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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

17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 6 team, both pupils and adults, for a hugely positive and calm SATs week. Every child should be extremely proud of themselves for demonstrating wholeheartedly a desire to do their best.

Safeguarding: A Window Into Young Children and the Online Space – Ofcom

According to Ofcom's annual study of children's relationship with the media and online worlds, 24% of 5 to 7 year olds own a smartphone.

If the definition of devices is widened to tablets, that figure rises to 76%.

A third of those surveyed use social media unsupervised.

Please be vigilant.

If your child uses a tablet or smart phone, ensure the settings are for children rather than adults, to ensure they cannot access inappropriate material.

Check your child's devices every day to see what they have been accessing.

If you would like support with this, please contact the school office.

Wellbeing and Mental Health:

Considering and identifying the elements of our lives that promote stress and anxiety is one way to raise awareness, the first step towards reducing stress.

Try out this online tool plus short video, it provides a reminder to us of how supporting our own mental health works in just the same way as going to the GP to support our physical health.

Tool: mhfaengland.kokodigital.co.uk/frame_content.php

Video: [The Mental Health Continuum \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

FWR Doughnut Day fundraiser:

FWR will be holding a doughnut day fundraiser next Friday 24th May. Please see the attached letter for details.

MTC information evening for Year 4 parents: Tuesday 21st 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:

Reading newsletter:

Please find attached the latest reading newsletter from Mrs Deery.

Year 1 Parent Meal:

We would like to invite Year 1 parents and carers to join us for school dinner on Thursday 23rd 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 today, Friday 17th 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.

Uniform update: Year 5 – Details of how to order will be available soon.

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.

Uniform update: school caps

School caps and bucket hats can be ordered directly from Sigma. [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)



The Rackham Primary School -
Baseball Cap (Kids Size)



The Rackham Primary School -
Bucket Hat

Fostering information evening:

Please see the attached information regarding an information evening being held by Cambridgeshire County Council Fostering Service.

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-conditions/when-to-keep-a-child-at-home)

Active Play – May half term activities:

Please see the attached poster with details of the Active Play May half term activities.

FWR Funday Sunday: Sunday 30th 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: <https://forms.office.com/e/zraXrFXxus>

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.

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: 95.3%

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary	
21.05.2024	MTC Information evening for parents (booking required)
23.05.2024	Year 1 Parent meal (booking required by Friday 17 th May)
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 (Payments due by Wednesday 22 nd May please)
13.06.2024	Class photos
21.06.2024	Ely Arts Festival concert at Ely Cathedral with The Rackham choir
25.06.2024	Transition day
26.06.2024	Year 1 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
27.06.2024	Year 2 trip to Duxford (Payments due by 7 th June please)
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)