

Rodings Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

I am very excited to be the first to be chosen for our guest editorials for our weekly newsletter and would like to share with you the wonderful things that have been happening in our Learning Hub (previously Mrs Bardell's Reading Room).

We are so lucky to have our Learning Hub. The Hub was created with the aim to provide a calm, multi-purpose space for all children to access, should they need it.

Although still a work in progress, the Hub offers opportunities such as star-gazing, watching bubble tunnels, experiencing new textures, a chance to work on Speech and Language, develop Fine and Gross Motor Skills, work on improving methods of communication and also a chance to relax on the comfy beanbags.

Already, the Hub is becoming a firm favourite!

Miss Ducat
SENCo

Parent Governor Election

The term of office for Andrea Beard, parent governor, concludes at the end of May. Andrea wishes to stand again for election. Any other parent who would like to contest this position needs to notify Andrea Paget by Friday 10th May.

Hot Chocolate Friday is changing

The children have really enjoyed Hot Chocolate Friday since it was introduced in September and it is the highlight of the week for many. However, the children have requested that I move the treat away from Golden Time as they miss out. So from now on it will be known as Hot Chocolate Monday. A nice way to start the week!

Mr Raraty

Governing Board Summer Report

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to welcome everybody back to our final term of the academic year. We hope everyone had a refreshing, yet relaxing Easter break.

First on our agenda was to agree the Essex Inclusion statement. This is a document that shows the Rodings commitment to SEND being positioned at the heart of school leadership. It reflects the understanding that every child in our school, whatever their circumstance or ability, has a sense of belonging, will feel respected, and is valued for who they are.

Mr Wright then shared the updated Core Data tracker. We were presented with the latest Spring assessment week data and able to compare it with the Autumn term results to see the progress that has been made. It was encouraging to observe that the changes made this academic year to our school's assessment systems are producing some very encouraging results.

Next, it was Mr Crawley's turn to share with the board an exciting project he is undertaking as part of his National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). He explained how he is analysing the teaching, learning and assessment of arithmetic across the school. He has identified some key areas to explore, for example, Homework expectations. We eagerly await finding out the next phase in his study. As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to benefit from a staff that are so proactive in striving for excellence in both practise and in the outcomes for the children.

From teaching and learning, the agenda then moved onto a Finance update following the schools recent Internal Controls Evaluation. It was reported that the evaluation was rigorous and successful. Any actions required have already been or are in the process of being addressed. Many thanks go to Mrs Paget and the Finance Committee for their thorough and professional dedication to a vital part of the school 'machine'.

As is usual for a Full Governing Board meeting a number of policies were reviewed and adopted, including the Business Continuity Plan, Allegations Against Other Pupils Policy, Home/School Agreement, Visiting Speakers Policy, and the Probation Procedure.

Next month sees the AGM of the Friends Committee. The Governors would like to pass on their appreciation and say a huge thank you to outgoing Chair Ruth O'Sullivan and other members for whom next month's AGM will be their last. Within the last year, through their hard work, the school has been gifted Chrome Books, a Smart screen for the Hall and had the oil tank replaced for the swimming pool.

As a final word, Governors would like to wish the Year 6s the very best in the upcoming SATS. Stay calm and try your hardest, but in the words of Dumbledore – "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities".

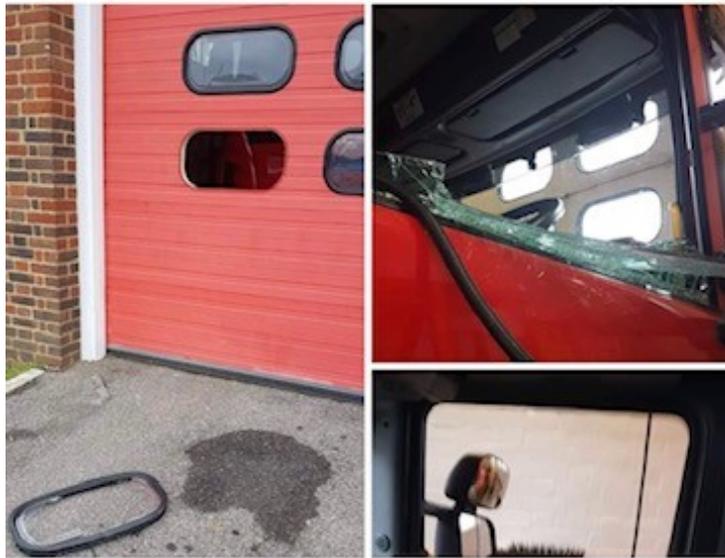
Alice Smith (Parent Governor)

