plan and the impact of Coronavirus. Should the government make any further adjustments to the “delay” phase we will receive direction from them and we will inform you of this and our response.

If any closure is necessary, we will provide support to students to continue with their learning. Twinkl is offering every teacher, Parent and carer within our school access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge, so our pupils can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption. Teachers will advise which worksheets are appropriate per year group. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS.

However, at the moment we are open and it is business as usual.



# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



SCHOOL  
ETC.  
On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth  
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come  
into contact with your mouth  
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items  
such as bedding, dishes,  
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

