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Autumn Term 2 Dates

8th December
Nativity 9:30am

9th December
Flu Nasal Inoculation
Whole School

w/c 12th December
Autumn Snapshot
Reports out

15th December
Christmas Lunch

17th December
Last day of term

Class Dojo points
(awarded for being helpful,
kind,
persevering, great reading etc.)

Class R
Ivy Cole

Class 1
Margaux Jones

Class 2
Kaitlyn Martin

Class 3
Lucy

Awesome work!

Learning Leaves

CR
Alfie Greenslade
(Great progress!)

C1
Kolbie Gardiner

C2
Buck Jury

C3
Ava Frost

Well done!

Christmas decorations & books

We are hoping to decorate a Christmas tree in the Hall of the school so if you have any Christmas decorations you don't use we would love them please. We are also looking for donations of good quality books. Please contact Cecile 07929 092421

PTFA - Save the date
Cake Sale Wednesday
15th December 2021,
after school.





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Mrs Denno has let us know that on Thursday 9th December the children will be making wreaths. Please can each child bring in an orange for Christingle. Many thanks.



Office request:

When sending in money for dinners/clubs/visits please mark the envelope with child's name, class and purpose of the money. This envelope is to be handed to the teacher during registration. P.S. Everyone should be very proud of their children, they are so polite! **Thank you.**



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.

Note to Parents/Carers

If children have sore lips and bring in lip salve, please ensure it is named. It will need to be kept in their school tray and is for their own use and is not to be shared with others. Please let your child know this. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please make sure your child's clothing is marked with their name, also please check this weekend that they are wearing their own jumper/cardigan. Thank you.

Little Angels news

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler has been our curriculum this week. Exploring imagination, creative stories and adventurous walks. Discovering fact and fiction and inspiring the children to think outside the box!

School Dinner Menu Link

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



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Hi, my name is Coco , I live in class 1 with my sister Snow.

I get really excited when the class bring me fresh fruit and vegetables, I can eat nearly all day!

I'm going to be a chef when I grow up because I love smelling the food at dinner time.

My favourite lesson in Class 1 is Maths. I can add up money, I don't always get it right but that's okay, I'm learning.

I love watching all the small people work and play, they pull some funny faces when they are thinking really hard. My nose twitches more when I'm thinking.

My favourite part of the day is when the teacher reads a story out loud and I can forget who I am and be part of it.

Thank you for looking after me so well Class 1.

**SANTA
RUN/WALK**

10 AM

**SUNDAY 5TH
DECEMBER**

WE WILL MEET AT THE TOP CAR PARK AT KNIGHTSHAYES. BRING RUNNING SHOES OR WELLIES AND WARM CLOTHES, HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINCE PIES TO SHARE TOGETHER. YOU CAN JUST COME ON THE DAY. WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

**£2.5 PER HAT
TO FUNDRAISE
FOR OUR PTEA**

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for **Rackenfords Primary School Parent Teacher and Friends Association** with

#easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rackenfordspspta/?invite=OHFOI0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt



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The wreath making this week was a great team effort. Thanks to those who came, collected foliage, organised the mulled wine and mince pies and a huge thank you to Linsey and Helen who so expertly taught us all how to create our wreaths. Thank you also to Steve and Oliver at the pub who made us all feel very welcome.



We hope you are delighted with your Christmas cards. We still have 500 of them to sell so if need any more or could sell some to friends/family please get in touch with Cecile 079290923421



Covid Precautions

Please be aware, we have rising case numbers in Devon, If your child has a sore throat, new cough and/or high temperature, please complete a Lateral Flow Test before sending them to school and inform us of the result. Many thanks for helping to keep us safe.





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The Aim Group alongside the Diocese of Exeter are able to support Rackenfords C of E Primary School

The Aim Group alongside the Diocese of Exeter are able to support **Rackenfords C of E Primary School** with several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited Courses available to Parents and Families to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce and death in a family can influence a child's mental health) **three week course**
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)

We also have some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, plus many more..**

All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams or end point assessments are involved, and the courses are purely detailed Q&A based with all the information needed provided, which is available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following..

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason.

That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it within the allocated time.

Please note: under the college request you may need to attend a short zoom induction will need to be attended to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course

COURSES WILL NOT BE STARTING UNTIL JANUARY 2022 (but we will need to get you enrolled before the 10th December)

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

[Rackenfords C of E Primary School - Parents and Families](#)

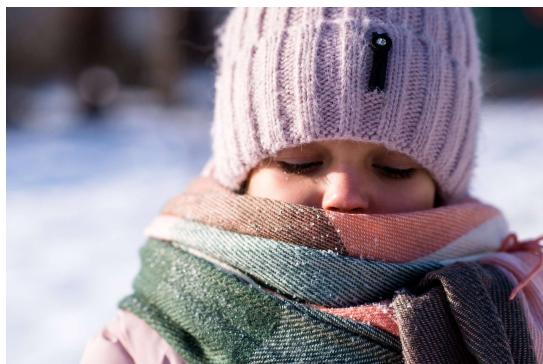
Any questions you may have **Chris Greenfield** will be in touch on **0203 900 3091** once you are registered to walk you through everything and make sure you are happy.



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REACH - supporting individuals in fuel poverty

We are launching a new project, funded by Western Power Distribution, called REACH, which will support people in the communities at greatest risk of fuel poverty as well as those people who may not find it easy to access digital support, whether that's through a lack of skills or equipment.

We will be offering home visits, video calls and telephone support to directly help individuals with a whole range of issues around their fuel bills, including practical help with dealing with energy suppliers, accessing the financial assistance available, help with understanding the terminology around domestic energy, looking at alternative energy sources and more.

If you would like some one-to-one support or would like to find out more about REACH, please do get in touch on 07984 001542 or martin@devoncommunities.org.uk.

Devon Oil Collective

With a relatively high proportion of homes in Devon being 'off-grid' many people are forced to rely on heating oil to keep their homes warm. Devon Oil Collective helps members save money on their oil orders by taking advantage of bulk buying discounts, without the hassle of having to shop around.

Membership of Devon Oil Collective is free and Devon Communities Together receives 1p per litre of oil ordered through the scheme which helps to fund our work in communities throughout Devon.

For more information and to join, click the button below, or call 01392 248919.

[Find out more about Devon Oil Collective](#)

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- Discounted heating oil
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- Raise money for Devon Communities Together!

JOIN TODAY!

NO FIXED MEMBERSHIP FEE!