



Headteacher: Miss Georgina Turner
Email: office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk
Telephone: 01353 662436



Main Street,
Witchford,
Ely,
Cambridgeshire
CB6 2HQ

Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

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

28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the Easter holidays, some key information to have to hand:

Safeguarding:

If you think a child or an adult with care and support needs is in immediate danger, phone 999.

Make a referral to Children's Services:

[Make a referral to Cambridgeshire County Council Children's Services - Instructions and Data Protection - Cambridgeshire County Council website \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

NSPCC website:

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC website for information about child protection:

[Child protection system in the UK | NSPCC Learning](#)

Reporting a crime:

[Contact us | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)

Wellbeing and Mental Health: who to contact in a crisis: Text 'Shout' to 85258

Shout's trained volunteers are there for you 24/7 to listen and support. Shout is a free, confidential, anonymous text service which won't appear on your phone bill.

Start a conversation, text 'Shout' to 85258.

Or look online: [Shout - UK's 24/7 Crisis Text Service for Mental Health Support | Shout 85258 \(giveusashout.org\)](#)

Entry of Year 5/6 into school in the morning is changing:

After the Easter holiday, pupils currently in Year 5/6 will enter school through the main red gate rather than through the bottom car park.

Year 5/6 pupils will continue to exit school via the bottom car park and red gate near the office at the end of the day.

Reading for Pleasure:

Please see the attached reading newsletter from Mrs Deery.

WWT Welney:

All children will be bringing home a bookmark today. The bookmark entitles you to one free entry to WWT Welney.

WOW! FWR Bingo:

Our phenomenal FWR volunteers raised £832.98 at the Easter Bingo on Friday. Thank you to everyone who came along for making it such a hugely successful evening. Sincere thanks to our amazing FWR for all they do for our school and pupils.

Thank you to FWR for also providing our pupils with spectacular discos this week.

Swimming lessons after the Easter holiday:

We are hugely looking forward to our swimming lessons which will take place every week in our school pool (start date will be confirmed after the Easter break).

For these sessions, the children will need to wear a one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks. UV swimming t-shirts are allowed. Please do not send your child with a bikini or long (knee-length) baggy swimming shorts as these are not appropriate or practical for learning how to swim.

In line with the Cambridgeshire swimming policy, the children will not wear goggles for their sessions as our focus is on developing water confidence and safety.

Please can we remind you earrings must be removed for swimming. Children with pierced ears must be able to remove earrings themselves.

Please don't forget to also send your child with a named towel. All other swimming aids will be provided by school.

The Rackham Easter Photography competition:

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Deery regarding an Easter holiday photography competition.

Collection of children after school:

We would like to update the details we hold for who is authorised to collect your child from school. Please would you complete this form if your child is Year 4 or younger.

If your child is in Year 5/6 - please complete this form:

If you haven't yet completed the appropriate form(s) please do so as soon as possible.

Easter Holidays at Ely Museum:

Ely Museum will be open as usual during the Easter holidays including Easter Sunday, plus Easter Monday.

The museum has exciting Easter crafts to join in with:

Eco-Creative Crafts with Re-Imagine – Thursday 4th April: 1:00pm-2:30pm and 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Make amazing colourful wind chimes and an outdoor seat cushion using coffee bean sacks.

(£8 per child. Ticket valid for one child entry to the workshop and one accompanying adult. Museum gallery admission not included with this ticket.)

Drop-in crafts - Thursday 11th April: 10:30am-1:00pm making fenland windmills and beaded flowers.

(£3 per child. Museum admission ticket or valid annual pass required.)

Celebrate Ely Trail - Friday 29th March – Sunday 16th June: All day. With questions and activities to explore around the museum all linking to our current Our Ely at 50 exhibition!

(Free with museum admission ticket or valid annual pass).

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: 94.1%

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

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



Thank you to our parents, carers and wider community for all you do to support our pupils and school.

Sincere wishes for a restful Easter holiday.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 15th April 2024.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary	
15.04.2024	First day of summer term Pupils return to school
18.04.2024	Year 3 Parent meal
02.05.2024	Year 2 Parent meal
06.05.2024	May Day Bank Holiday
13.05.2024	SATs week Year 6
27 – 31.05.2024	Half term holiday