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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*

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Safeguarding:**

Have you set up your mobile phone to monitor your child's devices?

This is very easy, and Mr Chiffins created information for parents on how to do this.

Find the information on our website here: [Parent Information Evenings | The Rackham C of E \(VC\) Primary School \(rackhamprimaryschool.com\)](#)

Please contact school if you would like some help with this monitoring set up.

### **Wellbeing and Mental Health: FREE My Happy Mind:**

Our children are utilising the My Happy Mind resources through one lesson a week.

Accounts for our parents and carers are free. Your child would benefit hugely from accessing the materials when at home as well as in school.

Log in link here: <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (110807).

Laura Earnshaw, the founder of My Happy Mind, has also created some podcasts:

[The truth about prevention in mental health - myHappyMind](#)

[The truth about building self-esteem - myHappyMind](#)

[The truth about separation anxiety - myHappyMind](#)

[The truth about Covid and its ongoing impact - myHappyMind](#)

[The truth about resilience - myHappyMind](#)

### **The Royal Academy: A congratulatory message from Mrs Deery:**

Thank you so much to all the families who sent in artwork to be submitted to the Royal Academy Young Person's Summer Art Exhibition.

Over 21,000 children submitted work and I am pleased to tell you that two children from The Rackham have had their work selected to be exhibited. This is a huge achievement!

These children are Wren Senior and Winston Arnold. Enormous congratulations to them both!



**The Rugby Match: England Vs Scotland**

Wren Senior



**Our Saviour**  
Winston Arnold

The Royal Academy were very impressed with all our submissions and commented on how hard it was to judge all of the wonderful artwork. They have sent certificates for the children whose work was unsuccessful this year. Your child should have brought their certificate home this evening, if they submitted a piece of art work.

Congratulations to all of the children who have taken part this year and I look forward to next year when we can all get creative once more!

To celebrate further, we would love the children who had artwork submitted to the Royal Academy to **bring the artwork into school** so that we can create a lovely display for all the school to see. Please send in by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

Thank you again for supporting your children to be creative and take part in this wonderful opportunity. The Young Artists' Summer Show 2024 will launch online on **Tuesday 16 July**.

All of the selected artworks will be available to view online from this date and will remain on the RA website indefinitely.

The exhibition at the Royal Academy in London will run from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

[Young Artists' Summer Show 2024 | Exhibition | Royal Academy of Arts](#)

I do hope that you will take a look and perhaps get inspired for next year!

### **Uniform update:**

We have considered the Year 6 hoodies and instead of them being an alternative for Year 6 pupils to have instead of uniform, we think it far more sensible to make the hoody an item of uniform for Year 6. This means our pupils will be able to wear their hoodies from their first day in September as they start in Year 6.

We are currently in consultation with Sigma about the design and as soon as the hoodies are available, we will advise our current Year 5 families and share the design along with details on how to order. The hoodies will be called the Year 6 hoody and will no longer be called the leaver's hoody.

### **Is my child too ill for school?**

You might have noticed that there is currently a big push by the Government, with support from the NHS, to decrease avoidable absence in schools.

The NHS has a useful page that helps parents and carers decide whether a child is well enough to attend school.

Along with the Chief Medical Officer, the NHS say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor

cough, runny nose or sore throat. Without an accompanying high temperature, a child would be expected to attend school.

Have a look at the website for more information using this link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/when-should-i-call-the-doctor-when-should-i-go-to-hospital/)

### **Year 1 Parent Meal:**

We would like to invite Year 1 parents and carers to join us for school dinner on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The meal will be our extremely popular (and very delicious) roast dinner.

Parents and carers are asked to purchase their school dinner through MCAS under the Products and Trips tab. The meal will cost £3.60. **Meal choice and payment must be made by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May please.**

Please complete this form to book your meal once payment has been made on MCAS:

Unfortunately, we can only offer for one parent or carer to attend. This will be an annual event moving forwards so will be repeated next academic year.

Children in Year 1 who prefer to have a home packed lunch will still have opportunity for their parent or carer to join them. Adults can still order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home to sit to eat with their child.

Please can parents and carers of Year 1 children arrive for school dinner at 12.00pm.

### **MTC information evening for Year 4 parents: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm**

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 4 are invited to attend an online information evening about the Multiplication Tables Check due to take place in June.

Please book here:

### **Events at Sandringham:**

Please see the attached information regarding half term and Father's Day events being held at the Sandringham estate.

### **An evening of music and poetry at St Andrew's Church:**

St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Come along, free entry, for a super evening. Poster attached with further information.

### **FWR Funday Sunday: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Call for volunteers**

FWR are seeking volunteers to help at Funday Sunday. Would you be able to help?

Parents, carers, Grandparents are welcome!

Register your interest here:

### **Reading book amnesty:**

When you find a reading book from school at home, please do send it into school with your child.

If you would rather, we have set up a book amnesty box in the main reception to school, simply drop off any school reading books you may have.

Thank you so much for your help.

### **Book bag volunteers:**

Do any parents and carers have a spare 10 minutes at drop off to help our teachers in Reception and Key Stage One to remove books that have been read at home from book bags and compile a list of children who need a new book?

If you think you could offer even one morning when you could help, please let the office know or your child's class teacher. Thank you so much.

### **Tapestry updates for teachers:**

Some of our younger children have weekly digital texts sent home via Tapestry that aligns with their learning in class.

Please remember to spend some time reading these texts with your child and posting an update and how things went onto your child's Tapestry account.

### **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: 94.86%

## **ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

**EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT**



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
13.05.2024	SATs week Year 6
23.05.2024	Year 1 Parent meal (booking required)
24.05.2024	Doughnut Day fundraiser – bring £1.00
27 – 31.05.2024	Half term holiday
WC 03.06.2024	Year 6 Bikeability
06.06.2024	Year 3/4 trip to West Stow
13.06.2024	Class photos
21.06.2024	Ely Arts Festival concert at Ely Cathedral with The Rackham choir
25.06.2024	Transition day
27.06.2024	Year 1/2 trip to Duxford
27.06.2024	Reception classes Parent meal (booking required nearer the time)
28.06.2024	Bring a bottle for Funday – non uniform day
30.06.2024	FWR Funday Sunday
WC 01.07.2024	Olympic Week including Sports Days
03.07.2024	FWR Film Night (booking required nearer the time)
04.07.2024	Piano concert - 2.30pm (booking required nearer the time)
W/C 08.07.2024	Parents Evenings
08.07.2024	Rocksteady concert - time tbc
17.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers BBQ 3.30 - 5.30pm (booking required nearer the time)
19.07.2024	Year 6 Leavers assembly and parent lunch (booking required nearer the time)