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2022-2023 term dates will be emailed to parents as soon as they have been confirmed.

Anyone interested in car-sharing for trips to and from school please contact admin@...
Let's go greener in 2022.

Absence reporting, email or call if your child is unwell.

Please contact the school office by 9.15am by telephone 01884 881354 or email admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk, on each day that your child is absent.

Thank you.

Spring Term dates

Phone/Virtual Parents' Meetings
w/c 31st January 2022

Odd Sock Day (CHAT)
Wednesday 9th February 2022

PTFA Cake Sale
Monday 14th February 2022

Spring Half Term
Monday 21st February –
Friday 25th February 2022

World Book Day
Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Science Day
Tuesday 15th March 2022

Last day of Term/Easter
Friday 8th April 2022

Learning Leaves

CR
Leif Major
-for writing

C1
Kolbie Gardiner

C2
Angelica-Jayne
Leek – for
perseverance

C3
Riley Noyce

Well done!

Summer Term dates

Pupils' Term starts
Monday 25th April 2022

May Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May 2022

Summer Half Term
Monday 30th May –

Friday
3rd June 2022
including **Queens
Platinum Jubilee**
Apologies for incorrect date
given last week

Last day of Term
Friday 22nd July 2022



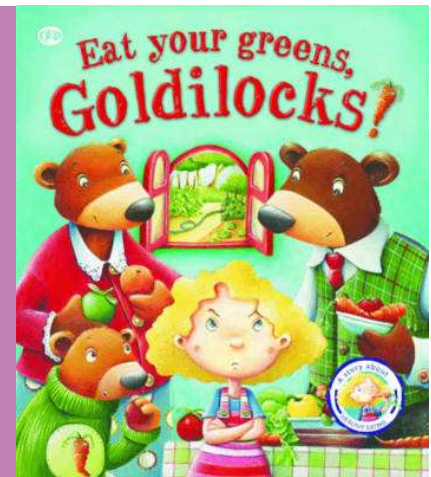
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Little Angels news

This week the children have been exploring the book 'Eat your greens, Goldilocks' by Steve Smallman. They have been exploring balanced diets, looking after themselves, keeping themselves safe and exploring Meditation and yoga.



Word of the week

We are involved in a vocabulary project to help improve the children's range and confidence with vocabulary. Each week every class will learn a new 'Word of the week'. Please could you talk to your child about this word and practice using it. Next week's 'Word of the week' (w/c 31/01/22)

Class R = some

Class 1 = frustrated

Class 2 = trickle

Class 3 = desolate



Holidays and avoidable absences in term time

We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement, and we know that full attendance is a critical factor to success at school.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your son/daughter obtains the maximum benefit from their time at school by attending punctually every day (unless prevented from doing so by an unavoidable circumstance).

Your support is very much appreciated.



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PTFA meetings

25th January 2022

15th February 2022

29th March 2022

26th April 2022

24th May 2022

28th June 2022

Class Topics for this half term are:

Class R – Winter Wonderland

Class 1 – School Days

Class 2 – Mighty Metals

Class 3 – Hola Mexico

If you have any ideas of fun, educational activities or trips the PTFA could help organise or support please get in touch. Ellie_denno@hotmail.com 07799060050



New to you sale and Bag2School collection will be held on the week beginning 4th April. Exact day to be confirmed.

Are your contact details up to date?

If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed home phone numbers/contact details, please could you advise the school office to enable us to keep your child's records up to date. It is the responsibility of parents to keep this information correct at all times.





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Odd Sock Day Wednesday 9th February 2022

Our School Council recently decided, to support CHAT, a charity for the homeless, based in Tiverton. Our vicar Steph supports them, as do the local community.

CHAT stands for Church Housing Action Team.

Last week the Charity had put out an appeal for Men's clothing to give out to the homeless who are sleeping rough on the street without a warm bed. CHAT offers showers and a change of clothes.

With help from Mrs Hagley the School Council decided to hold an Odd Sock Day in school on 9th February to raise money to buy thermal socks for the charity to hand out from their hub in Tiverton.

When you wear your odd socks on the Wednesday 9th February please bring in £1 and give it to your teacher at registration. Mrs Taylor will organize delivery of the socks once we have bought them.



We held an assembly this afternoon to announce the fund raising ideas; we were lucky enough to Have Mark from CHAT to talk to the school. Steph came too as she is also involved with CHAT and she said a prayer..





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Dear Parents/Carers.

We are running a competition at school in preparation for World Book Day. Each child will design a T-shirt (on a worksheet) of their favourite book character. Some classes will do this in school and some as homework. Any medium can be used (felt tip, crayon, paint, collage)

Worksheets need to be back by Monday the 7th February 2022 at the latest so they can be judged. We will pick a winner from each class and announce them in assembly. The four winners' designs will be scanned and emailed to Babcock library service (they're organising the competition, so it's a Devon wide thing).

