

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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FROM MR RARATY



There has been a very definite change in mood since we have been back from the Easter break. A sense of light at the end of the tunnel and heading into spring has brought an element of excitement and positivity about the future, looking and planning ahead.

It all started with the amazing Mike, the BMW stuntman, a couple of weeks back. His positive mindset and 'can do' attitude brought us all back together.

This has been reflected in our celebration assemblies too. Over the past few weeks, lots of the children have been celebrated for overcoming barriers to learning or a change in their learning behaviours.

We have now been able to confirm that we will be able to go ahead with our Year 5 and 6 residential visits this year (fingers crossed that the road map goes to plan). We have also turned our attention to the other activities that would normally occur at this time of year. I'm glad to say that we will be able to use our swimming pool this year with lessons for Years R to 4 starting after half term. Our usual sports day will become a sports week so that we can carry out all the events safely. Sadly, we won't be able to invite you along to have a picnic and cheer the children on.

Other end of year events are currently being planned and we will publish more details as they become available.

It is so lovely to be able to think about putting events on rather than having to cancel them. Let's just hope for better weather as many of these events will be held outside.

Have a lovely weekend!

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 25th May -
New Year R Parents
Meeting

31st May to 4th June -
Half Term

Monday 7th June -
INSET Day

14th to 18th June -
Tollesbury Residential

HOUSE POINTS

DE VERES

1007

HROTHA

1190

MANDEVILLES

1256

TILTY

1138

FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Governors' Report to Parents – April 2021

The recent Governors Meeting took place on 26th April 2021. Due to ongoing Covid-19 issues, we continue to hold our meetings virtually but we look forward to a time when we can all meet again, face to face at the school. This was our first meeting of the summer term. It was a busy meeting with a detailed agenda and some important policy documents to consider.

The minutes of our previous meeting in March were reviewed, discussed and approved.

On the matter of Governorship, we are glad to advise that Leah Bruce wishes to continue as a Governor for another four years. Leah has made a considerable impact and is a keen member of our board. We are very happy that she wants to continue and she will be formally appointed in due course.

The meeting then went on to discuss the following matters.

With regard to admissions, Mr Raraty reported this year will be a one class intake. We were pleased to note that every child with a sibling at the school has been offered a place – we look forward to welcoming them to our school in September. The school continues to be a popular school and with new families continuing to move into the area, interest for places across all years remains high.

The Headteacher updated us on ongoing matters with regard to the impact of Covid-19. At present, all is well and there is a positive feel looking forward through the summer term and towards our new autumn term. The school is still fully open and the children continue to enjoy the new routine with regard to bubbles etc. The ethos of helping each other remains.

The Headteacher advised that the school continues to review and where necessary update the Covid-19 risk assessment and the Governors were satisfied with matters.

The Board attended to the update, review and agreement to various policy documents. The following policy documents were proposed and seconded by the Governors.

- Data protection policy
- Family Friendly Guidance/Flexible Working Policy
- Redundancy and Restructuring Policy

Governor visits have not been taking place due to social distancing requirements but Governors will continue to be involved “virtually” attending assemblies and other events, so they can keep in touch with the children their allocated classes!

Colin Todd

Local Authority Governor

GUEST EDITORIAL

FROM THE CLASSROOM OF...TOUCANS

The Toucans have been incredibly busy, as always, working hard and having fun so far this term! They are continuing to wow us with their imaginative ideas and wonderful words (note the alliteration!) in our English lessons, and they have shown great perseverance and resilience whilst learning about Time in our Maths lessons. As part of our current topic, they've been having great fun using Google Earth to find our school and where we all live, exploring how to use a compass and making 'Messy Maps' of our classroom, creating the aerial view using lots of different resources. Mr Pickering has been keeping them very fit and healthy too, in preparation for the Rodings' Sports Week.

We're all looking forward to the rest of the Summer Term!



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED BY MR CRAWLEY

When Patch agrees to help find a way to break the curse that's turned his friend Wren into a rat, he has no idea it'll land him in quite as much trouble as it does.

In Patch's world, playing music has a magical effect: it can conjure courage or make you dance until exhausted, and everyone lives under the shadow of the actions of the evil Piper of Hamelyn. Ten years ago he stole away a hundred human children and a hundred dragon children with a forbidden song. Why? And what happened to them?

Like an avalanche, one quest quickly leads to another. Patch, Wren and their Dracogriff friend Barver (half dragon, half griffin) are quickly sucked into an adventure that leads them to a series of dangerous secrets with potentially world-ending consequences. Because what if the stolen children were just one small part of the Piper's terrifying plan...



FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021



The Friends will be holding another clothing collection to help reduce, reuse and recycle whilst also raising funds for the school. So if you're having a summer clear out or have some unwanted clothing hiding in a cupboard somewhere please hold on to them for us!

BAG2SCHOOL accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE*:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing

Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

Handbags

Hats

Bags

Scarves and ties

Jewellery

Lingerie

Socks

Belts

Soft toys

Household linen

Household curtains

Household towels

Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

** We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We **DO NOT** accept:

Duvets and blankets

Pillows and cushions

Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)

Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing

School uniforms with and without logo

Corporate clothing and workwear

Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please keep your donations dry as wet items cannot be accepted.

Menu

Week commencing 10th May 2021

MONDAY

Tuna pasta bake served
with salad bar



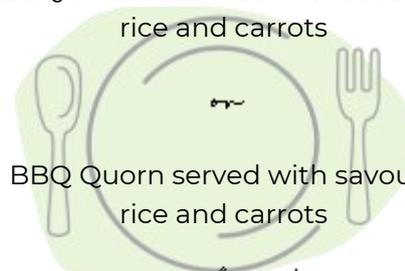
Tomato pasta bake served
with salad bar

for dessert

Chocolate whip

TUESDAY

BBQ chicken served with savoury
rice and carrots



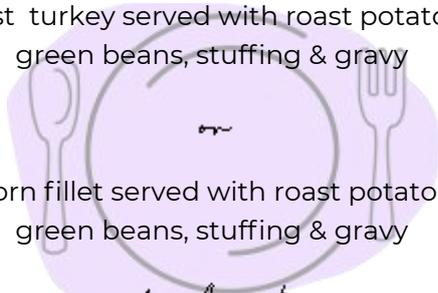
BBQ Quorn served with savoury
rice and carrots

for dessert

Shortbread

WEDNESDAY

Roast turkey served with roast potatoes,
green beans, stuffing & gravy



Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes,
green beans, stuffing & gravy

for dessert

Sponge & custard

THURSDAY

Pepperoni pizza whirls served with
potato salad and homemade slaw



Margherita pizza whirls served with
potato salad and homemade slaw

for dessert

Fruit muffin

FRIDAY

Chicken chunks served with chips,
peas & beans



Quorn nuggets served with chips,
peas & beans

for dessert

Ice cream

THE COOKING POT

