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Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4.13

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding: Find out how to make your devices safer for your child to use

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined Mr Jon Chiffins leading our online meeting on Tuesday, Safer Internet Day.

This meeting was organised in response to pupil voice and our children requesting their parents and carers knew more about how to set up their phones to ensure they are safe when online.

Mr Chiffins has kindly agreed to share a recording of the meeting for those parents and carers who were unable to attend. We will provide access to this once it is ready to share.

The NSPCC website has advice on how to keep your child safer online: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Wellbeing and Mental Health: Children's views on well-being and what makes a happy life, UK: 2020

The Office of National Statistics asked children about well being and what makes them happy in 2020. Their answers can be found here: [Children's views on well-being and what makes a happy life, UK: 2020 - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

My Happy Mind app has been updated:

The updated App contains new content for parents, carers and pupils to enjoy and carry on their My Happy Mind learning journey at home.

Features include Mini Masterclass for parents; a new Kids Zone which is jam packed with things for children to enjoy such as animated stories, Happy Breathing, music and My Happy Mind games.

Parents and carers can download the app on the links below:

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kj138126.app&hl=kr>

If parents have already created an account, they will be able to sign into the new App straight away.

Work Hard, Dream Big:

We were delighted to host our Work Hard, Dream Big assembly this morning where pupils learnt about what a previous pupil of The Rackham did after they left and the job they now carry out.

If you would like to share with our pupils your story of education and work, we would be thrilled to hear from you.

Family Partnership Lead:

In line with our school vision, 'Working together to be the best we can possibly be', we have identified a revised job title for Miss Smith that reflects our ambition to work as a team with our parents and carers.

Please contact Miss Smith either through the office office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk or directly on ismith@rackham.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to speak by email; arrange a time to speak on the phone or meet in person. Miss Smith has specialist understanding of support for families and children.

Parking: A polite reminder

Several cars are parking on double yellow lines and also parking on the zigzags. Families that have a blue badge are politely requested to display their badge clearly. As a community we must consider everyone's safe access in and out of school.

Vehicles that are parked on the double yellow lines or zig zag lines are parking illegally at all times. This includes during Breakfast Club and Afterschool club drop off/collection.

Film Night:

A reminder that Film Night will take place straight after school on Wednesday 14th February, finishing at 5.00pm (4pm for Reception). The cost will be £3.00 which includes crisps and a drink. If your child has a special dietary need, please let the office know via office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk.

The films being shown are:

Reception: Tabby McTat

Years 1 – 2: Trolls (Please note we have changed this to the first film in the trilogy)

Years 3-6: Sherlock Gnomes

To book a place for your child, please login to your MCAS account where you will find the payment option under Products and Trips.

Bookings must be made by 9am on Monday 12th February. This is so we can comply with Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Fire regulations. No bookings will be accepted after this time.

Attendance:

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child's attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day.

This week our attendance figure as a school is: 94.07%

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Reading volunteers:

Do you have time to volunteer to hear our pupils read? Please contact the office if you would like to find out more. Thank you.

Meals for a fiver: Would you be interested in sharing recipes?

During the cost-of-living crisis, would you be interested in a recipe share of reasonably priced and healthy meal ideas? We think this sounds a good idea and are keen to know your thoughts.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary	
14.02.2024	FWR Film Night
15.02.2024	Bring your parent or carer to school for school dinner Year 4
19.02.2024 - 23.02.2024	Half Term holiday
01.03.2024	Year 4/5/6 Girls Play Football event
04.03.2024	Parent's Evening days and times tbc
22.03.2024	Height and weight Reception and Year 6 only Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Netball Tournament morning FWR Bingo 7pm
25.03.2024	Rocksteady concert time tbc
27.03.2024	FWR Disco
28.03.2024	Last day of school for pupils and staff
29.03.2024	Good Friday Start of Easter holiday
15.04.2024	First day of summer term Pupils return to school