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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super week it has been to have returned our children to swimming lessons.

Sad farewells:

We are extremely sad to advise parents and carers that Mrs Boyden will be leaving The Rackham at the end of this academic year. We are also preparing to say goodbye to Mrs Davey. Both Mrs Boyden and Mrs Davey are seeking their next challenge as part of their career development, and we wish them both every best wish in their new roles.

A very warm welcome:

We are delighted to advise parents and carers that Miss Sarah Cattini and Miss Tracy Gordon have been appointed to commence teaching roles at The Rackham in September 2023. We are thrilled to welcome these teaching professionals to our team.

We also have the pleasure of working with a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Tanisha Bird. Welcome!

Welcome back:

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Boyden and Mrs Pooley who will both be returning from maternity leave after half term. Mrs Boyden will be teaching in Elm class four days a week until the end of the academic year, this will enable Mrs Herselman to carry out her Deputy Head duties.

Mrs Pooley will return to her HLTA/ELSA role for three days a week from half term, continuing in September.

Safeguarding: Parental controls and how to set them up on an iPhone:

Please find attached some easy to follow instructions on how to set up parental controls on an iPhone to ensure our children are safer online.

FWR: Film Night: payment via MCAS.

A date for your diary: our next film night will be Wednesday 24th May 2023. All bookings will be via MCAS and payment **must be made by 9am on Monday 22nd May** in line with our safeguarding plus fire regulations.

FREE: Open your account using these details:

Families can now log into My Happy Mind. Log in link here: <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (110807).

If you log in but do not receive an email with your log in details, then request a password reset and to enable you to log in. If you need any help, please contact school.

There is an app that you can download for your phone as well as using the software online.

Sunday Funday - Save the date:

FWR are busy planning our Funday event which will be on Sunday 25th June. More details to follow soon.

Parking:

Please ensure when dropping children to school by car, members of the school community continue to be mindful and considerate when parking in surrounding roads.

Please also ensure the double yellow lines and associated regulations are honoured when parking near the school. Thank you in advance of your help.

Open Door policy:

It is very important to our team at The Rackham that parents and carers feel able to contact us with questions or to share their thoughts or concerns.

If you wish to contact school, please use the office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk email address to request a meeting to discuss something. Alternatively contact us by phone or class email.

Teamwork between home and school that is strong is of such a huge benefit to our children and ensures we are working together to be the best we can possibly be.

Chair of Governors:

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Pam Dossang has been voted in as our new Chair of Governors.

We would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Mr Simon Karger for six years of service to The Rackham. No mean feat! Mr Karger has decided to remain as a Governor. We also thank Mrs Sue Campbell and Mr Julian Hammond for their time as members of the Governing Body.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner

Headteacher