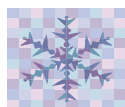
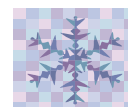


# Reckleford School & Nursery



## Newsletter 1



JANUARY 2017



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! We hope you all had a lovely break. I have been talking to the children about New Year Resolutions and we have had some lovely suggestions - look out for them on the School Council Board!**

### SCHOOL IN A BAG

The school council teamed up with Lis from the School in a Bag charity to present an excellent assembly on the work of this charity and how we, as a school, could make a difference to the lives of some children around the world.

Did you know that currently around 75,000,000 children cannot go to school? School in a Bag provides lovely school kits to these children so that they are able to start school, learn, make friends and have a good meal every day.

Each bag costs £20 to supply, fill and send. Next week we will be asking the children for fund raising ideas so that we can raise enough money for some bags. When we have done this Lis will return so that the children can pack these bags and learn where in the world they will be going to. Please talk to your child about some ideas that could be run in school.

### WILD ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL!

To launch our new topic 'What a Wonderful World' we had some slithery, crawly, snappy, sticky and feathered visitors in school on Tuesday. We were all treated to a fantastic talk from Joe and the children were able to meet some amazing animals. Many of the children were brave enough to hold these

animals and keep smiling! Look out for the photos around school.

### NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

This term we are really focusing on the children's key literacy and maths skills. It was great to see Squirrel parents in for their spelling workshop.

Hedgehog and Badger parents are being invited to a maths session on the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> January - letters to come out this week.

### PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN PRACTICE AND LEARN THEIR WORDS FOR BOTH READING & SPELLING EACH WEEK.

*We will be catching up with parents whose children are not yet on the Reading Rainbow - remember to sign the reading records!*

### THE BIG MATHS CHALLENGE!

This new reward scheme has been launched to the children this week. It is a tough challenge of number bonds, doubling and times tables knowledge. When teachers feel children are ready they will come to me to take a test and can earn Bronze, Silver, Gold - and ultimately - PLATINUM certificates!

(Badgers class are already in training...)

### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

These classes return this week on Fridays from 9.10 to 11.00 and are taught by a specialist teacher from SSL.

This is a fantastic chance to learn English, make friends and start to feel confident to

Speak to your children's teachers about a range of important issues. We expect a high turn out for what is a fantastic, free opportunity.

**STARTING SCHOOL ...**

January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for making your school application - don't miss your chance of your first choice!

Applications can be made online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/apply-to-start-school](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/apply-to-start-school)

Don't forget you can raise funds for the school simply by shopping online through

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

For any more details on the school please see our Website:

[www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk](http://www.reckleford.somerset.sch.uk)

**AND FINALLY...**

Cold weather could be arriving so please make sure your child is warmly dressed each day. Many thanks!

**Dates for your diaries...**

10.1	TROPICAL INC. 9.30 - 10.30am
11.1	SCHOOL IN A BAG ASSEMBLY - 10.15 (with school council)
15.1	DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - Yr R and Yr 3 for Sept
25.1	PARENTS VISIT MATHS IN YR1 & 2
26.1	PARENTS VISIT MATHS IN YR 1 & 2
28.1	CHINESE NEW YEAR
30.1	YEOVIL COLLEGE - DANCE SESSIONS ALL CLASSES
13.2 - 17.2	HALF-TERM



**‘Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.’** Reckleford School & Nursery ‘Ethos’