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## Staff responding to emails, Dojo and other schoolcomms.

If you have contacted your child's teacher, please give 48 hours for a response. Staff do regularly check their emails and messages on Dojo throughout the day but may not always have time to respond back to you on the day.

If you wish to pass on any important information that needs to be addressed urgently, please contact the school office who will be able to pass that information onto the relevant staff. However please note that Michaela will not be in the office from 1.30pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. However, answerphone messages are checked at 3.15pm.

If you need to notify us of any changes to the school pick up, please do so before 3pm. It is important that you let us know if your child is being collected by someone else as we will not release them unless we have been informed.

Thank you

## Tempest Photography

On Monday 27th September all pupils in school and Little Angels nursery will have their individual and family photos with siblings in school taken. If you wish to bring in younger/older siblings for a family photograph, then please arrive at school for 8.30am.

## Autumn Term Dates

### 20th September

Reception Class Eye Test

### 27th September

School Photos

### W/C 27th September

Meet the Teacher

### 28th September

PTFA AGM 7.30

### 6th October

Harvest Service

### 25th – 29th October

Half term

### W/C 22nd November

Lantern Making

### 27th November TBC

Tiverton Lantern Parade

### 29th November

Theatre Alibi

### W/C 29th November

Assessment Week

### 8th December

Nativity 9.30am

### W/C 12th December

Autumn Snapshot Reports out

### 15th December

Christmas Lunch

### 17th December

Last day of term



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## Homework club

We will be running a homework club afterschool on Mondays from 3.30 - 4pm, for classes 1, 2 & 3, starting next Monday 20th September. If you would like your child to join then please email [admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk) Places will be given on first come first served basis

## Sickness

We continue to have several pupils absent from school who are unwell with a sickness bug. If your child does come down with sickness and/or diarrhoea **please ensure that you keep your child at home for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.**

## Football Club

Chris Webster would like to continue with a lunchtime football club. This will be run Monday Lunchtimes for children in class 1, 2 & 3. If your child would like to join this club then please email [admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk) to sign your child up. The cost of the club is £2.50 per session (£10 per pupil for the first half of term) Payments to be made by cash or cheque payable to Chris Webster. The first session will begin on Monday 27th September.

Please can we ask if your child would like to join football club, that they bring a packed lunch on the day (packed lunches can also be ordered from the kitchen at £2.40) Lunchtimes are a very busy time with having large numbers of pupils but only a small hall, and having a packed lunch would mean that the children can get up to football club sooner

## Flu Vaccinations

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net). Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

**- School Age Immunisations Team**





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## PTFA AGM

Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th September in the school hall. All more than welcome! We would love to see some new faces so please do feel free to come along.

## Walk in aid of Rackenford Church On Saturday 2nd October 2021

Enjoy an 8 mile circular walk on Dartmoor, visiting a number of Tors with fantastic views down to the coast. Learn about some of the myths and ghost stories, visit a deserted Medieval Settlement and see the Dartmoor Ponies. This is great practice for the Exmoor and Ten Tors Challenges. Bring your own picnic lunch and stop for a Cream Tea at a local Farm Shop when you have completed the walk!

For further details and to book a place contact Liz Paxton 881331 or 07831869565. Shorter variations are available also.

Sponsor forms available in the village shop or electronically from Liz



## Secondary School Applications

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2022 is now open. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications on-line at [Devon Citizen Portal](#) by 31st October 2021. It is important that the applications are made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice.

More information about applying for a secondary school place can be found on the [Devon County Council website](#)

## School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners now cost £2.40. Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be charged for any school dinners taken (unless they are eligible for Free School Meals)

## Little Angels

Today is Chloe's last day as she heads off on maternity, we will keep you all updated on any news and look forward to another Little Angel joining the team.