The winner from each key stage will get their own printed t shirt with their design on. We hope the children will enjoy the competition.

Just a reminder that we're celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday the 2nd of March** (to avoid having to change out of costumes on a PE day). Children can come dressed as a character from a book.

Lunchtime & After School Clubs

- **Monday Football Lunch Club** C1, 2 and 3.
- **Tuesday French After School Club** All Classes – topic is French Mountains.
- **Thursday Multi-sports After School Club** C1, 2 and 3.
- **Friday Gymnastics After School Club** C1, 2 and 3.

If your child is signed up for any of the **above**, please ensure payment is sent in in an envelope clearly marked with Name/Class/Activity.

We also have free sports clubs at lunchtime:

Thursday/Friday lunchtime Sports Club.



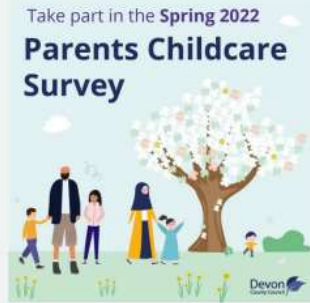


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Take part in our latest childcare survey



Are you a parent or carer? Whether you currently use childcare or not, your voice counts. [The answers you give in this short survey](#) will help our Early Years and Childcare team to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare to enable parents and carers to work or train. Please [complete the survey](#) and share your thoughts on the childcare services available in Devon. **The deadline for responses is Sunday 13 February.**

How odd are your socks? Design your own!



NHS Food Scanner app



Research shows that nearly 28% of pupils in Reception are overweight or obese, rising to over 40% of pupils in Year 6. The NHS food scanner app makes it easier to find healthier food and drink options. Download the app and be inspired to make healthier swaps at home.

We are keen to set up a system of class reps for each class. We need a parent/carer from each class. It's an exciting opportunity to get more involved with the school and act as a point of contact for parents to help support your child's class teacher. If you are interested please contact: ellie_denno@hotmail.com or admin@.... putting 'Message for PTFA' as the subject. Thank you!

COOL TO BE ACTIVE... FUN TO BE FIT



HALBERTON ACTIVITY DAYS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

24th, 25th February 2022

Mr. Hooper will be hosting a sports & activities club for 4-11 year olds on 24th, 25th February. Children will have the opportunity to take part in activities throughout the day including Sports, Gymnastics, Fitness, Arts & Crafts and plenty more. There will be individual games & tournaments at the end of each day.

OFFER ONE – 8.30am to 15.30pm - £16 per child. OFFER TWO – 8.00am to 17.30pm - £25 per child.

10% sibling discount available: contact greg.hooper@primary-sports.co.uk

(the online discount code cannot be used currently).

Specialty arranged day time activities as follows: (alternate activity also provided)

- 24th February – Mini Olympics at 1.30pm
- 25th February – Football tournament & Laser tag at 1.30pm



To book, please visit: <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2022/02/24/halberton-february-half-term-holiday-club>



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Job Vacancy at Tiverton High school:

Assistant Head of Year

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/customjobs/assistant-head-of-year-tiverton-high-school/>

PTFA CAKE SALE

Special Valentines Day

Monday 14th

February 2022

After-school

Save the date



COME TO BUY SOME DELICIOUS TREATS

To support Rackenford Primary School



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EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions

We are running free EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life sessions for parents with autistic children. With extra information on coronavirus and post-pandemic recovery support.

About the training

Have you missed out on support during coronavirus?

Thanks to Barclays, we are able to provide free training for parents with autistic children. We have multiple dates available but spaces are limited so please sign up early to avoid missing out!

Book now to find out more about dates and times via the link below

[EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions \(autism.org.uk\)](https://www.autism.org.uk)

What is included?

- Each course includes a 2 hour session at the same time each week, for 6 weeks in total
- All of the training is online

Course requirements

- You haven't undertaken any EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus or Teen Life courses
- You must be able to commit to all sessions on the days and times allocated
- Your child/children have an autism diagnosis
- You will need to be able to access the training online

Items needed...do you have any good quality puzzles which your children no longer play with and are in good condition? If so please can we have them? Drop any puzzles at school or send them in with your child. Thank you in advance for your support.

Up and coming from the PTFA

14th February Valentines cake sale (3.30pm)

7th March Sciencedipidy to visit the school for science week

W/C 14th March Planet People visit for science week

Sunday 20th March Big village Spring Clean

April New to you Sale and Bag2School collection (Date TBC)



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**"CINDERELLA
'WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT?'"** *By Alison
Holly*

Willand Village Hall

25-02-22 7:30pm
26-02-22 2:30pm & 7:30pm

£5/child £10/Adult

**Tickets can be purchased online at:
ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety
Or from Willand pharmacy and post office**