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Working together to be the best we can possibly be.






I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4.13*

14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Year 1 pupils who have been completing the Phonics Screening Check this week.

Safeguarding: films and video game certificates

				
<p>PEGI 3 This rating means the game is suitable for all ages and it shouldn't have any frightening images or sounds. Mild, comical violence is allowed but no bad language.</p> <p>Games rated PEGI 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifa • Mario Kart • Rocket League • Sonic Free Riders • Pokemon Go 	<p>PEGI 7 Games with this rating can include sounds and images that may be frightening to very young children and mild violence is acceptable. Mild violence in this context means implied, non-detailed and non-realistic.</p> <p>Games rated PEGI 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crash Bandicoot • Lego Worlds • Minecraft • Sonic Unleashed 	<p>PEGI 12 Violence gets slightly more graphic in this category, and you may see acts of 'non-realistic' violence towards 'human-like characters'. Sexual innuendos or sexual posturing might also be included in games with this rating. Mild bad language and gambling images/references may also be present.</p> <p>Games rated PEGI 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legend of Zelda • Shadow of the Colossus • The Sims 4 • Fortnite 	<p>PEGI 16 You will find this rating on games that present more realistic, life-like depictions of violence or sexual activity. Bad language is more prevalent and extreme and characters' use of drugs and alcohol may be seen.</p> <p>Games rated PEGI 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monster Hunter • EA Sports UFC 3 • PlayerUnknown's Battleground 	<p>PEGI 18 This is an adult classification and a game with this rating may include gross, excessive violence with motiveless killing and/or violence towards innocent characters. Sexual activity and the use of drugs may be glamoured in games with this PEGI rating.</p> <p>Games rated PEGI 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Theft Auto • Call of Duty • Fallout 4 • Just Cause 2, 3, and 4

Wellbeing and Mental Health:

We all have good days and bad days, but when negative thoughts and feelings start to affect your daily life and stop you doing the things you enjoy, or your ability to feel okay, this means you need support with your mental health. For example, nearly everyone gets anxious before an exam, a job interview or a first date. But if you feel anxious all the time and this is stopping you from sleeping well or meeting up with friends, you might need help.

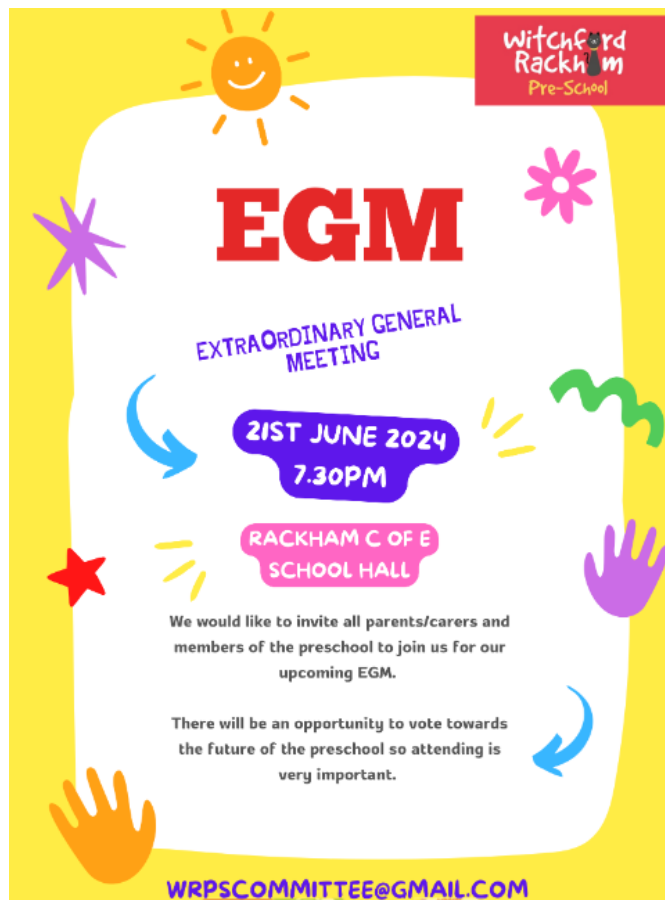
News from Witchford Rackham Pre-School: Extraordinary General Meeting 21st June 2024

If you have a child who currently attends Witchford Rackham Pre-School, we would like to invite you to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm in The Rackham C of E Primary school hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the following proposal: To close the pre-school at the end of the Summer Term 2024 and for The Rackham C of E Primary School to take it over under their Section 27 community powers as a school run pre-school from September 2024 to provide continuity and stability for the community.

The pre-school needs enough members (parents/carers/committee) attending to be able to vote and it would be one vote per family.

There will be an opportunity for questions at this meeting and will be attended by the Committee alongside the Headteacher of The Rackham C of E Primary School.



Uniform: jewellery and trainers

A reminder to parents and carers that the only jewellery appropriate in school is one pair of plain stud earrings. Please do not send your child to school wearing any other jewellery unless pre-agreed for religious reasons. Cycling shorts may be worn under an appropriate length school skirt or dress for modesty reasons. Cycling shorts are not part of school uniform apart from PE days.

