

Rodings Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the time of year when we have to concentrate on completing the Health and Safety audit. This includes checking our fire procedures, swimming pool operating rules to safeguarding guidelines.

You will be glad to hear that everything is in place. However, a couple of e-safety issues have been raised in the process.

Firstly, some of our youngest children, Year 1 and 2, have told us in detail about the film 'IT' (which you will be aware is an 18), with some re-enacting scenes from the film. When we have spoken to them about it they have said that they have watched it through Youtube on their parents' phones and ipads. Please make sure that if your child is going to use your devices that they are supervised or the right parental settings are switched on.

It has also been brought to my attention that some of our Year 1 children have had Snapchat accounts opened in their name. This is a significant risk to your child. Snapchat's own guidelines state that account holders should be at least 13 years old. Snapchat is one of the apps most used by paedophiles to groom children.

Finally, I have included the term dates for 2018/2019. The INSET days will be 4th September 2018, 29th October 2018, 3rd and 4th January 2019 and 3rd June 2019.

Kind regards
Mr Raraty

REPORT FROM GOVERNORS

The Governing Board met on Monday for the first time this year. Following the recent appeal for parent governors we were delighted to hear that we have now filled both posts and look forward to meeting and welcoming our new governors shortly.

We then approved the inset days for the 2018/19 academic year. These were set as follows:

4th September

29th October

3rd and 4th January 2019

3rd June 2019

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent survey. Overall it was very positive. We considered the issues arising from the comments and whilst we cannot please everyone we have taken these on board. If you have any comments about how you feel the school can be improved we would welcome them.

The children in years 2 to 6 have also recently completed a survey. Again, we were pleased to hear that overall these were very positive. The surveys will be collated and the results shared with us in due course. The teachers and governors will be looking at the comments to see what we can do to address issues or develop their ideas. The children will have their feedback through the school council.

It was noted that the staff survey will take place this term.

Mr Raraty outlined what his tea parties involve and how the children are randomly selected to attend these. He explained that at the recent one the children were very aware of what is expected of them and their own learning levels.

Ordinarily we would have had an indication of our numbers for the Reception intake in September for this January meeting but these had not yet been received from ECC so any discussions surrounding this were postponed.

Mr Raraty updated us on the progress of the School Development Plan. A lot had been achieved last term and many points are ongoing. There are still a few outstanding items and these will be worked on over the coming months. Mr Crawley and Mr Wright have been developing a new assessment tracking system. Feedback has been good and teachers have reported that it's easy to use. They will be showcasing this to other schools in the near future. Preparation for the new mini reports to parents will start soon and work on the new learning hub has commenced. Behaviour was recently discussed at a staff meeting and a new policy is being developed.

We then heard about the new radio station. Mr Crawley told us about the team, their broadcasts and how music is now played in the playground. The children have given amazing feedback and are really enjoying listening to the broadcasts. Governors were encouraged to have a listen via the website. Whilst an article has been written for the Parish News, we offered other ideas for widening the publicity of this fantastic resource. Governors would like to extend their thanks to the Friends for the money given, in association with Tesco tokens, to allow our children to have this wonderful experience.

Governors have some training sessions coming up. Two are attending their induction course and others will be attending curriculum training in February.

Finally, we approved the Performance Management, Drugs Education and Exclusion policies.

Andrea Beard

Parent Governor

Tollesbury & Aylmerton Payments

Just a gentle reminder that the second instalment of £100 is now due for the Year 5 & 6 residential trips this year.

Drum Lessons

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Drum teacher Mr Clapp, has unfortunately been unable to visit since Christmas. He is due to return on Monday and we can assure you that we will either make up the missed time or give a credit to those affected for next term. Thankyou for your patience.

Church Holiday Club

The Rodings, Easters and Great Canfield Church Holiday Club are hosting a Pancake and Lent morning in half term, Tuesday 13th February from 10am to 12.30pm in Aythorpe Roding Village Hall. This is a free event for all children aged 5 to 11, with games, activities and pancakes! Please register in advance by contacting Allison 07960 796346.

Quiz Night

The Friends popular annual quiz returns on Friday 2nd March. As well as the quiz hosted by Mr. Raraty, there will be a bar selling a selection of drinks including wine, beer and prosecco and a raffle. Get together with friends and family to create a team, or alternatively we can create a team for you. At the bargain price of only £10 per ticket, including a hot meal, the event always sells out fast, so be sure to get your tickets early!! Please note that this is an event for adults only. Due to licensing restrictions, only alcohol purchased on the premises can be consumed, but please feel free to bring your own snacks and nibbles!

Bag2School

Our Friends will be collecting via Bag2School on 5th March so please can you save all your old & unwanted clothes and recycle them through our scheme to raise valuable funds for Rodings School. Bags will be sent home with more information soon.



Dates for the Week Commencing 29th January 2018

Wednesday Year R (am) & Year 2 (pm) Forest School
Headteacher's Coffee Afternoon 2pm

Thursday Year 6 Swimming at Dunmow Leisure Centre PM

Friday Flamingos trip to Clip 'n' Climb
KS2 Visit to the British Museum



Menu for week commencing 29th January 2018

Monday

Pasta Shapes with Beef Bolognese, Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw, Herb & Garlic Slice
or Pasta Shapes with Vegetable Bolognese
Chocolate & Cranberry Krispy Slice

Tuesday

Sweetland's Turkey Burger in a Brioche Bun, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices, Jacket Wedges, Garden peas, Cucumber & Carrots Sticks
or Spicy Bean Burger in Brioche Bun
Gingerbread Sponge and Vanilla Sauce

Wednesday

Garnett's Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Cauliflower Florets, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy
or Golden Vegetable Loaf
Fresh Fruit Platter

