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Dear Families,

Remembrance

How incredibly proud we were of all the children during the Remembrance gathering at the memorial on Thursday morning. Children had written and shared heartfelt messages and letters to the young men from Rackenfords who left their families and community to go to war. Thank you children for your respect, empathy and sensitivity.

New member of staff

Last Friday we held the interviews for the teacher for Class 3, to cover Miss Wotton's maternity leave. We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Lyndsay Quincey will be joining RPS from the 6th December and will be teaching on a Thursday and Friday. She has much experience of teaching years 5 and 6 and has previously worked in a small rural school. The children were brilliant during the interviews, thoroughly engaged and really enjoying their learning in maths.

Mr Harry Bayliss, is currently covering Miss Wotton's maternity leave until Mrs Quincey joins us.

We still have vacancies for:

2 X meal time assistants (MTAs) - 5 hours per week 12.00 - 1.30pm
1 teaching assistant (TA) to support a pupil with SEND over lunch time and into the first half an hour of afternoon lessons, 7.5 hours per week 12.00 - 1.30

If you are interested in any of these posts please either contact admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk or look them up on <https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/>

Autumn Term Dates

16th + 17th November

Class 2 + 3 Daisy Art, exploring local history, visiting artists.

22nd + 23rd November

Class 2 Forest School

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

Please note the Lantern Parade has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Links to Job ads

[Mealtime Assistant/Play Supervisors \(2 posts\) - Rackenfords Primary School - Devon Jobs](#)

[Teaching Assistant - Rackenfords Primary School - Devon Jobs](#)





Class 3 Remembrance Day

Class 3 presented a letter at the Remembrance Day celebration honouring the boys of Rackenfords for their service.

Dear Soldiers,
We remember you today.
We thank you for going to war at such a young age to serve your country.
You risked your lives and we consider you all heroes.
Your courage to fight at such a young age was amazing.
You were so brave for fighting in the trenches and on the battlefields.
It must have been so scary to leave your families not knowing if you'd make it home safely.
We are astounded that, as students of Rackenfords Primary, we walk in your footsteps around the village all these years later.
Bearing in mind that you were only 18-30 years old and you had your whole lives ahead of you...
You risked everything to protect your country.
Charles Nott, Fred Greenslade, Fred Pincombe, Sam and John Roberts, Dave Fook, Harry Boundy and Gerald Lester...
We honour you today and always.
Lest we forget,

The students of Rackenfords Primary School



This half term's clubs

- **Monday** Football Lunch Club
C1, 2 and 3.
- **Tuesday** French After School Club
All Classes.
- **Thursday** Multi-sports After School Club C1, 2 and 3.
- **Friday** Gymnastics After School Club
Years 1 -6

We also have some free clubs:

Monday Homework Club

3:30-4:00pm

Thursday/Friday lunchtime Sports Club.

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



Absence & Covid reporting

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am by telephone 01884 881354 or email admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk, on each day that your child is absent. Please do not email the class teachers directly to report an absence. Please inform the school of Covid test results by forwarding a copy of the NHS Covid-19 notification email to admin@rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk
Thank you.



Class 1 have had such fun making Owl Toast today!



🌹 Class 2 Remembrance Day 🌹



Whole School Remembrance Day

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Wreath making session
To support Rackenfords School PTF

30th November - 7.15 pm
The Stag Inn, Rackenfords Pub

All materials, session tuition, a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine included in the ticket to fundraise for our school PTF

Book your ticket now by emailing ellie_denno@hotmail.com or By phoning Helen Hyland 01884 881386 or Ellie 07799060050.

SANTA RUN/WALK
SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10 AM

WE WILL MEET AT THE TOP CAR PARK AT KNIGHTSHAYES
MORE INFO TO COME

£2.5 PER HAT TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR PTF

Class 2 New Teacher



Welcome!

Hello, my name is Rebecca Wilcox and I am the new teacher in Class 2. Although I am originally from Devon, I have spent the last few years living in Somerset and teaching in a large primary school in North Dorset. I am really enjoying being back in Devon and being closer to family and friends.

My first two weeks at Rackenfords have been great and I have received a warm welcome from everyone I have met which has been lovely. Thank you all for being so patient whilst I am learning who goes with who at the gate! I am excited to get to know all of the children and families in our school and am looking forward to all the wonderful things we have coming up this term and beyond.



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Little Angels

The children have had an amazing week, working from the 'Poppy and the Orchestra story' illustrated by Magali Le Huche. Reflecting on Remembrance day, exploring types of flowers, learning about Orchestra music and instruments and practicing our two-minute silence!



Hooray we just created our Christmas card and you will receive the form to order them on Monday!

Link for what parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during Covid-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?priority-tax=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>



BOUNCE! Brighter Futures is joining forces with **SupportTive** to develop and coach peer-led parent support groups from our hub on St. Peter Street in Tiverton, starting in November 2021. (SupportTive also aims to run a parenting skills course in the New Year. This course will be the 'Nurturing Programme for Parents' developed by the Family Links Charity).

Both the peer support groups and skills course will fall under the banner of Parent Port (the parent support arm of SupportTive). Parent Port will be a place to head to rest, restore and restock in readiness for the high seas of parenting!

If you would like to sign up for a parent support group, please email Jan and Susi at susi@sailientcoaching.co.uk

We will be sending out further details of the session when we have an idea of numbers. Details will be issued for the parenting skills course towards the end of the year.

Bounce! Brighter Futures will also be running informal support groups and coffee mornings from its hub on St. Peter Street. If you are interested in attending these groups please let us know by emailing admin@bouncebrighterfutures.co.uk and we will let you know days and times.

We look forward to seeing you ☺☺

THE BOUNCE and SupportTive Teams

School Dinner Menu Link

<https://rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Rackenfords-Autumn-Winter-Menu-2021.pdf>



If you would like to contribute to BBC's Children in Need you can start saving your 1p, 2p and 5p coins to bring in next week to decorate a giant Pudsey Bear and/or choose to wear something spotty on Friday 19th November and bring in £1.