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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week.

Welcome:

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Davison to The Rackham teaching staff now she has commenced her role with Oak class.

We also welcome Mrs Jacquie Douglas as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Douglas has previously worked at The Rackham, and we are so thrilled to welcome her back.

My Happy Mind:

Families can now log into My Happy Mind. We sincerely thank FWR for purchasing this for our school from Reception to Year 6. Log in link here: <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (110807).

Swimming:

We are still completing final checks before lessons commence. We are aiming for Tuesday 2nd May for the first sessions this year. Confirmation next Friday.

St. Andrew's Church Poetry Competition:

St. Andrew's Church have a poetry competition that has the theme of change or changes. There are three age groups: up to 12; 13-17; 18 and over. Please find attached details on how to enter.

A reminder: Safeguarding: School events:

Please note that moving forward, for any event being hosted in school, the cut off for bookings and any payment required will be two days prior to the event. This is in line with safeguarding plus fire safety compliance and procedures.

Safeguarding: Age ratings on games:

Please find attached information on age ratings for computer games.

Parent's Evening:

The MCAS appointment booking system is now closed for Parent's Evening next week. If you have not yet booked an appointment for your child, please contact either the office or your child's classteacher.

A reminder: The King's Coronation: Save the date Friday 5th May 2023:

We are currently planning a Coronation Celebration at The Rackham. The event will take place on the school field on the afternoon of Friday 5th May 2023.

This event will be for children who currently attend The Rackham, younger siblings who do not attend I am afraid we are unable to invite unless babes in arms. We are welcoming two adults from each family to the event. Because of health and safety plus fire regulations, we will utilise our online booking system that will open on Friday 28th April and close on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. Family members are requested to bring their own packed lunch and a picnic blanket. The event will commence at 12.30pm so we will admit those adults who have booked through our online booking system, from 12.15pm.

Please remember our school is a nut free school so refrain from bringing any nut products onto the school site.

Children will wear uniform as usual to school for our street party day.

A reminder: The Rackham: Recipes for a Royal Coronation:

Do you have a favourite family recipe for a pudding or cake, perhaps it is for a main meal or something you prepare for special occasions?

To mark the King's Coronation, we would be delighted to receive a copy of a recipe that is special to your family or your child. All recipes collected will be published in our own school recipe book. Copies of the book will be sold at Family Day in June.

If you would like to contribute (Mrs Pluck has already confirmed she is submitting her recipe for Sticky Toffee Pudding), please email your recipe to the school office Office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk

You may like to rename your recipe so it has a link with your family, for example, 'Mrs Pluck's super Sticky Toffee Pudding' or you may like to use the names of your children, e.g. 'Ruby's pasta bake special'.

FWR: Witchford's Coronation Scavenger Hunt:

On Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May 2023, FWR are running a scavenger hunt in the village. Teams of up to 6 can enter for £5. The hunt runs from 10am - 12 midday starting and finishing at The Rackham C of E Primary School.

FWR: Film Night:

A date for your diary: our next film night will be Wednesday 24th May 2023.

School Food Survey for the LA:

We would be very grateful if you would consider supporting the following focus group events, so that the council may receive valuable feedback about Early Years / school food provision. Please see the attached information for further details.

Opportunity to sing in Ely Cathedral!

The Rackham have once again been invited to take part in Ely Arts Festival's Community Concert, taking place on Friday 16th June in Ely Cathedral. 350 local school children will have the opportunity to sing alongside a live orchestra and professional soloists, performing an exciting mix of space-themed music. The children who took part last year had a brilliant experience, and it would be fantastic to get as many involved as possible for this year's event. Those involved will need to attend weekly choir rehearsals for this term, which take place on Monday lunchtimes. If your child is interested, please let the office know by Friday 28th April so they can be added to the choir list. This is open to any children in KS2. We can't wait! To find out more, visit the Ely Arts Festival website: <https://www.elyartsfestival.org/whats-on/whats-on/hl-space-community-concert>

FWR School uniform swap shop:

The next school uniform swap shop will be on Friday 28th April. Do you have any donations of school uniform? If so, please bring them to the school office. Thank you for your support.

Sutton Beast:

Please find attached some details about the Sutton Beast in July.

NEU Teacher Strike Day Thursday 27th April 2023:

At the time of writing, The Rackham will be open on Thursday. The office will update further on Tuesday next week.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner
Headteacher