Please keep footwear to plain black which can include trainers. Please avoid other colours of closed toe footwear to support our uniform policy.

Newsletter - parent feedback:

As mentioned last week, we would be grateful for your feedback on the format of the newsletter using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/YKWCTgNvw6>

Reception Parent meal:

We would like to invite Reception parents and carers to join us for school dinner on Thursday 27th June. The meal will be our extremely popular (and very delicious) roast dinner.

Parents and carers are asked to purchase their school dinner through MCAS under the Products and Trips tab. The meal will cost £3.60. **Meal choice and payment must be made by Friday 21st June please.** Please complete this form to book your meal once payment has been made on MCAS:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8rKSiryYUm>

Unfortunately, we can only offer for one parent or carer to attend. This will be an annual event moving forwards so will be repeated next academic year.

Children in Reception who prefer to have a home packed lunch will still have opportunity for their parent or carer to join them. Adults can still order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home to sit to eat with their child.

Please can parents and carers of Reception children arrive for school dinner at 11.40am.

No Nuts:

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a NO NUTS school. Nutella B Ready bars and Nutella and Go products both contain nuts and are not permitted in packed lunches. You can find the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website here. Thank you for your adherence to this policy.

FWR Funday Sunday: Sunday 30th June 2024

It's getting close!

At the end of last week the children should have brought home Grand Prize Draw tickets. Please can you help by selling the draw tickets. The draw will be held on Funday Sunday on 30th June.

Please ensure the name and contact details are written on every ticket and return the counterfoils, payment and any unsold tickets to the school by 21st June 2024.

If you need extra books, please contact the office or fwr@rackham.cambs.sch.uk



Uniform update: Year 5 hoodie orders.

Hoodies for current Year 5 children will be available to order on Sigma’s website from Tuesday 11th June: [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

Orders must be placed by 28th June, these will then be delivered to the school and given to the children before the end of term.

The hoodies will cost £22.00 for the child size and £28.20 for adult sizes.



The World Peashooting Championship:

A colorful poster for the 51st World Peashooting Championship. The title '51st The World PEASHOOTing CHAMPIONSHIP' is at the top in green and blue, with a globe and pea icons. The date 'Saturday 13 July 2024' is in pink, and the time '11:30 - 16:30' and location 'Witcham Village Green, Ely, CB6 2LB' are in blue. A list of competitions includes 'The Open', 'Traditional Peashooter', 'The Teams Open', 'Petit Pais', 'Youth', and 'Junior Teams'. It also lists activities like BBO, Bar, Gin Tent, Stalls, Raffles, Teas, Cakes, Ice Cream, Face painting, and Crafts. The website 'www.worldpeashoot.com' is at the bottom. Logos for CHEFFINS and WITCHAM EVENTS COMMITTEE are also present.

Seahorse Swim School – Summer intensive course:



The poster features a photograph of three children swimming in a pool with colorful buoys. A pink circular badge in the top right corner says "5 DAY INTENSIVE COURSE". Below the photo is the Seahorse Swim School logo and the text "BOOK NOW!". The main title is "SPLASH INTO SUMMER Swimming Lessons". The poster is divided into two columns of information.

SESSION DATES	KING'S ELY POOL
WEEK 1 29TH JULY – 2ND AUGUST	INDEPENDENT LESSONS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
WEEK 2 5TH AUGUST – 9TH AUGUST	30 MINUTES LESSONS BETWEEN 9-11:30AM
WEEK 3 12 AUGUST – 16TH AUGUST	FUN SWIMMING LESSONS
£100 PER SWIMMER	3:1 CLASS RATIO

Contact: 01353 482 492 | www.seahorseswimely.co.uk

Attendance:

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child’s attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day.

This week our attendance figure as a school is: 94.8%

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary	
21.06.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and parents advised of their child's new class and teacher • Ely Arts Festival concert at Ely Cathedral with The Rackham choir • Witchford Rackham Pre-School EGM 7.30pm at The Rackham.
25.06.2024	Transition day
26.06.2024	Year 1 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
27.06.2024	Year 2 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
27.06.2024	Reception classes Parent meal (booking required)
28.06.2024	Bring a bottle for Funday – non uniform day Sports Theme
30.06.2024	FWR Funday Sunday
WC 01.07.2024	Olympic Week including Sports Days
03.07.2024	FWR Film Night (booking required nearer the time)
04.07.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piano concert 9.30am (Booking required) • Picnic lunch and Sports Day afternoon Reception and Key Stage One (booking required nearer the time).
05.07.2024	Picnic lunch and Sports Day afternoon Key Stage Two (booking required nearer the time).
W/C 08.07.2024	Parents Evenings
08.07.2024	Rocksteady concert – 9.30am (booking required)
11.07.2024	Reception trip to Hinchingsbrooke Country Park
17.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers BBQ 3.30 - 5.30pm (booking required nearer the time)
19.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers assembly and parent lunch (booking required nearer the time)