



RACKHAM
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break.

A sad farewell to Mrs Ann Perkins:

This term we start back at The Rackham without Mrs Ann Perkins, one of our Midday Supervisors. Mrs Perkins was a Midday Supervisor at The Rackham for 18 years. She was constantly positive and showed great care and kindness towards all our children. We will miss Mrs Perkins greatly and thank her sincerely for the many days she has spent on the playground ... in all weathers! We wish Mrs Perkins a hugely enjoyable retirement.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Mr Hart who started as a teacher at The Rackham in Oak class on Monday. We are delighted to welcome you to the team Mr Hart!

We also welcome two new Teaching Assistants, Miss Papanova and Mrs Spencer who are starting with us next week. Welcome to both of you, we are hugely looking forward to you working at The Rackham.

World Book Day:

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March and children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, play or poem.

Please also see the attached leaflet from Anglesey Abbey who are celebrating World Book Day on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March.

Barracudas:

Please find attached an information leaflet about the Barracudas organisation for children.

World Down's Syndrome Day: Tuesday 21st March 2023

21st March is World Down's Syndrome Day. Schools and businesses all over the UK are taking part. World Down's Syndrome Day is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. Activities and events help raise awareness about what Down's Syndrome is, what it means to have Down's Syndrome, and how people who have Down's Syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

The choice of date is carefully chosen as 21/03 reminds us that Down's Syndrome occurs when chromosome 21 has a third copy rather than 2.

On Tuesday 21st March 2023, children at Rackham can come to school dressed in the brightest socks they can find either in pairs or one of each of a favourite pair. The brighter the socks, the better!

NEU proposed strike day 1st March 2023:

At the time of writing, The Rackham will be open on Wednesday 1st March 2023. Further updates will be sent to parents and carers on Monday 27th February.

Safeguarding: What Parents and Carers need to know about Spotify:

From Ariana Grande to Dua Lipa, Katy Perry to Justin Timberlake, even the most mainstream and conventional artists in pop aren't averse to releasing the odd track which contains swearing or explicit lyrics. Listening to this could prove an upsetting experience for a young person who stumbles across such songs on Spotify. In genres like hip hop there is a profanity every 47 words, according to one recent study.

More recently, Spotify has seen increasing success with its vast collection of podcasts, spanning topics such as comedy, sport, politics, lifestyle and health. Given that over half (55%) of Spotify's audience occupies the 18–35 age bracket, some of these shows, and the frank manner in which certain issues are discussed, are very definitely not for younger ears.

Please find attached an information poster to help you keep your child safe when using Spotify.

Open morning for Key Stage One:

We are delighted to confirm the open morning for Key Stage One will be on Tuesday 14th March. Parents are invited to come into the hall after drop off for a cup of tea. Mrs RussellCook will then lead a presentation before parents are invited into class to meet their children and work alongside them. Further information to follow.

Meal booking:

Please can you ensure you have booked meals for your child via MCAS.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner
Headteacher

