



**RACKHAM**  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week at The Rackham, we have some very exciting news to share with you all.

**Congratulations to us!**

Congratulations to children and staff for achieving the silver Arts Mark. Special thanks to Mrs Deery for collating all our evidence. This award is a tremendous achievement for The Rackham! Very well done everyone!

**Safeguarding: keeping our children safe:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 is national online safety day however **we must ensure our children are safe online every day** of the year.

As parents and carers, it is important we know what our children are doing online and that we are monitoring our child's phone or tablet use. This link takes you to a game to play with your child which will provide an opportunity to talk about online safety while playing. [CEOP Education](https://www.ceop.education.gov.uk) ([thinkuknow.co.uk](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk))

Would you like to understand more about county lines in Cambridgeshire? Please see the attached leaflet detailing how to access an online webinar on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 for parents led by three groups including Barnados. Details of how to join the webinar are on the attached flyer.

**Confirmation of routine at the end of the school day:**

Thank you to those parents who replied to our online poll about end of day arrangements.

Based on parent feedback, from now on the routine will be for Year 3 and 4 to exit through the hall.

Year 5 and 6 will exit through the red gate that leads from the bottom car park. Reception and Key Stage One will exit from classroom doors. Thank you for your responses to our questionnaire.

**Teacher strikes:**

We are anticipating that The Rackham will be open on the planned national strike day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We will write to you again on Monday with more information.

**Parking:**

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 Church View which has made access to homes a challenge for families living in that area. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

**East Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre:**

Did you know you can access the East Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre based at Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School High Barns Ely CB7 4RB by email or phone to get advice or information? Email: [childandfamilycentre.east@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:childandfamilycentre.east@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or phone: 01353 612770

Please see the attached 'What's On' leaflet about all the services East Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre offers in Ely.

**RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:**

How many birds visit your garden? Here is a chance to find out. Children from The Rackham have enjoyed taking part over recent years. Further details here: [Big Garden Birdwatch | The RSPB](#)

**Ely Wildlife Watch:**

Did you know Ely Wildlife Watch is run by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire? With the help of enthusiastic volunteers, they provide fun, informative wildlife-based activities for primary age children and their families in Ely. The volunteers are all DBS checked.

To book go to <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2023-02-04-ely-wildlife-watch-bird-detectives>

**National storytelling week:**

Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is National Storytelling Week. Parents and Carers may like to post on Tapestry some images of sharing a story with their children with their class teacher. If you are seeking some ideas of activities, please use this link. [Celebrate Storytelling Week at home | Words for Life](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner



Acting Headteacher

