

Rodings Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm going to start with a cliché, but how quick did the summer holidays go? I hope you were able to enjoy some quality family time over the summer although the weather did have other ideas.

Rodings has been a hive of activity for the last six weeks preparing and installing the new classroom. Furthermore, we have had various other building and decorating jobs done to improve the environment that the children learning in. Mr Clements has done sterling work keeping the various builders in line and on time. The school looks great so ask the children what has been done.

As we expand we will have to modify some of our usual routines such as the going home arrangements. Please bear with us as we implement new systems and tweak them once they have been put into place.

As you will see from the header at the top of this newsletter, we have redesigned our school logo to give it a modern update. The old logo had served us well over the years but was beginning to show its age. We went through a complete design phase with input from the School Council and the Governing Board. I hope you like it! The logo will be gradually introduced over time starting with documents and the planners that have already been sent home.

This newsletter is quite lengthy but please persevere with it as there are some gentle reminders and updates.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Kind regards,
Mr Raraty

Going Home Arrangements

As our school grows it becomes more and more of a logistical problem to sort between our bus children and walkers on a daily basis.

We are therefore asking that parents kindly confirm their child's travelling arrangements (should there be any change to their daily norm) by either email to parents@rodings.essex.sch.uk or by text by 10.00am . Please can we also ask that you let your child know if there are any changes to avoid there being any panic at the end of the school day. Your child's safety and wellbeing is, of course, our priority and this information helps us ensure they are sent home in the correct manner.

Friend's Family Photo Shoot

Saturday 14th October

9.30am – 4pm

Bring along mums, dads, kids, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends for a free professional photo shoot at school. There is no obligation to buy prints!

Please contact Ruth on 07540644179 to book your space

Forest School Helpers Needed

Our Forest School Leaders are looking for people to help please.

If you would like to help please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Simpkins or Miss Thurgood-Buss.

Dogs on Site

Please could we ask that no dogs are brought onto site as we are trusted to comply with all regulations as set down by the LA, DfE and Health and Safety Codes of Practice.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Tesco Bags of Help

You may have noticed by now that we have been selected by Tesco in Great Dunmow to be part of their 'Tesco Bags of Help' scheme where you get given tokens for shopping in store.

We are collecting towards our School Radio station, which the Friends have very kindly offered to contribute towards, but we would ideally love to win the first place prize to boost our funds.

There are three organisations at the same time and we will be in the Great Dunmow store from 1st September to 31st October. If we come first we get £4000, second gets us £2000 and third £1000.

Please, please can we kindly ask you, your family and friends if they shop at Tesco to help us all you can.

If you cannot get to the Dunmow Store then we are more than happy to collect tokens in the School Office to take along to the store.

Cleaner Needed...

We are looking for a Cleaner to join our team working 3.30pm - 5.30pm. This post will also require some hours to be worked in main school holidays. These will be worked as a team on agreed days (typically 10hrs (2 days) at Easter and Christmas and 40 hours (4 days) at the start of the summer break).

Holiday pay is allowed for and salaries will be calculated evenly over 12 months.

If you or anyone you know locally would be interested in any of the above positions please contact Andrea Paget, School Business Manager, for an application form or more details. Rodings Primary School is committed to safeguarding, inclusion and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Appointments are subject to satisfactory enhanced DBS check and references.

Uniform & Book Bags

Thank you to those of you who have supported our request for all children up to Year 5 to have a school book bag and for all children to be wearing sensible shoes to school rather than trainers.

Please could we ask that if you have not already provided your child with a book bag and replaced any trainers with shoes that this is sorted over the weekend. We appreciate your support as always.

Kiss and Drop

As you are all aware we have been trailing "Kiss & Drop" over the few weeks before the Summer Break, and due to feedback from you we have decided to continue it over the next term

For those of you new to the school, "Kiss & Drop" is a simple and safe way for you drop your children at the school in the morning. A member of staff wearing a Hi Viz vest will be in the car park from 8.30 located at the crossing to the staff car park, just pull up in the lay by to the left of the carpark (please see picture below highlighted in red), and for safety reasons please disembark your child from the passenger side of the car, kiss them good bye and you can be on your way knowing your child is in safe hands

Older children will greeted and will make their way into the school, but will be under indirect supervision as they do so. Younger children will be escorted to the door were a colleague takes over.

From the 11th to the 15th of September our Site Manager Peter Clements will be greeting your children. When the children have settled in with their new teachers, we will be setting up a rota system involving various member of staff.

We look forward to your feed back



Main Gate

Just a polite reminder to advise you that parking in front of the school gates makes it extremely difficult for the buses to turn in, and this creates a safety issue. We are waiting for the council to re-instate the No Parking markings as set out in the Highway Code, but this is in their hands. The picture below shows how they will look. This is also our emergency services entrance

Thank you in advance for your assistance



Menu for Week Commencing 11th September 2017

- Monday** Pasta Day
Choice of Cheese or Tomato Sauce, Salad, Coleslaw, Sweetcorn
Herb & Garlic Slice
Homemade Iced Vanilla Sponge
- Tuesday** Sweetlands Pork Sausages, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Carrots,
Garden Peas & Gravy
or Vegetarian Sausages
Fresh Fruit Platter
- Wednesday** Garnett's Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots,
Broccoli Florets Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
or Golden Vegetable Loaf
Fruit Smoothies
- Thursday** Chicken Tikka Masala, Brown & White Rice, Garden Peas,
Cucumber & Carrot Sticks & Naan Bread
or Vegetable Tikka Masala
Lemon Shortbread
- Friday** Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
or Vegetable Quiche
Peaches, Ice Cream & Raspberry Sauce

Dates for the Week

- Monday** Group 1 Reception Intake Start Day 9.15am - 2.45pm
Drumming lessons
- Wednesday** Forest School Year 2
Guitar & Piano Lessons -Year 4 am
- Thursday** Year 6 Swimming at Dunmow Leisure Centre PM
Guitar & Piano Lessons -Year 5/6 am
Guitar & Piano Lessons -Year 2 pm
- Friday** Guitar & Piano Lessons -Year 3 am

Forest School Dates

Miss Thurgood-Buss and Miss Ducat will let reception parents know forest school dates as soon as our new starters are all settled into their new class.

