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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to another year at Rackheath Primary School. A special welcome to all of our new parents and children. We have all been very impressed with the way the new class have settled into school life. In fact all staff have been incredibly impressed by the way all the children have settled back into school this week.

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 “Under Attack.”

**Under Attack** – Our topic this term has a significant history focus. As we look at the different periods of British History when the country was invaded. We will also be looking at the power of nature and the way seas and rivers can cause erosion as well as the lives of predators and prey in the animal kingdom. Some of the key knowledge we want the children to learn and remember is included in their knowledge organisers which the children will bring home with them over the next few days. These are useful to keep and refer to – perhaps stick to the fridge – at home the teachers will also use them regularly in the classrooms to quiz the children and support their learning.

**School Lunches** – From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September the children have the choice of ordering a school packed lunch in addition to the options already available of a hot dinner or a jacket potato. A ping has been sent out giving details of the packed lunch and how to order.

**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.

**School Website** – the school website <http://www.rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk/> 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 start next week. Information about the clubs and how to sign up have been sent out on School Ping.

**Church car park** – Next week the church car park will be not be open for parents to park their cars as the church windows are being replaced. We hope that the work will be complete in time for parents to use from Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. We will let you know if this isn’t the case.

**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.

**Parent's Evening** – It is our intention to revert back to parent's evenings in person. We will be sending out a survey to gather your views about this.

**Parents E-Safety Briefing Date for your diary** – All Broadland Cluster children from Year 1 up are taking part in an E-Safety Day at Broadland High on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> is the primary school day. The trainers are the 2 Johns who have worked very successfully with the Broadland Schools before. As well as working with the children the staff will be attending a briefing and there is also a parent event. This will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Broadland High School from 7pm-8:30pm. This comes highly recommended by parents who have attended in the past and I would urge as many of you as possible to attend.

**Attendance** – We have sent out a letter explaining the local authority policy linked to unauthorised attendance. Anyone requesting leave of absence from school should collect a form from the office.

**Chance to Shine Cricket** – We are very pleased that Kevin from Chance to Shine Cricket is coming back into school this half term on a Tuesday starting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. He will be teaching Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 for an hour each through the day.

Yours Sincerely

*Chris Ashman*