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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy it has been to welcome parents and carers back into school for Parent's Evening and to see everyone together again. Thank you to all families who have been into school to meet with teachers.

Congratulations:

This week we held interviews for the permanent position of Deputy Headteacher. You may have already read my letter sent on Wednesday but just in case you may have missed it, we are thrilled that Mrs Herselman has been appointed and will take up her role immediately.

School vision: Working together to be the best we can possibly be

Our new School Vision has been shared with the children who have responded with their interpretation of what it means. The response from our children has been so positive and we are extremely proud of how ably they have demonstrated their understanding.

Safeguarding: End of the school day:

It has been brought to our attention that some of our pupils are climbing on the brick wall at the front of school leading onto Main Street at the end of the day. We politely request that parents and carers ensure their children stay off the wall and leave our school site in a safe manner.

One key element of school life is learning about the importance of respect. Climbing on the wall is inappropriate conduct for children and disrespectful to school premises. Thank you for your help stopping this.

Reminder: 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).

If you log in but do not receive an email with your log in details, then request a password reset 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. There is also a book that families may be interested in reading. It is called My Happy Mind and the author is Laura Earnshaw. Children are learning about My Happy Mind so using the app or website at home too would be a fantastic way to bridge learning between home and school.

Swimming:

Swimming will commence on Tuesday 2nd May. Please see year group newsletters for details of class swimming days and times.

Miss Oliver our PE Lead has prepared the following reminders for parents and children:

- All hair must be tied up and in a swimming cap if longer than chin length (this includes fringes that are longer than eyebrow length and will impede vision).
- Children must wear a one-piece costume or trunks. Tankinis, bikinis and bermuda style shorts are unacceptable.
- All earrings must be removed.
- Goggles should not be worn (unless they include a prescription lens).
- Remember a towel to dry off with after your swimming lesson.

Safeguarding: Roblox:

Please find attached information on safeguarding concerns relating to children playing Roblox.

Parent's Evening MCAS booking system feedback:

We would welcome any feedback on the MCAS booking system and how it has been for parents and carers when confirming appointment times for this week's Parent's Evening.

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

We are greatly looking forward to our 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, please book your tickets via this link:

Bookings **must** be made by 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 tickets 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.

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.

NEU Teacher Strike Day Tuesday 2nd May 2023:

The Rackham will be open for children apart from Year 5 on Tuesday. Home education will be provided for children in Year 5 and sent by email on Tuesday morning.

Do you have any ambitions to be a Bikeability instructor?

Bikeability is continuing to grow in popularity with more schools and pupils participating within the area. To enable us to continue to meet demand, we need to recruit more local cycle instructors.

Please see the attached poster for further details.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, enjoy the May Day Bank Holiday!

Best wishes,



Miss Turner
Headteacher