

Sunshine at the beginning of the summer term always brings such joy and smiling faces. What a lovely way for us all to return to school. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and have been able to see more of your friends and families with the easing of the lockdown restrictions.

Thank you for your flowers and kind messages during my surgery recovery. I am so pleased to be back at school. We have had such a busy and enjoyable week with lots to look forward to in the coming term including science and arts days, fundraising opportunities, transition events for our year sixes and hopefully a sports day.

Best wishes  
Sarah

Class 3 are really enjoying our new topic 'A Child's War'. It's great to see children choosing to read topic-related books!

Yesterday we listened to the broadcast from Neville Chamberlain announcing the beginning of the Second World War and looked through photographs showing the key events of WW2.



## Dates

**3 May**

Bank Holiday

**31 May – 4 June**

Half Term

**Friday 11 June**

Wrong Trousers Day

**16 June**

Science Day

**WC 12 July**

End of term reports

**23 July**

Leavers assembly

Last day of term

**8 September**

First day Autumn term

## Class 3 Evacuation lunch

Please remember to return your letter by Tuesday 27th April, stating whether your child will be making their own packed lunch, or if you would like the school to provide one for you.

## PTFA

A huge thank you to Cheryl for organising the Easter treat boxes, they were delicious. Thanks also to Liz and Tanya for all their efforts in baking. We hope you enjoyed them.

The village tree looked wonderful over Easter with all the decorations that the children made. We even spotted some rather lovely chicks snuggled in a basket near the well! Thank you all for your fantastic creations.



Thanks to all who took part in the egg trail around Rackenford village common and a big thank you to Cecile for all your effort and hard work in making it happen.

If you are having a clear out please be aware the PTFA have booked a bag2school clothes collection in July.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Tiverton Morrisons for gifting each child at Rackenford school with a pack of Sunflower seeds.



This week Class R have begun learning about minibeasts. They have started reading *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* and have used Ladybird spots to learn about doubling.



## BOUNCE!

### Fundraising for BOUNCE!

Bounce is a registered charity who aim to improve mental health and build resilience in children, their families and the wider school community, improving learning outcomes and creating happier learners.

We currently have a Bounce! councillor who attends Rackenfords one day a week and Tracey Taylor has become involved with Bounce, attending Emotional coaching training sessions at their Tiverton Hub. As a charity, Bounce rely on grants from charity trusts, donations and the support of businesses. Rackenfords Primary school plan on organising a sponsored walk to help fundraise for BOUNCE! to help support them in providing their amazing services to families and schools. We will let you know a date in the coming weeks.



## Wrong Trousers Day

On Friday 11th June we will be participating in the Wallace and Gromit Wrong Trousers Day to raise money for Bristol Children's Hospital and St Michael's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We have been invited to join by Joe, a 9 year old boy from Tiverton who was involved in a road accident, which meant he had to spend several weeks in Bristol hospital.

All you have to do is dig out those wacky trousers – from pyjamas to tu-tus or waders – Anything.

By donning your wrong trousers and making a donation, you are helping to support sick babies and children and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital and St Michael's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. More information will be sent out nearer the day.