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Clubs Next Week:

Monday

Football Club lunchtime – Please bring PE Kit in a bag to change into and a packed lunch or let us know if you would like a packed lunch ordered from the kitchen.

No Homework club afterschool due to Meet the Teacher

Tuesday

French Club 3.30 - 4.15pm

Thursday

Multisports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday

Gymnastic Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Autumn Term Dates

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



Today Class 1 went up to the common for forest school. They created nature pictures from the natural resources around them.



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I am writing to introduce myself to you all as the new SENDCo at Rackenford C of E Primary School and Heathcoat Primary School. I am absolutely thrilled to be joining such a dedicated, talented and positive staff team!



I have lived in Devon since I came down here from London to go to university. What a beautiful county – how lovely to have the moors, river valleys and coast to explore right on our doorsteps! I have two grown-up children and a close extended family (although they live all over Europe, which has been hard for us all during the pandemic). At home, I love to potter about in the garden and intend to work on it so that I have flowers all year round. I also love to read and I'm teaching myself to sew, inspired by the 'Great British Sewing Bee' on TV. My naughty cats (Heidi and Meg) love to play and keep me on my toes!

I come to this role with many, many years of experience in the SENDCo role and in other school leadership positions. I absolutely love my job – working with children, staff and families to make learning accessible for all children. I am passionate about all children getting the best possible start in life.

As a parent, your first port of call is always your child's class teacher (not me). The teachers are the ones who know your children best and have the skill and experience to make changes and adapt provision to meet your child's needs. I have more of a specialist, strategic role: I get involved if a child's needs warrant further support and advice.

As with all of our teaching staff, I aim to respond to emails within 2 working days – though as I work across two schools, my response time may be slower than this at times.

I look forward to getting to know your wonderful children better, and to working in partnership with many of you over the coming years.

- Ruth Alpey



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Harvest

Our School harvest service will be on Wednesday 6th October from 2.30pm in the church. We will be welcoming food donations (see list below) ; all the produce will be given to CHAT.

There will be a Harvest tea on Saturday October 9th from 2.30pm until 5pm at Hillcrest, home of Ruth and Graham Fennell's to which you are welcome. Free tickets can be obtained from Mary Cann or Helen Hyland.

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](https://www.devon.gov.uk/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](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal)

HARVEST FOODBANK



Please consider getting something extra with your shopping to help keep the foodbank stocked and ready to help those most in need (the items most in need are marked *)

Items can be dropped off at our offices in Tiverton

STORE CUPBOARD

Tinned Tomatoes	Coffee/Tea	Cooking Oil*
Tinned Meat *	Noodles	Rice Pudding
Tinned Fish*	Rice	Pasta Sauce
Gravy Granules	Sponge puddings	Biscuits
Tomato Puree	Cereal	Crisps
Ketchup /Mayo*	Cereal Bars	Squash*
Tinned fruit*	Sugar*	Fruit Juice

HOUSEHOLD & TOILETRIES

Washing Powder*	Washing up Liquid	Toothpaste
Shower Gel*	Toilet Paper*	Soap
Deodorant	Anti-Bac Spray*	Shaving Gel

Any questions please visit our website <https://chatmid.org> or call us on 01884 255606 or 0800 059 0104

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

If you would like to give financially please scan here or visit <https://chatmid.org/donating/>



Date change

In the first newsletter we sent out this term, we had said that Monday 6th June 2022 would be the additional bank holiday this has now changed in line with the federation and will now be on **Monday 4th July 2022**

Little Angels

‘Our safeguarding policy has been updated and we will be sharing it on our website next week’



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Premier Education - Tidcombe Holiday Camp!!!

Nerfs/Hunter/Dodgeball Day - Thursday 28th October 2021

Venue: Tidcombe Primary School, Marina Way, Tiverton EX16 4BP



£17.50 for the day

9.30am - 3.30pm

5-12 year olds



Book online: www.premier-education.com or

call Andrew on 07776 108281

***Bring a packed lunch and plenty of soft drinks.**

