



Rodings Primary School Newsletter - 21.07.17

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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to thank you for your continued support. It really does make our job easier and more enjoyable. To those parents that have given up their free time in any capacity it is really appreciated.

We have lots of exciting plans already for next year that will make our school even better.

Make sure you have a lovely summer break and we will see everyone back on
Wednesday 6th September.

My final 'Thank You' goes to our Year 6s. You have been an absolute delight. Each and everyone one of you has shown great determination, care and positive attitudes towards your learning whilst at Rodings. You have dealt with difficult times with respect and dignity and you have demonstrated the Core Values superbly. It is always difficult saying goodbye to a group of children you have seen flourish and grow, but I must say that this year's Year 6 will be truly missed. I have no doubt that you will all go on to achieve great things in whatever you choose to do in the future. Take care, look out for each other and keep in touch.

All the best!

Mr Raraty and all the staff and Rodings Primary School

Class Names

From September each class will be known by a name. This currently only occurs when we have a double year group but as we expand we thought it would be nice to carry this through to all classes. The children met their teacher's on Tuesday and their first task was to vote for a class name. This class name will stay with the children until they leave. The only exception is both Year R classes will be known as the Goslings until they reach Year 1 when they will choose their own class name. So from September each class will be called:

Year 1 = Swans, Year 2 = Flamingos, Year 3 (Miss Raban) = Puffins, Year 3 (Miss Brookes) = Owls, Year 4 = Peacocks, Year 5 = Phoenix, Year 6 (Mrs Hector) = Golden Eagles, Year 6 (Mr Wright) = Falcons.

A Message from our Governors

The summer holidays are now upon us and as usual this school year has flown by.

On behalf of all the governors, I would like to thank Mr Raraty and all the teaching and support staff who have once again worked so hard in making Rodings such a positive, happy and safe school, a welcoming environment for all and a very special place.

Our year 6 children are looking forward to moving on to secondary school in September and we wish them the best of luck and happiness. They have all worked extremely hard during the recent SATs, but above all we hope that they take with them many wonderful and happy memories of their time at Rodings.

We are, as always, very grateful to The Friends (and their families) for their tireless work in raising funds for our school and we extend our thanks to all the parents who support these events and give so generously of their time and money.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the governors, for giving up their valuable time (for free!) and for the effort they put into supporting the school. It is a privilege to work in a team of such professional, enthusiastic and dedicated people.

Attached to this newsletter you will find our Annual Governance Statement where you can find information about what our governing board has been up to this year as well as some of our priorities for next year.

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to doing it all again next year!

Steph Green

Chair of Governors

Talent Show / Charity Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our charity afternoon on Wednesday which raised £288.80. The talent show on Thursday was also a great success. Thank you to all the children for putting on such a marvellous show and for raising £55.17 for our children's charity.

In all we have raised £1,148.35 this year! This will be donated to The Newman Holiday Trust. Well done to everyone.

Peter Deal Effort Cup

We are very pleased to announce the winners of this half term's Effort Cups. Peter Deal was a past Governor, who on retiring, donated the cups to be awarded to a KS1 and KS2 child who staff feel have made a big effort in some aspect of their school life, be it academic or social. This half term the children nominated were:

Yr R Emilia Keil
Yr 1 Charlie Long
Yr 2 Owynn Turner
Yr 2 Finlay Walker
Yr 3 Jasmine Hicks
Yr 4 Sian Stephenson
Yr 5 George Wright
Yr 5 Junior Mohamed
Yr 6 Grace Allson

A final decision has been made and we are pleased to announce that the cups have been awarded to Finlay Walker in Year 2 and Grace Allson in Year 6

Well done to all the children. We hope you enjoy having the nominee shields and winner's cups at home over the summer and ask that you return them to school at the beginning of September.
Thank you.

William Chapman Cup for Music

Every year we award a cup to a boy or girl for showing the most improvement and achievement in Music.

