



RACKHAM
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that we are at the end of the Spring Term already.

Easter Collective Worship:

We were delighted to welcome the Revd. Canon Mark Haworth to The Rackham to lead our Collective Worship this afternoon. Everyone had the opportunity to receive a palm cross. We extend our thanks to the PPC for this kind gift.

Farewells:

We are extremely sad to say goodbye to Mrs Ward who has decided to take a break from teaching. We wish Mrs Ward every success in her future ventures and thank her for all she has done whilst at The Rackham.

We also say a sad farewell to Mr Brown who has worked with Oak class this term. We are very grateful to Mr Brown for his consistently calm and professional approach (and occasional Batman costume). Thank you.

Welcome:

We look forward to welcoming Miss Ansell (who will then be Mrs Davison) to commence her role with Oak class as their class teacher after Easter. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Davison to The Rackham teaching staff.

Thank you FWR:

What a super series of events run by the FWR, the school disco; film night and bingo not forgetting the uniform swap shop and tuck shop. We are extremely lucky to have such a proactive and supportive group of parent volunteers. Thank you sincerely for all you do for our school.

FWR have also funded a new programme called **My Happy Mind** that our children, parents and carers plus adults working at The Rackham will have access to when we return after the Easter holiday. **My Happy Mind** teaches our children about their brains and helps them understand why they experience some of the emotions and feelings they have. It also teaches how to calm our brains, to carry out happy breathing; celebrate how amazing we are; appreciate, relate and engage with others. The programme is designed for children from Reception to Year 6 and specifically designed to support our children and wider school community with their wellbeing and mental health. More details to follow after the Easter holiday.

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: Online gaming:

This website offers advice to parents about a variety of popular online games and how to keep your child safe. [Gaming Advice Hub - Internet Matters](#)

Pupil Premium:

Pupil Premium entitles your child to free school meals and offers financial support with school trips plus other benefits. If you would you like to find out if your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, use this link: [Apply for Education Welfare Benefits - Introduction - Cambridgeshire County Council website \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

Clubs:

Please find details for clubs running during the summer term on MCAS. Clubs will start w\c 1st May with the exception of the two SAT's booster clubs which will begin during the first week. Please book through your MCAS account.

School meals:

Bookings are now open for next term's school meals on MCAS. If your child does not have a meal booked and has no packed lunch, we will order the main meal option for them.

Water bottles:

Children should bring in a named water bottle to use during the school day.

Breakfast and After School Club:

Bookings are open to book your child in for breakfast and / or after school club on MCAS.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor:

Please find attached the April EIFA newsletter.

Parent's Evening:

Our next Parent's Evenings will be w\c 24th April 2023 and will be in person. There will be two evenings, the first on Wednesday 26th April and Thursday 27th April 2023. On Wednesday we will have appointments available from 3.30pm until 7pm, on Thursday, 3.30pm until 5pm.

We are moving to an electronic booking system via MCAS.

Appointment bookings will be open from the first day of next term: Monday 17th April 2023

How to book an appointment:

Please login to your MCAS account and click on the Parent's Evening tab. From the drop-down list, select the day you wish to book an appointment for and then the teacher's name. This will give you a list of available slots – please click 'Book' against your preferred time.

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. We will be extending an invitation to parents, Governors and representatives of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has kindly arranged a commemorative gift for each of our pupils. 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. More details after the Easter holiday.

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'.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and restful break.

Looking forward to seeing you all after the Easter holiday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner
Headteacher

