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Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school these last few days. It has been great to see the enjoyment they have shown being back with their friends and to see them all settle back into school so quickly.

Star Gazing! - On Wednesday 11th January we are holding our Special Star Gazing Activity, when the children are invited to come back to school once it is dark for some special space themed activities.

- The children should be brought into school for 4:40pm ready for a 4:45pm start.
- Reception class should enter the school via their usual gate
- The rest of the school should enter through the gates by the hall. For safety reasons the back gate near the church will not be opened.
- All children, including those in Year 5 and 6, should be taken to their classrooms to be met by their teachers.
- Children should be picked up at 6pm from their classroom doors.
- Children attending after school club on that day can attend too. Please complete the slip so we will know to collect them from after school club to take them to their classroom.
- Children can wear non-school uniform. They should be wrapped up warm as they may spend at least some of the time outside.

Please complete the slip at the bottom of this letter so we have a good idea of how many children will be coming back. Slips should be returned by Monday 9th January.

The star gazing session will be the first event of an exciting Spring Term curriculum.

- Week of the 30th January – Here Comes The Sun - Creative Week. Each class will be focussing on music, art, DT and other creative subjects
- Week of the 27th March – Rackheath Museum week – Family members will be invited in to the school for each class to present their “Here Comes the Sun,” learning.

We are also looking to organise some trips and visitors linked to our topic.

The Wild Area – We are very grateful to John and Richard from the Broadland Tree Warden Network, who have spent the best part of two days this week in school creating paths for the children to use. Their hard work is really helping the area to take shape.

Clubs – A school ping was sent out about Spring Term clubs before Christmas. Clubs will re-start in the first full week of the term from Monday 9th January.

Swimming – Unfortunately, due to staffing absence at Broadland, there is no swimming for Year 3 on the 12th January. Hopefully swimming will start on the 19th January.

SATS Briefing – On Tuesday 31st January Mr Edwards and I will be holding a briefing for parents of our Year 6 children about the SATS tests the children will sit in May. We very much hope that all Year 6 parents will be able to attend the briefing, which will be in the hall at 6pm.

I hope you all had good Christmas breaks. Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope 2023 is a good one!

Our usual newsletter will be back next week!

Best wishes

Chris Ashman

Rackheath Star Gazing Evening Attendance Slip

Name of child _____ Class _____

Will/will not be attending the star gazing night on Wednesday 11th January (**Please delete as appropriate**)

Signed _____

Please return slip to the school office by Monday 9th January.