

# Rodings Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

BBC News last week featured the tragic story of teacher, Helen Daykin. In October 2016, Helen was working away from home when her husband, Chris, died suddenly whilst looking after their young children. After his sudden death from heart failure in the house, Helen's little girls, four and two, spent almost 24 hours with the body of their father.

The older girl had recently started school, and when she didn't arrive, the school rang their father, to no avail. Tragically, they didn't then follow up with a call to the girls' mother, 200 miles away in London.

Although an extreme example, we frequently are unable to contact some parents on the first day of absence. All schools have been asked to review their First Day Call Procedures to make sure they are robust enough. I thought I would share with you the procedures we will now follow since this sad event.

## First Day Call Procedure

- Get registers in promptly
- Listen to absence calls, read absence emails
- Bring together registers, lates, absence calls - produce the list of children absent with no explanation
- Start first day calling for children absent without explanation, call everyone on the contact list until you get an answer. Leave messages if there is a voicemail option.
- You might get an overseas ring tone - is the family taking a holiday they haven't told you about?
- Call the contact list at least twice
- If no reply at all consider whether any children have additional agency support, such as a social worker, contact them.
- Do you have any in school intelligence, does anyone know the family.
- No explanation from a supportive family is very worrying - so don't just concentrate on children who you already know to be vulnerable.
- Make a prompt home visit.
- If you cannot get an answer refer immediately to children's services / MASH / Police and request a welfare call.

(If you can see them inside a house avoiding your knock, don't refer - unless you think the children are at risk of significant harm)

## Effort Cup Winners

On a happier note, we celebrated the nominees and winners of the Effort Cup yesterday. George Butts from Swan Class being the winner in Key Stage 1 and Freya Marks from Owl Class Winning in Key Stage 2. I will put photographs of nominees and winners up on Class Dojo soon.

Have a lovely Half term and see you all on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards  
Mr Raraty  
Headteacher

## Dates for the Week Commencing 19th February 2018



**Tuesday** Friends Meeting 8pm

**Wednesday** Year R & Parents Forest School Session 9.20am

Year 2 (pm) Forest School

**Thursday** Year 5 Swimming at Dunmow Leisure Centre PM

### Menu for week commencing 19th February 2018

#### Monday

A Hearty Slice of Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Tri- Colour Pasta, Mixed Salad and Sweetcorn

Lemon & Orange Shortbread Biscuits

#### Tuesday

Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw

Arctic Roll

#### Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli Florets, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy

or Individual Vegetable Strudel

Fresh Fruit Platter

#### Thursday

Homemade Sausage Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas, Gravy

or Vegetarian Sausage Roll

100% Fruit Ice Lolly

#### Friday

Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Oven Chips, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn or Vegetable & Cheese Bakes

Pineapple Muffins



## Spring 2 Term Clubs 2018

Tues				
Pottery Yrs 1, 2, 3 (10)	Football (1,2,3) (20) Prestige Sports	Netball (5 + 6) (16)	AlphaBake (2-6) (16)	Computer Xplorers (1,2 & 3)
20th Feb - 27th Mar	20th Feb - 27th Mar	20th Feb - 27th Mar	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27th Mar	23rd Jan - 20th Mar
Harvey Wheldon	Angus Winnington	Rachel Hamilton	Alfie Vine	Archie Barter
Alex Milbank	Charlie Cook	Rosie May	Evie-Lee Matthews	Erin Carter
Spike Odell	Charlie Long	Hettie Le Huquet	Isabel Holton	Eulani Warrender
Alicia Beard	Freddie Hilton	Charlotte Liddicoat	Isabelle Ovendon	Freya Tucker
Charlie Whitbread	Freya Matthews	Harry Smith	Kayleigh Speller	Gary Mennell
Holly Kirkwood	Jack Hamilton	Molly Paugh	Mariana Crow	Hari Wood
Grace Drinkwater	Jacob Littler	Evie Connett	Marley Koppel	Matthew Pingram
George Davison	Jay Toms	Phoebe Hussey	Matilda Bullen	Valentino Sanders
James Wardle	Joseph Coleman	Cameron Morley	Owynn Turner	
	Max Phillips	Leo Koppel	Reece Speller	
<b>FULL</b>	River Hicks	Neve Winnington	Russell Littler	
	Ronnie Koppel	Sam Andrews	Sienna Vine	
	Thomas Appleby	Abby Stevenson	Zoe Mennell	
	Thomas Hearne	Roxanne Hicks		
	Zack Milbank	Kim Woodward	Louieza Pike	
		<b>FULL</b>		

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Wed		Thurs		Fri
Lunch Sport (5+6) (20)	Basketball/Football (4,5 & 6) (20) Prestige Sports	Cookery (2-6) (8)	Singing Squad (4, 5 & 6)	Football (4,5,6)
21st Feb - 28th Mar	21st Feb - 28th Mar	22nd Feb - 22nd Mar	22nd Feb - 22nd Mar	23rd Feb - 23rd Mar
Evie Connett	Alex Milbank	Sophie Wood	Cameron Morley	Ralph Thurley
Harry Smith	Alfie Grimmette	Taliesin Eden	Charlotte Liddicoat	Alex Milbank
Kim Woodward	Cameron Morley	Charlie Cook	Daisy Gunn	Spike Odell
Leo Koppel	Charlie Whitbread	Harry Whiffen	Evie Connett	Alfie Grimmette
Mariana Crow	George Welland	Thomas Appleby	Grace Drinkwater	Charlie Whitbread
Marley Koppel	Noah Parker	Owynn Turner	Harvey Wheldon	George Welland
Neve Winnington	Sam Andrews	Connie Stevenson	James Wardle	Cameron Morley
Russell Littler	Spike O'dell	Flora Gunn	Jasmine Hicks	Leo Koppel
Ryan Dearlove		<b>FULL</b>	Kim Woodward	Ryan Turner
Tommy Wood			Matilda George	Kim Woodward
			Molly Paugh	Russell Littler
			Neve Winnington	James Wardle
			Phoebe Hussey	Noah Parker
			Rachel Hamilton	Rocco Zuccarello
			Reece Speller	Joe Long
			Roxanne Hicks	
			Russell Littler	<b>FULL</b>
			Spike Odell	
			Summer Hicks	
			Tommy Wood	
			Zoe Mennell	



~ Friends Annual Quiz Night! ~

- Friday 2nd March
- 7.00pm arrival for 7.30pm start
- £10 per ticket including a meal  
(choice of Chicken Curry & Rice, Lasagne or Veggie Lasagne)
- 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

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No. of vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_