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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now entering our last month of the academic year which doesn't seem quite possible!

**A very warm welcome:**

We are delighted to advise parents and carers that Ms Susan Proctor is due to join our teaching team in September. Welcome Ms Proctor!

**A sad farewell:**

We are sad to advise parents and carers that Mr Hart will be leaving The Rackham at the end of this year. We wish Mr Hart well in his new role and thank him for all he has done whilst at The Rackham.

**FWR Funday Sunday, this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June! Are you ready?**

We are so excited, only two more days to go until Funday Sunday!

Our amazing FWR volunteer parent committee have put so much work into preparing for Funday Sunday. We cannot wait to see you on the school field on Sunday for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon! See you there!

**Safeguarding: Managing device stress and anxiety:**

Please find attached some information explaining how use of devices can cause stress and anxiety in us as adults and our children.

The information also gives some strategies on how to reduce stress and anxiety cause by use of devices.

**St. Andrew's Church Family Service: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

As a church school, The Rackham has extremely close links with our beautiful village church, St. Andrew's. Our school's name was taken from the Reverend Hanworth Rackham, the vicar of St. Andrew's who was our founder in 1844.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July there will be a family service and all families whose children have an association with The Rackham are invited. The service will start at 10am at St. Andrew Church Witchford on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. Please see attached leaflet with more details.

**FREE: My Happy Mind: Have you logged in for your free account yet?**

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.

Thank you sincerely to brilliant FWR for funding this for our adults in school, parents and children.

**Message from Cathy Wright at Haddenham Food Bank:**

We know how much the cost of living is affecting so many people at the moment and I wanted to remind you of the help available at Haddenham Centre as part of Ely Foodbank.

A food parcel to last 3-4 days, together with toiletries, laundry products, pet food & nappies etc is on offer for those struggling with finances or just needing some extra help to assist in a crisis. Such an offer can make a huge difference to those who are not managing day to day and a referral can be made to our own Foodbank Advisors from Citizens Advice to further the support and advice on-hand to our visiting clients.

Haddenham Foodbank serves those in Haddenham, Aldreth, Wilburton, Stretham, Witchford & Sutton.

**The Centre is open on Mondays 1pm - 2pm at the Holy Trinity Church.** Any queries or questions please do get in touch. Cathy Wright - Project Director Tel: 01353 468626 [www.elyfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.elyfoodbank.org.uk)

**Private swimming lessons:**

Personalised swimming lessons are available in the Ely area, featuring private pools and expert teachers who can help children overcome fears, gain confidence, or refine their swimming strokes. Please see attached flyer.

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception 2023 intake event 3.30 – 4.15pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/xtaDvRH37D">https://forms.office.com/e/xtaDvRH37D</a>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reports home and bookings for Parent’s Evening open</li><li>• Back up date for KS2 if poor weather on 6<sup>th</sup> July</li></ul>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transition Day for Reception to Y5 (Y6 at WVC intake day)</li><li>• Parent's Evening</li></ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Second transition day for WVC pupils</li><li>• Reception and KS1 Sports Day – ticket booking form will be sent out on Monday 26th June</li></ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5/6 performances: 10am and 2pm.</li><li>• Back up date for Reception and KS1 Sports Day if poor weather on 13th</li></ul>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver’s BBQ 3.30 - 6pm

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday at Funday Sunday!

Best wishes,



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