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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to another year at Rackheath Primary School. We have all been very impressed with the way the Reception class have settled into school life. As well as the reception class 8 other children have joined us across other year groups and it's been great to see them integrate really well too. A special welcome to all of our new parents and children. We now have 210 children attending the school, which means we are only 8 spaces away from being completely full!

I have been lucky enough to spend time in all the classes over the past three days and it has been fantastic to see how quickly everyone in the school community has settled back into learning and teaching!

Our normal newsletter is a colourful affair and includes lots of photographs as well as reports about different events, winners of the weekly Star, angel, Diamond awards and a paragraph from each class. These letters will start next week.

As usual we have lots of exciting learning planned for our school wide topic "The World Outside Our Window."

**New School Website** – Over the summer we have modernised and updated our website. We are very pleased with our new look site which can be found at <https://www.rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk/> and will be much easier to look at on a phone or tablet.

This is a useful place to find out more about the school. You will find lots of information about the school's curriculum as well as our weekly newsletters and lots more.

**Clubs** – After School clubs will start in the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> September. We will send out information about the clubs and how to sign up for them via School Ping early next week.

**SEND Parent Network** - The first SEND parent network this year is this Monday 11th September starting at 9am in the hall. The first meeting will be a chance to catch up since the summer break and also share the plans for the coming year that Mrs Hogarth and the parent team have come up with. The group provides an informal and friendly forum for support for parents of SEND children. It would be lovely to see any new parents from Reception class, Bombers or the wider school at the meeting. Should you have any questions please let me know.

**Parent Cafes** – Our first cafes of the year take place over the next 2 weeks. Year 3 and 4 taking place first next week. As usual they will run from 9 until 10. The focus for these cafes is to give you the opportunity to take part in some exciting learning whilst seeing the children in their new year groups with their new teachers. Before the café parents can wait in the hall before being collected and taken to the classroom. The only exception being a Tuesday café when the hall is in use for ukulele. In this case Year 1 parents can wait in the entrance hall.

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 1
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 2
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> –Year 4
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 5
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 6

**Church car park** – Rackheath Trinity Church kindly allow us to use their car park at drop off and pick up time. This is a really convenient and safe place to park. They do ask that parents don't use the car park at other times of the day.

**School calendar** – Next Friday you will receive the school calendar for the term, which will include all the key dates for the term. We have lots planned starting with Parent Cafes in September, leading into class assemblies, parent lunch weeks and finally dates linked to Christmas.

**School Ping** – Our main method of communication is through the School Ping app. Please let the office know if you are having any issues with the app.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

*Chris Ashman*