



**RACKHAM**  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A positive week at The Rackham, the atmosphere around school is purposeful and productive.

**Sad news:**

Some parents and carers may remember Mr Derrick McGee who recently passed away. He was the caretaker at Rackham for 8 years. Mr McGee was a popular member of staff and was well thought of by everyone. He would always go out of his way to help anyone if he possibly could. Mr McGee's family suggest donations to Diabetes UK if desired. We send our sincere condolences to Mr McGee's family.

**Safeguarding: online safety**

We must continue to remain vigilant to ensure we are keeping our children safe when using mobile phones, PCs or tablets. Would you know how to set up a device so it is safe for your child to use online? If you require any support ensuring settings on devices you have at home are appropriate for your child, please contact the office and we will help you. Please find attached an information leaflet for parents written by the NSPCC.

There is lots of information for parents on the NSPCC website [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

**Attendance:**

On Fridays we review attendance figures. Thank you for all you are doing to be at school on time.

**Trial end of day procedures, third and final option:**

We have continued to seek opinions about the new end of day routine. It seems that consensus of opinion is that the red gate being open at 3.10pm is positive with parents and carers moving forwards, closer to the Reception and Key Stage One classrooms to receive children.

In relation to the Year 3 and 4 children, there seem to be mixed opinions about the children coming out of school the same way as Year 5 and 6.

We are going to try a different method for Year 3 and 4 this coming week, they will come out through the hall as they did previously.

This will be our last trial period by which time we will have used all options available to us. We will email you a questionnaire next week to gather parent opinion before making a final decision.

**Girls football sessions:**

Please see the attached letter from Ipswich Town FC about a new football opportunity for girls to attend sessions led by their coaching team.

**Uniform shop:**

What a huge success the first opening of our uniform shop was on Wednesday. Items sold for a suggested donation of £1. We also had some donations of some second hand school uniform that still has lots of wear.

We will let you know the date of the next sale soon. If you need any items in the meantime, please email FWR directly to enquire about items available. Email address: [FWR@rackham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:FWR@rackham.cambs.sch.uk)

**Food bank vouchers:**

Miss Smith is now able to issue food bank vouchers to any families that are in need of support. If you would like to request a voucher, please email her on [smith@rackham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:smith@rackham.cambs.sch.uk)

**FWR key dates for this term:**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Krispy Kreme doughnut day!

1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 23 Film Night

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Easter Bingo

29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Easter Disco

More details to follow!

**ECops:**

Please see the attached letter from eCops.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner  
Acting Headteacher

