

Rodings Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I had the pleasure of talking to a group of Key Stage 2 children about 'Challenge' at one of my regular Tea Parties. It was a fascinating conversation about all aspects of school and how challenge is perceived. The children came up with a list of anecdotes about subjects and lessons, where they had been challenged, and what it looked like.

The tasks that challenged them the most were; completing something in a short period of time and writing something in a succinct way. A brilliant example was given by a child who loves writing long stories but had to write a story in 100 words. They also said that they found it difficult to explain their reasoning and decision making. We will make sure we build more of that in.

What I was most impressed by was how much understanding the children had about their own development and what they needed to do to improve. They were very reflective and a credit to the school.

All of this will come in very helpful when we launch our new Learning Conference Reports (a mini report, as a mid year check to parents) at the end of this term. I will issue more information about Learning Conference Reports nearer the time.

In other exciting news, I am pleased to announce that the lovely Mrs Wardle had her baby on New Years Eve. Mum and baby Olivia are doing well. We send best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Wardle and her family.

Kind regards
Mr Raraty
Headteacher

Toast Week

Our famous Toast Week is back! Next week the children can buy a piece of hot buttered toast for 20p a slice at break time with all the money going towards our charity for the year, The World Wildlife Fund.

Please remember to send your children in with some money if they wish to purchase toast. Year R already have their snack provided so they don't need to bring any money in.

We have received a donation of a voucher for £10 from Tesco of Great Dunmow towards the purchase of bread so would like to thank them.

Drop-in Session Wednesday 17th January 2018

Year 1 - 6 parents are invited to a drop in session on Wednesday 17th May at 2.15pm. This will be an opportunity to view your children's work and look through their books. We ask that you go to the classroom to sign in.

Year R are holding their drop-in session in the Forest on Wednesday 21st February (a separate invite has been sent home with your child).



Year 2 will be attending the Forest with Year R on Wednesday 17th January due to our drop in session on Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm.

Dates for the Week Commencing 15th January 2018



Wednesday Year R & Year 2 Forest School (both am)
Parent Drop-in Session Year 1 - 6 at 2.15pm

Thursday Swimming Gala - Lord Butler Leisure Centre
Year 6 Swimming at Dunmow Leisure Centre

Menu for week commencing 15th January 2018

Monday

Bow Tie Pasta with Tomato and Bacon Sauce or 3 Cheese Sauce, Garden Peas,
Salad, Coleslaw, Herb & Garlic Slice
Homemade Fairy Cakes

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Masala, Brown & White Rice, Garden Peas, Mixed Salad, Naan Bread
or Vegetable Tikka Masala
100% Fruit Ice Lolly

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, New Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Yorkshire Pudding,
Gravy
or Roasted Vegetable Turnover
Melon Platter

Thursday

All Day Breakfast :- Chipolatas, Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Hash Brown, Sweetcorn,
Baked Beans, Mushrooms
or Veggie All Day Breakfast
Fruit Smoothies

Friday

Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas
or Cheese & Onion Quiche
Homemade Chocolate & Orange Sponge

Year 5 / 6 Slumber Party

Dear Parents

Following the success of our Slumber Party last year, we are again organising a Slumber Party for children in Years 5 & 6.

The big sleepover will take place on the evening of Friday 26th January 2018. The children will leave school at normal time and have their dinner, and then return to school in their pyjamas for 1930hrs.

They will need to bring the following:

Sleeping Bag / Duvet

Pillow

Wash Bag

Teddy or Equivalent (if required)

No Mobile phones or Electronic Equipment (Ipad, Ipod, Kindle Etc...)

Activities will include board games, reading and a movie. Refreshments will be provided and a breakfast on Saturday morning.

The children will sleep in two of the classrooms nearest the Hall and will be separated into boys and girls. We have had several staff volunteer to stay the night and they will be ably assisted until approx. 2200hrs by other members of the Friends Committee.

Children can be collected on Saturday 27th January 2018 from 0830hrs and no later than 0900hrs.

We fully expect this to be a fun event for all the children, however, if for some reason the children are unable to settle down to sleep or cannot behave appropriately, we must be able to contact you and that you are prepared, in the unlikely event of a problem, to come and collect your child.

The cost for this event has been set at £10 per child. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the School Office.

Name of child _____

Class _____

Address _____

Name of Parent/Carer _____

Emergency Contact No 1 _____

Emergency Contact No 2 _____

Does your child suffer from any allergy or medical condition (please give full details)

I hereby give permission for to take part in Slumber Party at Rodings Primary School on Friday 26th January 2018. I enclose payment of £10.00 Cheques made payable to FRPS.

Signed: Name: