



RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for so many good morning wishes each day this week. What a positive start to the day it makes!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Herselman who has been appointed as Acting Deputy Headteacher. We are so thrilled to have Mrs Herselman in this role. Mrs Herselman knows Rackham extremely well and will take on SENDCO responsibilities. Mrs Herselman will continue to lead in Elm class.

Welcome to The Reverend Canon Mark Haworth:

We were delighted to welcome The Reverend Canon Mark Haworth to The Rackham this week for his first visit. Mark will be coming into school to lead Collective Worship on a regular basis which we are hugely looking forward to.

Attendance:

Thank you for responding so proactively to our request to have your children at school by 8.45am. Teachers have reported the very positive impact in the classroom this has had. The electronic log in system is now available for parents to register their child's arrival if after 8.45am.

Appeal for parent volunteers to hear pupils read:

Thank you to those parents and carers who have volunteered so far. If you do have some spare time, would you please contact the office with your name, contact details and availability. Please email office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk Thank you in anticipation of your help and time.

Trial of new routine at the end of the day for Reception and Year 1 and 2:

We have sought opinions from parents which has confirmed the new exit location from school for Year 3 and 4 is an improvement. We will continue with this moving forwards.

Based on the decision for Year 3 and 4 to continue to share the Year 5 and 6 access, we are now going to move to a second phase that includes Reception and Key Stage One.

From Monday 16th January, at 3.15pm when the red gate is opened, parents of children in Reception and Key Stage One can move through the gate to wait a little closer to the school building. Chestnut and Larch teachers will dismiss children from the doorway of their classrooms.

Mrs RussellCook will dismiss Beech a little way forward of the class door. Ash and Rowan will be dismissed from the arched door.

School meals:

Please can you ensure that you have booked meals for your child on MCAS. If no meal has been booked and your child does not have a packed lunch with them, they will be given the main meal option on the day.

Uniform swap shop:

Our wonderful FWR are setting up a uniform swap shop. Each item will be sold for a suggested donation of £1. If you would like to purchase or donate some second hand school uniform that still has lots of wear, the FWR will be setting up their first Uniform Swap Shop on Wednesday 18th January before and after school. If being on the school site is a challenge, please email FWR directly to enquire about items available. The email address is FWR@rackham.cambs.sch.uk

Parking at drop off and pick up:

Would you please be mindful of where you park at drop off and pick up. We have been advised about a lot of congestion on Common Road which has made access to homes a challenge for families living in that area. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Tanzi TV

We have loved hosting Tanzi TV this week. As of next week, Tanzi TV will be recording a session at Rackham once a week. The Tanzi brothers offer extremely enjoyable sessions that are great fun for everyone. Families can share the joy that 'Tanzi Tuesday' brings to our school from home using this link: [Tanzii TV - Children's Fitness Videos | Activity Ideas for Primary Schools](#)

Request from the Parish Council for your help:

The Parish Council will be carrying out a village-wide consultation this month about how climate change reduction measures can be included in the Witchford Neighbourhood Plan. Please use this link to access and complete their online survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR6vKxXwA-sdOXECSCrSOqx53YA00AwRBAFlrgGuDIDV8T6A/viewform?usp=sharing>

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner
Acting Headteacher

