



Newsletter (Autumn No.18)

26th January 2018



Dates for your diary;

29th Jan –
Return you
Bags 2 School

31st Jan –
Recycling Day

30th Jan –
Multiskills for
years 1 & 2 at
Heathcoats

6th February –
Internet
Safety Day

20th Feb –
Celebrating
Chinese New
Year

21st February
Whole school
zoo trip

Week
commencing
26th February
– Bikeability

1st March –
World Book
Day

5th May –
Exmoor
Challenge

Firstly, apologise for the delayed and I gather 'oddy' presented Newsletter last week. Let's see if I can improve on that today !

Tag Rugby Tournament

10 children from class 3 took part in the Tag Rugby tournament this week at Tiverton High School. They showed great team work skill and fought their way to the semi-final coming 4th overall. Congratulations to Heathcoat Primary School who were the Tournament winners.

A big thank you to Miss Budden for organising.

Recycling Visit

Unfortunately due to illness our Recycling visitor couldn't be here this week however we have rescheduled this important information/activity day for this coming Wednesday.

Staff News

We have heard from Mrs Wotton, she and baby are doing well and will be coming to visit very soon.

We have had some illness this week but battled through, everyone has supported each other brilliantly.

Bikeability

Please please please complete and return your bikeability forms.

Monday is the deadline for these !!!

MUGA is CLEAN

We are delighted to report that the MUGA is clean and in great shape so we are looking forward to making full use of it again in the weeks ahead.

Arthurs Word Search ! WOW !

Well done Arthur, we think your word search puzzle is so brilliant that we've added it to the newsletter so that everyone can have a go.

***** BAGS 2 SCHOOLS *****

We need your bags dropped at school before 9am on Tuesday 30th January. Clothes, shoes, bags all welcome. Any bags will be accepted so don't be limited to filling just one bag. Please check with neighbours, friends and extended family for their support with this and we'll make it a bumper year raising some BIG money to support our school.

Survey Monkey

Extended to end of day Mon 29th January. Thank you so much to all those who have already completed our survey monkey. Just over half our families have given some great feedback. Your thoughts and ideas are very important, it would be so helpful to get a full uptake. The following link will now be open until Monday

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SK3CS59>

Exmoor Challenge

We are delighted to report that having had an incredibly enthusiastic response from years 6 together with wonderful offers of parental support we have submitted 2 teams to take part in the Exmoor Challenge on 5th May this year. Training schedule will follow in due course.

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Awards

Reading Raffle –

Class 1 Jessica
Class 2 Ruby
Class 3 Caitlin

Learning Leaves -

Yr R – Lily & Megan
Yr 1 – Toby
Yr 2 – Ted
Yr 3 – William
Yr 4 – Lexie
Yr 5 – Moran
Yr 6 – Jo

House Points -

House – Exe
Class – 3
Champion -
Alice

FREE BOOK BAGS

On Monday we will be sending home a free book bag with each child. Teachers love book bags for keeping books/work in good order and they happen to fit nicely into the children's trays so easily accessible during lessons. We've notice how children are bringing in and storing more clothes and stuff so the cloakrooms are bursting with back packs. We hope you will be pleased but if not just return the bag to school unused. Thanks !

We're going to the Zoo Zoo Zoo. You can come too !

Would anyone like to come along, we have 2 spaces available, first come, first serve.

You can come to help as a volunteer for free or if you'd like a great day out without any responsibility at all, that's great too and we'll charge you £3.

Daily Mile

Following the great success and enthusiasm amongst children, parents and staff we are extending our programme and working on routes to appreciate our wonderful surroundings. Weather permitting we'll be heading out to the common, play area etc. Your children should arrive in their school shoes and can change into trainers/PE shoes if they want to. We would like to extend an invitation to parents/carers to join us for the daily mile on Tuesday mornings following open mornings.

Health Eating – Parental Permission

Please see letters sent home today.

Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Tuesday 20th February and our celebrations will include a special lunch menu. The special Chinese menu is displayed in the MULA window and a copy will come home with the Newsletter before half term.

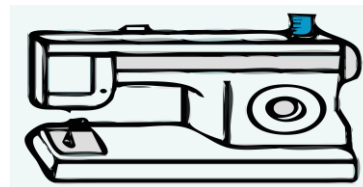
'Everything in Moderation'

We are so pleased that Gina Tucker has kindly offered to host a nutrition workshop. This will take place at school 2.30pm on Thursday 8th February. Please come and join us to discuss healthy snacks, ideas, recipes and much more. If you can't make 2.30 perhaps you'd like to pop in for any tasters or handouts at 3.30pm. Great big thank you to Gina for coming to share her expertise.

Family Lunch

We would like to invite parents/carers, this could be extended family, Aunty, Grandma, Grandad to come join us for school dinner or if you prefer bring yourself a packed lunch. We will be making invitations one year group at a time. The first Family Lunch invitation goes to year 6 children and will be held on Tuesday 6th February. Next week we will send out the menu for the day and would appreciate you booking with payment of £3 for an adult school meal by Monday 5th Feb.

'WANTED'



Has anyone got a working sewing machine that they no longer want.

Mrs Taylor is looking forward to sewing with the children and it would be wonderful to extend this work with the use of machine.

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Heads Up !!!

We have been working hard planning opportunities and events. We are moving open mornings to every Tuesdays instead of Fridays and making this a weekly event. Our Daily Mile takes place at 9.15 so why not stay for the mile !

More About Staff

With quite a number of staff changes since the end of last academic year we thought you'd like to know a bit more about us all or at least the newbies. We are putting together a leaflet and photo board, however in the meantime we'll add some pen portraits here. Of course nobody wants to go first so most appropriately Sarah Maude has to take the lead.....

"Hello, my name is Mrs Sarah Maude, Head of School. Thank you all for making me feel so welcomed into my new role. Both my children attended a small rural church school very similar to Rackenford and prior to working in Tiverton, I worked at Landscope C of E Primary school for ten years, again a small rural church school. This has given me a great insight into community schools such as ours, both as a parent and as a staff member. My boys are all grown up now, one is a photographer in London and the other a writer, who lives in a caravan at the bottom of my garden! My interests outside work are: designing and building my house along with my husband, cooking, music, the arts and my dog. I feel that I know Rackenford children really well as I taught in Class One on Mondays for 2 years and for a brief time, I supported school one day per week when Mrs Dunning was HoS. I am also an Ofsted inspector but have put all inspection duties on hold while I devote my time to Rackenford. I am now very excited to be back working with you all. We have an amazing team.

W/B 22nd Jan 2018

Mon	Mrs Bright teaching Class 1 Class 2 Swimming Miss Ellis helping in Class 1 Football Club
Tues	Open Morning Drum Lessons Miss Budden on PE management. Mis Horrell teaching Class 2.
Weds	Collective Worship with Little Angels NO Piano & Guitar lessons this week. Recycling day.
Thurs	
Fri	Mrs Maude teaching Class 3



Please make sure that children bring a warm long sleeve coat every session. With all this wet weather we want to be ready to enjoy outdoor play whenever possible.

Church News

Stephanie Jeffs will be with us for Collective Worship in the church this week on Wednesday morning. All are welcome to join us 9am for 9.10am start. Steph will also be coming back to school after the service should anyone like to speak with her.

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