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Dates for the Diary... (not for the whole school necessarily...)

> Wilcombe Wobbler Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

> > **Capture The Flag** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Drama Workshop Class 2 + 3 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

**Jubilee Celebrations** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Enhanced transition to Tiverton High School (some Year 6 pupils) Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

> **Plymouth Aquarium** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

**Teddy Sleep Out in aid of CHAT** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Tiverton High School transition day (some Year 6 pupils) Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> + Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Drum + Guitar assembly for parents Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (time to follow)

> Moving Up Day! Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Sports Day** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Parent Drop-in to discuss reports Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

> **Leavers' Assembly** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022



#### **Summer Term dates**

Last day of Summer term 1 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Half Term holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

> **Bank Holiday** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

> Last day of Term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022







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#### **School Bus**

On Thursday morning a bus driver dropped off children without waiting for a member of staff to handover to at the gate. The bus company and driver know the clear rules, that children are kept with the driver until a member of staff receives them. We obviously take this matter very seriously. We contacted Devon County Council Transport team immediately and they have spoken to Kingdom's Bus company regarding this safe-guarding issue. Thank you to our parents who informed us of this. Mrs Sharon Hagley – Acting Headteacher

#### Breaktime snack reminder

Please ensure that snacks for breaktime are healthy. For example, fruit, plain biscuits, flapjack. No chocolate or crisps please.

#### Clubs w/c 16/05/2022

• Monday Latin Club. Years 3-6.

• Tuesday **French** After School Club All Classes – French Games.

- Tuesday **Maths** Club Year 4.
- Wednesday **Ukulele** Club for Years 3-6.
- Thursday **Tennis** After School Club.
- Friday Multi-games After School Club.

We also have free sports clubs Thursday and Friday lunchtime.

#### Volunteering in the shop

We would like our older children to start volunteering in the village shop again. We would like to start in the second half of the summer term with Year 6 and to continue in September 2022 with what will be Year 6 and possibly Year 5. To do this, we are asking if there are any volunteers who are DBS checked to supervise the children in the shop when they are there. Alternatively, it could be someone who is willing to help and the shop could help with the DBS check. This would be for one morning a week. If you are interested in helping us please contact the office on: admin@rackenfordprimary.devon.sch.uk or call the school office. Many thanks Mrs James.







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## Little Angel's News

The story this week is called The Diffability Bunch by Fliss Goldsmith and Illustrated by Ian R. Ward. We have been exploring the Olympic sports and personal hobbies looking at ways these have evolved over the years. The children have been participating in our very own sports day, creating medals, visiting the park, playing tennis on the hard court and singing rhymes, creating vegetable people and having boat races!

#### **PTFA** meetings

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### 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.

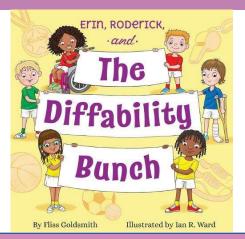
#### w/c 16/05/2022

Class R = hard

Class 1 = passion

Class 2 = enhance

Class 3 = constellation



Little Angels dates...

**Storytime at RPS** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

School link date to follow...













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#### Drama Workshop for Years 3,4, 5 and 6

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May our two elder classes (Year 3,4, 5 and 6) are lucky enough to be taking part in a drama workshop in school.

The session will include learning Bronze Age terms and discussing historical facts to make comparisons of life then and now. This will include considering what Bronze Age people did and looking at role of matriarchy in their society. We will do a physical re-telling of the story of the Whitehorse Hill discovery on Dartmoor.

We hope that the children will enjoy this exciting learning opportunity.

**Mrs James** 



#### Wilcombe Wobbler 2022

For the attention of those children in Key Stage 2 who are doing the Wilcombe Wobbler on Wednesday. On Monday and Tuesday, you are being given the chance to run the daily mile for some running practice. Please bring a pair of trainers for this. Our thanks go to parent volunteers for making this happen. Mrs James.









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## Themes for this half term are:

**Reception** Sunflowers + Sunshine

**Class 1** Monarchs + Knights

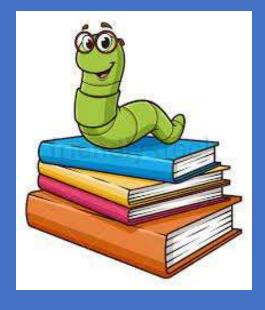
**Class 2** Emperors + Empires

**Class 3** Groundbreaking Greeks



#### **Library News**

The next mobile library visit to Rackenford is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15 to 3:35. The van parks in the car park by the tennis court. Let's get reading!





Double Donation Week is back! Raise twice as much for Rackenford Primary School when you shop online using #easyfundraising. Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Tu Clothing and more are doubling donations until 15th May. Shop now: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/trendingoffers?utm\_campaign=raisemore&utm\_source=social&utm\_medium=facebook&utm\_content= rm-ddwmay21-f1



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Class 2 – Mosaic making



Assistance required tidying Church grounds There is a wedding in the church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and so the PCC and the families of the bride and groom will be wanting the church to look it's best. We will be having a weekend of volunteer grass-cutting and tidying on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon and would be grateful for any help which anyone can offer. Ruth Fennel



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## Join us to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee Sunday 5th June 12 to 2 pm

**Bring your own food** and also a few decorations to help create a party atmosphere. We will set up tables in front of the village shop. For more info contact Ellie Denno 07799060050







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#### **Batsworthy Fund/PTFA**

The PTFA is pulling together an application for the Batsworthy Community Benefit Fund 'Future Generations of Batsworthy' to help the school offer an enrichment programme, to bounce back from the impact of COVID and to work with other schools in the area to pool resources and activities. We really need your help. In order to make our application as strong as possible we need you to fill out our survey. An email will be sent out next week with the link to the survey for you to fill in. There are only 10 questions and shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete but it could well help us secure a substantial amount of money to benefit the children and families at RPS. Thanks in advance for your support.







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## Swimming lessons for Year 5s

These will start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Summer term and a letter will come out next week detailing the dates/times and any relevant information.

#### **Drum + Guitar Concert**

There will be a concert by the drum and guitar players on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It will take place during assembly that day – parents/carers will be welcome to join us.

More details to follow...





Well done Year 6 for all your hard work this week during SATS, you concentrated well and stayed on track. We are proud of you.

### **Lost Property**

If your child has lost their jumper/cardigan recently please do pop in to the office to see if it has been handed in to us. We have a selection that have no names. There is also a branded micro fleece, if you think this may be your child's please contact the office.

If your child's clothing is named we can match them to their owner's!









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FOR OUR JUBILEE VILLAGE DAY IN RACKENFORD ON THE 2ND OF JUNE WE ARE ORGANISING A TOMBOLA AND WE WOULD BE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR ANY DONATIONS, BRING IT IN SCHOOL PLEASE.

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# Halberton Community Association and Mid Devon Singers present a Musical Evening for Ukraine

With the MiDS, local musicians and dancers St. Andrew's Church & Halberton Village Hall

## Saturday 14 May 2022 7pm—10pm

Tickets £10 (£5 if contributing to the Bring & Share Buffet). Accompanied Children free. Bar and Raffle.

Tickets from The Busy Bee, Fore Street, Tiverton or hca@halberton.org

Enquiries, to perform or offer help: 01884 820081 / 07973 890947 (Terry)







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