



Rodings Primary School Newsletter - 30.06.17

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Katie's Library Opening



The amazing Shane Hegarty officially opened the refurbished Katie's Library yesterday. He spent 30 minutes being interviewed by our librarians before he cut the ribbon to the library. Shane then spent the rest of the afternoon entertaining KS2 with his various tales and he was a complete inspiration. A huge 'Thank You' to the Friends of Rodings, Mr Crawley and all other staff and parents who have been involved in making Katie's Library great again.

Full Governing Body Meeting Update

The Governing Board met for their penultimate meeting of the year on Monday 19th June. We were pleased to hear that the logistical planning for the new class and group rooms to facilitate the double intake for this coming September are progressing well, with full planning permission due to be granted in the next few weeks. Additionally some promising candidates to provide the extra teacher required have been interviewed.

The school is starting analysis to understand the actions needed to ensure compliance with the new data regulation (General Data Protection Regulation) which becomes effective in May 2018. This will include professional legal advice. It is intended to work together with our DEEP partnership schools to use our resources efficiently during this process.

Following recent events we are reviewing our Emergency and Critical Incident Plan and Lockdown Procedures. These are expected to be approved by the end of the current school year.

Our policies for Recruitment, Pre-employment Checks, and Capability were reviewed and approved.

The meeting schedule for the 2017-18 school year for the Governing Board was agreed.

We are very proud of Mr Rarity who has recently spoken at the Primary Schools Leadership Conference on the DEEP (Dunmow Excellence in Education Partnership) of whom he is the inaugural chair.

The school and Governing Board are very excited about the opening of the new school library on the Thursday 29th June, which will be conducted by author Shane Hegarty. The governors would like to re-iterate their thanks to the Friends who have been so generous in their time and donation of funds to the success of the new library.

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 10th July.

Leeann Goddard

Break in

On a sadder note, the school grounds were broken into last weekend and although nothing was stolen, significant damage was caused to the garages and some sheds. It has been indicated by the police, those responsible were opportunist, and, sadly, possibly from the local area. We have already increased our security with a new fence and we are currently reviewing what else we can do to secure the site. Can I ask, that if you live in Leaden Roding, over weekends and holidays you keep an eye on our grounds and if you see anything suspicious you report it to the police.

Greatly appreciated!

Mr Raraty

School Meals Price Increase

At last Monday's Full Governing Board meeting the Governors made the difficult decision to increase the price of a school lunch from September 2017. As of the 1st September school meals will increase from £2 to £2.30 a meal. The following points were considered before the increase was agreed. The school has managed to keep the price of a meal to parents at £2 for over five years, but in that time food and utility prices have increased, raising the cost of these meals over the price we have been charging. Unfortunately, the subsidy of this shortfall by the school can no longer be maintained along with the current cuts to school budgets. Furthermore, grants to replace equipment such as ovens and fridges have been scrapped with replacements now having to come out of our already over-stretched school funds. In the current financial climate we will have to reflect these very real costs in the price of a school meal which will unfortunately mean an increase for parents. We did carry out comparisons with other local schools and the increased cost would bring us in line with these schools. Plus it is still cheaper than a shop meal deal which many children come to school with. Our kitchen staff work really hard to provide the healthy meals at lunch so I hope that you will be able to support them by continuing to use our school meals service.

Mr Raraty and the Governing Board

Art and DT Exhibition date change

Apologies, but due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date for our annual art exhibition. You are welcome to come and view the school's art and DT work on Thursday 13th July at 3.30pm.

KS 2 Triathlon

We will be holding our KS2 Triathlon on Thursday 6th July. Please can you ensure your child(ren) bring their Swimming & PE kit that day. Thank you!
Unfortunately, we are unable to host parents to watch our triathlon.

We will be holding another 10p book sale on Wednesday 5th July at lunchtime.

School Swimming

Please note a change to the usual swimming pattern for next week: Year 1 will swim on Thursday and Friday.
Tigers will swim on Wednesday and Thursday

Aylmerton 2018 Assembly

We will be holding an assembly for Year 5 parents at 2.30 (arrive anytime from 2.15) on Wednesday 5th July in the School Hall regarding the trip to Aylmerton in 2018.

Effort Cup

Please could children start returning Effort Cups and star trophies ready for the end of term. If you have returned yours already, thank you very much!

Read Write Ink Books

Please can all RWI books be returned to school this week for the annual stock take.
Thank you.

Drum Lessons

There will be limited places available for drum lessons next term. The cost is £63.50 for 10 lessons.
Please contact the school office for further information.

Jam Childcare

Jam Childcare have been experiencing problems with their network and email provider and have therefore not been receiving some of your messages and emails.
If you have not received any response from a telephone call or email please can we ask you to contact them again on either 07857148467 or admin@jamchildcare.co.uk

Thank you

KS1 Swimming Gala Thursday 6th July

As part of our KS1 Activity Week, we will again be holding our KS1 Swimming Gala on Thursday 6th July.

This is a fun swimming gala involving all children in Years R, 1 and 2. Parents of children in KS1 are welcome to come and watch from 1.30pm but please limit it to 1 parent per child due to limited space around the pool area. For this reason, also, prams must be left outside of the pool area. Adults may bring a plastic water bottle but please be aware that for hygiene purposes food is not permitted in the pool area.

Thank you.

Dates for the Week

<i>Mon</i>	<i>KS1 Activity Week</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>HRS Numeracy Day Yr 6</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>10p Book Sale Forest Schools Yr R am / Yr 2 pm HRS Literacy Day YR 6 Years R, 2 Lions, 2 Tigers, 3 & 4 Swimming Year 1 Visit to Bridge End Gardens Year 5 Parents Assembly regarding 'Aylmerton 2018' trip 2.30pm</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>KS2 Triathlon Reception & KS1 Swimming Gala 1.30pm Years R, 1, 2 Tigers, 2 Lions & 4 Swimming Swimming Dunmow Leisure Centre Yr 5 pm</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>HRS Secondary Experience Day Yr 5 Year 1, & Year 3 Swimming Annual Reports Sent Home - All Yrs</i>

Menu for Week Commencing Monday 3rd July

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Pasta Bolognese, Garden Peas, Salad, Coleslaw & a Herb and Garlic Slice Or Vegetable Bolognese Homemade Chocolate Cupcake</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Homemade Sausage Roll, Seasoned Cubed Potatoes, Sliced Carrots and Broccoli Florets Or Summer Vegetable Swirl Artic Roll</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>Roast Chicken, New Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Cauliflower Florets, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Or Roasted Vegetable Turnover Melon Platter</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>All Day Breakfast: Chipolatas, Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Mushrooms and Chunky Bread Or Veggie Breakfast: Veggie Sausages etc Smoothies</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas Or Pepper & Sweetcorn Quiche Hummingbird Cake</i>

A choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit is offered as an alternative to the dessert choice every day.