*A final decision has been made and we are pleased to announce that the cup has been awarded to **Henry Welland** in Year 6.
Well done.*

Martin Monk Swimming Cup

Every year we award a cup to a boy or girl for showing the most improvement in swimming. A final decision has been made and we are pleased to announce that the cup has been awarded to **Emma Wheldon** in Year 6.
Well done.

Geoffrey Broad Achievement Cups

Each year we award a cup to a boy and girl for their overall achievement and commitment to all aspects of school life. This summer the boys' cup has been awarded to **Christopher Nevill** and the girl's cup has been awarded to **Lucy Le Huquet**.
Well done to you both.

Golden Cup

At the end of the summer term a special cup is presented to a Year 6 child who has always followed our school's Golden Rules throughout their time in school. Congratulations to **Lola Jackson - Crosse** who has been awarded the Golden Cup this year. Well Done!

Music Exams

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved their recorder grades this year.

Neve Winnington Grade 1 Recorder with Merit
Hettie Le Huquet Grade 1 Recorder with Merit
Lucy Le Huquet Grade 2 Recorder with Merit

Heywood Cup

*The Heywood Cup is awarded to a child in any year group who has shown particular skill and achievement in sport outside of school. We had many nomination which were passed onto the Heywood family to decide to outcome.
We are pleased to announce that **Charlie Long in Year 1** has been awarded the cup for his achievements in BMX biking at a national level.*

Good Manners Award

Mrs Matthews and our wonderful kitchen staff will be awarding their new Manners Cup every term to pupils who have shone in the dinner hall.

The first awards go to:

EYFS & KS1 Annabel Connet
KS2 Horatio Chaston-Deakin

A Special Certificate was awarded to **Dylan Hussey** in Year 6 for impeccable manners in the dining hall and for always being polite, respectful and cheerful.

Date for your Diary

Please remember our 'Friends of Rodings School' will be holding a **Family Bingo Night** on Saturday 14th October. Tickets will be on sale in September!

JAM Childcare

Dear Parents

Thank you for your interest in our before and after school care. Our registration and booking forms are now attached to this newsletter and available on the school website, you will need to complete these before your child can attend any sessions.

If you would prefer the forms to be sent by email please let us know.

All Parents that have expressed their interest will still need to complete these forms and return as soon as possible to guarantee the space in September.

NB The completion of these forms does not guarantee a place and those who have expressed an interest during the consultation period will get preference.

Please return the forms to:
40 Sayesbury Road
Sawbridgeworth
CM21 0EB

Or email: admin@jamchildcare.co.uk

From all at JAM Childcare

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Job Opportunities at our Breakfast & After School Club

We are looking for the perfect candidates to join our team at Rodings Primary School.

We are looking for people who love being around children and are fun loving and responsible.

Qualifications would be an advantage but not necessary for all positions.

Hours of work are from 7:30am to 8:30am and 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time only

Please email:
admin@jamchildcare.co.uk

School Vegetable Garden

Well done to Adam Tew who has been tending our school vegetable garden this term and selling the vegetables to staff and parents. Adam has made £39.15 which he has chosen to donate to the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance! Good Work Adam.

School Lunches

A gentle reminder that our School dinners will be priced at £2.30 per day from September.

Also, please could we remind parents that all school dinners should be paid for either in advance or on the day taken. If any dinners paid for are not subsequently taken (e.g. due to school trips or illness) the amount paid is used against future dinners.

May we remind current Year 2 parents that school dinners will no longer be free once their child is in KS2 in September. If you think you should be entitled to Free School Meals for your child, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/essex> to apply.

Thank you.

Dates for Week Commencing 4th September 2017

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

Non Pupil Days

Wednesday 6th September

Start of Autumn Term

Menu for Week Commencing Monday 4th September

Mon	Non-Pupil Day
Tues	Non-Pupil Day
Wed	Pasta Bolognese, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw, Sweetcorn & Herb & Garlic Slice or Vegetable Bolognese Smoothies
Thurs	Roast Chicken, New Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Cauliflower Florets Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy or Roasted Vegetable Turnover Melon Platter
Fri	Bubble Fish, Oven Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas or Pepper & Sweetcorn Quiche Hummingbird Cake

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