



Newsletter (Summer No.25)



20th April 2018

Dates for your diary;

21st April - School Cuts Protest in Tiverton

21st April – Exmoor Challenge Training

30th April – Art Club

1st May – Parish Council AGM, School Council to present !

2nd May – Messy Church

5th May – Exmoor Challenge

14th May – KS2 SATs week

28th May – Half Term

26th June – C2 Camp

27th June – C3 Camp

Great Start to the Summer Term

We have all felt it's been a great start to the new term. Children are refreshed and focused, staff are working as an amazing team and the sun is shining.

PROTEST – School Cuts

Please see the letter attached with information about tomorrows protest.

Class 3 Camp (June)

Arrangements are coming together for our activity camp 27th-29th June. All payments should now be in. Please make sure you have paid the final instalment by the end of next week.

Class 2 Camp (June)

Watch out for letters coming home on Monday with full details about the Class 2 camp.

Family Lunch

Our Family lunch this half term will be for Class 3. Invites will be going out as soon as we have set a date.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week class 2 have been thinking about how to be a good friend. On Monday we all worked together to make friendship bracelet loom bands for everyone in the class. It was lovely to see the children help each other with making these and proudly wearing them afterwards! On Wednesday we thought about what being a good friend might look like and how we can be good friends. Next week we are going to be writing recipes for how to make a good friend.

Anti-bullying Cont'd.....

This week Class 3 have been embracing the anti-bullying theme through poetry. In English we are studying the book 'Cloud busting' which follows the themes of friendship and bullying through a story that is told through different poetry forms. The children have been enthralled as the story has been revealed and had many discussions about the events that have happened and how they would feel if it happened to them. We have taken two of the bullying poems and acted them out in groups, discussing the impact of the words and the impact of body language. We have also used one of the poems as a basis for us to write our own poems about our friends, that celebrate how special they are. Here are some - can you guess who they are about -

The class shorts-wearer is
A wonderful walrus-lover,
A funny friend,
A courageous curry-eater,
An entertaining person to be around,
A respectable rugby player,
And absolutely everyone knows it!

Magnificent at majorettes,
A kind-hearted girl,
A fun-loving, fantastic friend,
An entertaining, loyal lady - who keeps secrets,
A top-scoring player in football,
And everyone knows it.

The rest of the poems are displayed in our cloak room - why not pop in on open morning and take a look at them!

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Awards

This weeks awards will be published next week.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child has their PE kits at school at all times.

Messy Church

Our first Messy Church session was a great success and well attended this week.

Congratulations. Next week would you all please collect your children via the front gate and reception. Thank you

W/B 23rd Mar 2018

Mon	Class 1 swimming club begins Miss Horrell teaching Class 1 Football Club begins
Tues	Fire Safety Talks C2 & 3 Drum Lesson
Weds	Collective Worship in Church Little Angels joining us for lunch. Piano & Guitar lessons Mrs Bostridge on course. Messy Church club
Thurs	
Fri	Miss Horrell teaching C3 Miss Wotton here for the day.



My May 2018 Nikki and Gemma will have had training on GDPR. This will ensure our policies and procedures are all up to date to ensure the protection of your details.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Joy Moore. Following a break in her career Ms Moore who has some great skills and experience to share with us; she has joined our teaching staff as a volunteer one day a week.

More about Staff

Hello, my name is Hilary Bostridge and I am the School Administrator. I came to Rackenford in September having been working at East Worlington and Chulmleigh Primary Schools for 4 years. I have 4 grown up children living in London and Bristol, one daughter has recently qualified as a primary school teacher and my youngest daughter is currently exploring South East Asia. I enjoy reading and travel as much as I can. I also cycle and I learnt to row a couple of years ago. I have just started training for the London to Brighton cycle in June this year so now the weather is better you'll probably catch me out training.

NO – Smoking Area

With better weather we have class windows open and have found on occasion the smell of smoking is coming in. Please make sure you are well away from the school building before smoking. Thank you

Year 6 Exmoor Training

Year 6 have another major training session tomorrow. We have 2 teams entered for the challenge on 5th May, all participants are doing really well with map reading, fitness and determination. Please watch out for Ticks when they return after walking through grasslands.

Congratulations to Lottie R for entering the 500 word competition and getting her story selected to go through to the second round. They select only 5000 applicants and last year approximately 131,000 students entered so it is a great achievement, as it is expected that a similar number entered this year! Well done Lottie and fingers crossed for the next round of judging!

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