Year 2: 13/09, 27/09, 11/10, 01/11, 15/11, 29/11

Year 1: 20/09, 04/10, 18/10, 08/11, 22/11

Carols in the Forest will take place on Monday 18th December

Rodings Primary School 2017-2018 Dates

These are the dates that are currently booked into the diary for this academic year. We will publish an updated calendar at the beginning of each term. Any additional dates will be publicised in the school newsletter. Dates are subject to change.

Date	Year Group	Event
September		
Thursday 14th	Year 6 and 5	7pm - Secondary School Transfer/Tollesbury Meeting. Aylmerton meeting.
Tuesday 19th	All welcome	8pm - Friends - Cheese and Wine Evening
October		
Thursday 5th	2018 intake	9.45am - Open Morning 10.45am - Head teacher's Talk 7pm - Open Evening
Thursday 12th	Year R	7pm - RWInc Training for New parents
Saturday 14 th		10am - Friends Family Photo Session
Monday 16th	Year 1-6	2.15pm - Drop in session
Tuesday 17th		8pm - Friends Meeting
Thursday 19 th		2.15pm - Harvest Festival
23rd -27th October Half Term		
Monday 30th		INSET day - Literacy Shed
November		
Wednesday 1st		3.30pm - 6pm - Learning Consultations
Thursday 2nd		3.30pm - 7pm - Learning Consultations
Friday 3rd	All	9am - Headteacher's Coffee Morning
Friday 3rd	ALL	6pm - Friends' Fireworks Night
Monday 13th	all	Friendship Week (Anti- Bullying Week)
Friday 24th		5pm - Christmas Craft Fair
December		
Monday 11th	EYFS/KS1	10am - Nativity at the Church
Tuesday 12th	EYFS/KS1	2pm - Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13 th	EYFS/KS1	2pm - Nativity Performance
Thursday 14th	All	1.45pm - Grandparents Performance
Monday 18th	All	Christmas Activity Day
Tuesday 19th	KS2	6.30pm - Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 19th	KS1+Year 6	12pm - Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th	KS2	12pm - Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th	All	1.30pm - Class Parties
Wednesday 20th	All	Last day before Christmas holidays

23 rd December - 1st January Christmas Holiday		
January		
Tuesday 2nd		INSET
Monday 15th - Friday 19th	All	Toast Week
Wednesday 18th	All	2.15pm - Drop in session
Monday 22nd		FGB Meeting
Tuesday 31st	All	2pm - Headteacher's Coffee Afternoon
February		
Wednesday 7th	Year 4,5,6	9am - Young Shakespeare Company
Wednesday 7th	Year 6	3.30pm -6pm - Year 6 Learning Consultation
Thursday 8th	Year 6	3.30pm -7pm - Year 6 Learning Consultation
Friday 9th	All	Challenge Day
12 th - 16 th Half term		
Monday 26 th - Friday 2nd March	All	Book Week
Tuesday 27th	ALL	5pm - Bedtime Stories
March		
Thursday 1 st March	ALL	World Book Day - Dress up
Friday 9th March		Mother's Day Event
Tuesday 13 th	Yr. 5	Careers Day
Thursday 15th	ALL	7pm - Sex, Relationship Education (SRE) Parents Meeting
Wednesday 23rd	Yr 1, 2,3,4,5	3.30pm - 6pm - Learning Consultation
Thursday 24th	Yr 1, 2,3,4,5	3.30pm - 7pm - Learning Consultation
Friday 23rd	ALL	Sports Relief
Wednesday 28th	Year 3/4	6pm - Lower KS2 Production
Thursday 29th	Year 3/4	6pm - Lower KS2 Production
2nd - 13 th April Spring Holiday		
April		
May		
Monday 7th		Bank Holiday
8th - 11th May	Yr. 5	Aylmerton Residential Visit
14 th - 18th	Yr6	SAT's Week
14 th - 18th	Year 1 to 5	Assessment Week

28 th May to 1st June Half Term		
June		
Monday 4 th	All	INSET
Friday 8 th	All	9am - Headteacher's Coffee Morning
Monday 11 th	Yr. 1/2	Phonics Screening
	Year 6	Tollesbury Residential
Friday 15 th	KS1	1.30pm - Father's Day Celebration
Saturday 16 th		11am - Fun day
July		
Monday 2 nd	KS1	Activity Week
Thursday 5 th	KS2	9.30am - Triathlon
Thursday 5 th	KS1	1.30pm - Swimming Gala
Friday 6 th	All	Annual Report home
Tuesday 10 th	ALL	3pm - 5pm - Art Exhibition
Wednesday 11 th	Yr. 5,6	Upper KS2 Production
6pm		
Thursday 12 th	Yr 5,6	Upper KS2 Production
Friday 13 th	KS2	10 Step
Monday 16 th	KS1	10 Step
Tuesday 17 th	All	9.30 - 12pm - Class Swap morning
Wednesday 18 th	All	1.30pm - Charity Day
Thursday 19 th	All	1.30pm - Talent Show, Disco and Leavers BBQ
Friday 20 th		10am - Graduation Assembly
		School finishes at 1pm for the summer holidays