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Dear Families,

Can you believe we are halfway through the Autumn term! I do hope that you all manage to have a lovely week. We have had a very busy half term and are now looking forward to more exciting things to come as we move towards Christmas.

At times this half term has been quite tricky to navigate. This is because many members of staff have been poorly and getting supply staff has been very difficult. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that this has had limited impact on the children's learning. Sadly, however, we have not been able to get very far into our community arts projects, so we will be continuing with this over the coming months. We will be inviting you to get involved, we do hope that you can join us.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Denno who has been working in class 2 for this half term. The children and all the team would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Denno for all the exciting lessons and learning experiences, such as a visits from Cruella DeVille, the Wicked Witch from Hansel and Gretel and a storyteller. Thank you, Ellie, for all your hard work.

Next half term we welcome Mrs Wilcox as the teacher in Class 2. She has been visiting her new class several times over the half term in preparation for her starting on 1st November. We are really looking forward to her joining the team.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates as we have a few exciting ventures coming your way for example the Tiverton Community Lantern Procession on 27th November and Theatre Alibi in school on 29th November and I am sure the PTFA will have a few Christmassy workshops in the pipe line!

We have a couple of vacancies at school:

A Mealtime Assistant post for two afternoons per week and a Teaching Assistant post for 1.5 hours per day, for five days per week (12.00 - 1.30).

Autumn Term 2 Dates

16th and 17th November
DAISI visiting Artists KS2

w/c 22nd November
Lantern Making

27th November
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

For information and an application form please see Devon Jobs (TA post) and for the MTA post please contact admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all on 1st November.

best wishes
Sarah and the team

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From the PTFA

First of all THANK YOU SO MUCH! What an amazing support with our cakes/uniform sale, we raised nearly £170 ! Thank you for the amazing cakes, help to set up, sale and tidy up, and coming to buy cakes, it was amazing!



Don't forget our pumpkin trail over Half-Term, invite your friends to do it and send us some pictures please.

After Half-Term, we will create our Christmas card too to fundraise for our PTFA, each child and teacher will colour a star to create a Christmas tree shape! We are hoping to have few more events after Half-Term, don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to help us to organise them and get involved with the PTFA, ptfarackenford@gmail.com

For the French Club

Bonjour! We had so much fun these last 5 weeks discovering Claude Monet and the impressionist painting, Marie Curie with a science experiment, a beautiful story of a French glob-trotter around the world and making a world map, Zizou the French footballer and making our own balloon, and finally Antonin Careme the first Chef patissier and making a chocolate lollipop! We have one more session after Half-Term in our block about a French musician and I will open the French club again for a 6 weeks block of session around Christmas in France (a French Christmas market experience, craft, song, stories..).



Class 3 news

Dear families. After half term, in each of our classes, we will be learning a word of the week. Each Friday the word that each class has learnt that week will be on the newsletter. Please spend some time talking to your child/children about the word. Can they explain what it means? Can they use it in a sentence? (Verbally and written). Do they know similar words to it (synonyms) or opposite meanings (antonym). Can they spell it?

Many thanks for your support. Mrs James.



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Next half term's clubs

- Monday Football Lunch Club C1, 2 and 3.
- Thursday Multi-sports After School Club C1, 2 and 3.
- Friday Gymnastics After **School** Club C1,2 and 3.

We also have some free clubs:

Monday Homework Club 3:30-4:00pm and Thursday and Friday lunchtime Sports Club.

Please email admin@ if you would like your child to attend any of these.

Little Angels

We have had a wild week at nursery, discovering our inner explorers, learning all about habitats and how we can help protect our environment.

Dinner Menu

The Autumn Term menu can be found online at <https://rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk/Rackenford-Autumn-2021.pdf>

From the French Classes

We had an incredible first Half-Term in our French classes. With Class R each week we discovered a new story in French around our teddy bears (*doudou* in French), bears (*un ours*), our house (*la maison*) and a lot more. We learned a little poem *Toc toc Monsieur Pouce* and a lot of songs! **Bravo Class R!**

With Class 1 we discovered *la foret* in French (the forest), with a walk through the forest to go to school (*l'école*), some sleepy animals in the forest, some magical stories about trees, animals in there too and we learned a French song *Dans sa maison un grand cerf!* **Bravo Class 1!**

With Class 2 we discovered some French tales in French, to learn/find our way in French, the part of our body and the days of the week and a French game, you have been absolutely amazing, **Bravo Class 2!**

With Class 3 we discovered the difference between the school in France and in England, we are working really hard on learning our greetings and asking questions in French, we are starting to write in French a letter to a French class in France to introduce ourselves, **Bravo Class 3!**



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Class R have been feeding and holding the guinea pigs (carefully!) and learning what guinea pigs need to stay healthy.

Here are 2 of our football players recognized by Chris for their hard work...the rest of the winners will be featured in our next newsletter (these 2 were just super-keen to have their photos taken.



Class 2 have been doing lots of autumn crafts this week. What a busy and wonderful half term it's been.