Thursday

Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas
or Sweetcorn and Pepper Quiche
Warm Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream

Friday

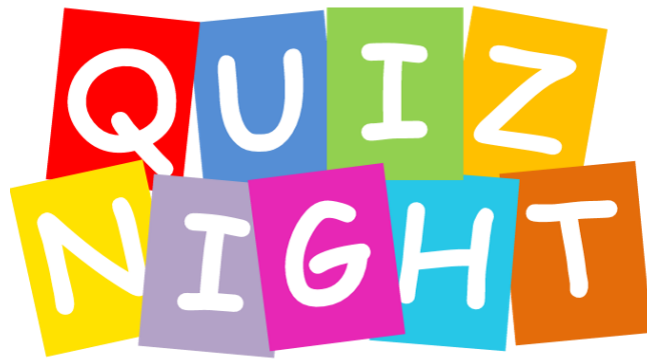
Sweetland's Sausage in a Roll, Skinny Chips, Cucumber & Carrots Sticks
or Vegetarian Sausage in a Roll
Ice Cream Pots with sauce

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Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2018-2019

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- = Schooldays / Weekends
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Non Pupil Dates



~ Friends Annual Quiz Night! ~

- Friday 2nd March
- 7.00pm arrival for 7.30pm start
- £10 per ticket including dinner
- Bar serving Beer, Ale, Wine, Prosecco & soft drinks
- Raffle

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at this popular event!

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Quiz night

Total no. of tickets required @ £10 per ticket

No. of vegetarians _____

I have enclosed cash/cheque (payable to FRPS) £ _____

Name _____

Contact No _____

Childs Name _____

Class _____



LAUNCH EVENT

We are the new independent parent carer forum for families of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs aged 0-25 across the whole of Essex.

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities?

Do you believe families' voices should be heard to ensure services in Essex meet the needs of our children and young people?

Then, come along to our Launch event and discover how together we can help shape the future for our families.

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED AND ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BOOK EARLY

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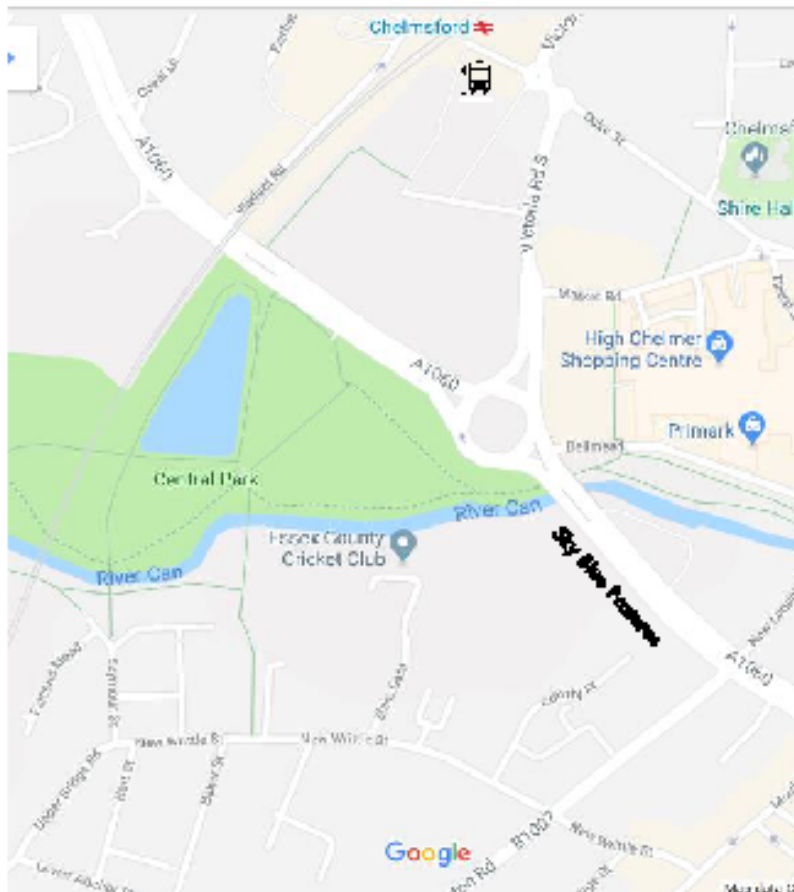
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7th February 2018

10am – 2pm

Essex County Cricket Ground, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, CM2 0PG

Refreshments & Lunch will be provided



Disabled Access:

Via New Writtle Street. Accessible car park spaces are available.

By Train:

Chelmsford Railway Station is an approximate 10 minute walk from The Essex County Cricket Ground.

By Bus:

Chelmsford Bus Station is situated on Duke Street, next to Chelmsford Train Station, Bus numbers 42 and 100, stop on New London Road, which is approximately a two minute walk to the Ground, via New Writtle Street.

By Park & Ride:

Sandon CM2 7RZ – Located at Junction 18 on the A12.
Chelmer Valley CM3 3PR – Located on the A130 east of Essex Regiment Way.

On Foot:

The Main Entrance is on New Writtle Street, but the Ground can be entered via Sky Blue Pastures from the City Centre either via Parkway near High Chelmer car park and market, or from New London Road (by Marks & Spencer).

By Car (Pay & Display Car Park at Cricket Ground):

New Writtle Street, Chelmsford CM2 0PG.

From the North: Junction 19 on the A12 (Boreham). Take A138 to Town Centre, then A1060/Parkway to B1007 New London Road.

From the South: Junction 15 on the A12, take A414 exit to Harlow/Chelmsford. At the Wood Street roundabout take the first exit onto New London Road/B1007.

Parking Costs up to max. of £4.00 will be reimbursed