**Did you see anything on Thursday 2nd May?
Please contact Leaden Roding Fire Station**

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Leaden Roding Fire Station was broken into last night, life saving equipment was stolen and damage has been done to both fire station and fire engine. This means the fire engine may be off the run for some time until this is fixed. Any information would be helpful please contact Leaden Roding Fire Station or this Facebook page. We need to find 
 who did this to our community.



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Dates for the Week Commencing

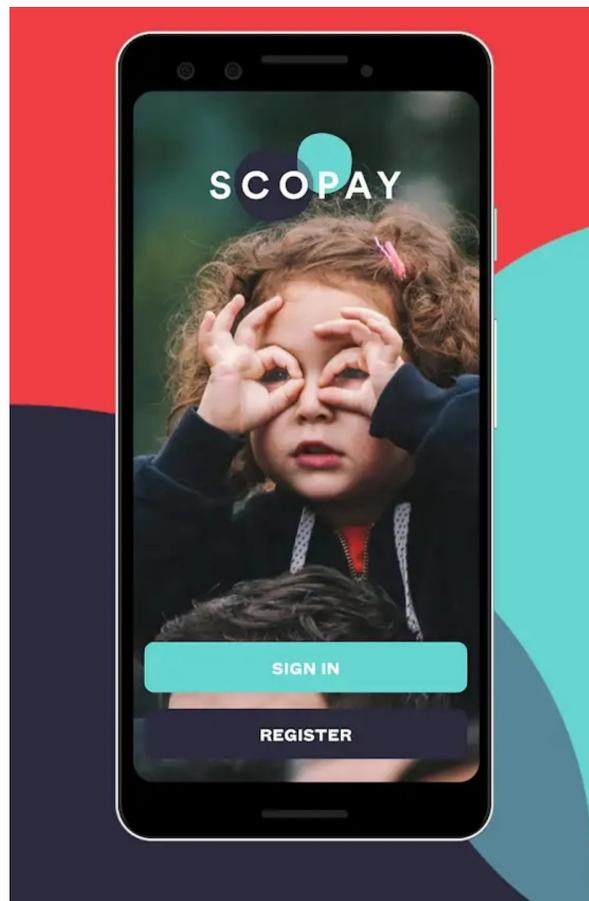
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Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Year 5 Aylmerton Trip
Wednesday	Forest School Year R (am) Year 1 (pm)
Friday	Year 1 Trip to Clip'n'Climb

School Meals - Summer Menu Week 2

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Summer Menu – Week 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bank Holiday	Homemade Sausage Roll New Potatoes Sliced Carrots Garden Peas Gravy	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding Stuffing Balls Gravy Roast Potatoes Green Beans Sliced Carrots	Turkey Meatballs with a Rich & Rustic Sauce Mixed Rice Sweetcorn Cucumber & Carrot Sticks Flatbread Pieces	Battered Chicken Chunks Oven Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Vegetarian Sausage Turnover New Potatoes Sliced Carrots Garden Peas Gravy	Stuffing Topped Quorn Fillet Yorkshire Pudding Stuffing Balls Gravy Roast Potatoes Green Beans Sliced Carrots	Quorn Balls with a Rich & Rustic Sauce Mixed Rice Sweetcorn Cucumber & Carrot Sticks Flatbread Pieces	Quorn Dippers Oven Chips Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Chocolate Sponge Finger with Chocolate Custard	Mixed Fruit Platter	Red Jelly with Summer Fruits and Cream	Oat & Raisin Bite with Yoghurt Dip