

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM MR RARATY



### Home/School Agreement

Today, each child will be coming home with an updated Home/School Agreement. This is the agreement between home and school to make your child's time at Rodings as successful as possible. We have updated this agreement with our Core Values and updated Behaviour policy. Plus, we have put it into a booklet form so that it is easier to keep.

We ask that you talk this booklet through with your child, sign the relevant sections and then return to school. I will then sign the document and return it to you.

If you were a new parent to Rodings during the pandemic you will not have been given our previous home/school agreement so it is important that these documents are discussed.

### Natasha's Law

From today Natasha's Law, a law around how allergens are published to keep people safe, comes into force.

We have always been allergen compliant in the school kitchen and we are a nut free school but the new law does have an impact on incidental food experiences. It has only become clearer about what impact this will have on schools.

For example, children bringing sweets into school to celebrate their birthday, the ingredients must be on each packet. So Haribo has the ingredients on the main packet but not in the individual smaller packets.

Any home made cakes and other food stuff must come with a label that shows every single ingredient.

Please be aware that we have to enforce this new law so there may be occasions if the labelling of the food stuffs are not correct we will have to remove them and ask the child to take them back home.

### Parent Governor

The window for parents to express an interest in being a parent governor has been extended to Friday 15th October. If you are interested please email me at [mr.raraty@rodingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:mr.raraty@rodingsprimary.co.uk)

## UPCOMING DATES

Next Week

Friends of Rodings

Books for Bugs Virtual  
Book Fair

## HOUSE POINTS

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**FROM MR RARATY**



### **Fireworks Sponsorship**

The Friends are very excited and busy planning our first Fireworks display in a while. They are looking for sponsorship for the event and various sponsorship packages are available. If you are a business and you want some relatively cheap advertising please get in contact with the Friends on their facebook page. Thank you!

### **BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!**

We were also granted funding from Uttlesford and the Parish Councils to develop a mindfulness and sensory garden. Mr George and Mr Gordon did a great job of getting this started on Saturday too. However, we have to have completed this project by half term to fulfil the agreement of the funding. So I am looking for volunteers to help during school hours on Friday 8th October. If the works are not completed on this day I will open a second date of Friday 15th October. If you are interested in helping please message me through Class Dojo or email me at [mr.raraty@rodingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:mr.raraty@rodingsprimary.co.uk). Thank you!

### **Earrings**

We have had several requests for children to tape up their earrings for PE. Essex County Council policy and PE insurance state that this is not allowed. Children who have had their ears pierced must be able to remove them for their PE sessions otherwise they will have to sit out. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please leave it for a summer holiday so that the full healing time doesn't encroach onto learning. Thank you!

Have a good weekend!

# GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS – SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Governors' Report to Parents – September 2021

The recent Governors Meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. With Social distancing and Covid-19 issues still at the forefront of our minds, the Governors did manage to meet face to face. This was our first meeting this term and proved to be a busy meeting with a detailed agenda and some important policy documents to work through.

With our eye on the 2021-22 year ahead, the election of the Chair of Governors and Vice Chair for the coming year took place and we are pleased to report that Steph Green continues in the role of Chair for another year, and also ably assisted by Leanne Goddard.

Governor Membership – It was reported that the school has a near compliment of Governors. We are actively seeking a parent Governor so please look out for more details in the upcoming newsletter.

It was announced that Brian Hardcastle has sadly resigned. We thank him for his efforts over the period.

Colin Todd was also reappointed as the Local Authority Governor.

Owen Wright has agreed to continue as a staff Governor.

The meeting then went on to discuss the following matters.

The Governors also signed up to the Governors Code of Conduct having all read and agreed the contents.

At Rodings, we place particular reliance on Committees. Over the years, we have established various Committees, i.e. teaching and learning, personnel and pay. A smaller group of Governors volunteer to sit on these Committees to address certain issues on behalf of the main board and this assists to focus the attention on, and address key issues for the wider benefit of the school. Governors signed up to their place on the different Committees.

The school also places reliance on "Link Governors" who each take on a particular focus on areas such as Safeguarding, Curriculum, training etc. Again, various Governors have gratefully stepped up to fill these roles for the year ahead.

The Headteacher provided the board with an update on various key issues.

We were also updated on the ongoing Risk Assessment following the new term and with Covid 19 in mind. Bubbles have been removed and assemblies are back on which is great news. The staff are dedicated to keeping the "Rodings feel" having due regard for the current climate. The ethos of helping each other remains.

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We were advised that the staff had had a curriculum day, and the Governors were satisfied with progress in this area.

The Headteacher gave us his safeguarding update and advised that staff had attended training in this area.

The Headteacher talked us through the School Development Plan and the Governors were satisfied with progress.

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

- Child Protection Policy
- Covid 19 Risk Assessment
- Covid 19 Risk Assessment Summary
- Covid 19 Contingency Summary
- Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Behaviour Policy

These policies are available to review on the school website.

Colin Todd

Local Authority Governor



## RODINGS STARS

A huge congratulations to the children who attended the Year 5 and 6 dodgeball competition this afternoon. They played brilliantly and worked well as a team. The Year 5 team came 4th and the Year 6 team came third. Well done, you should all be so proud of yourselves! :)



## RODINGS STARS

Following on from Erin being awarded the Heywood cup for extra curriculum sporting achievements, she took part in a competition on Sunday at Stortford Gymnastics and did incredibly well. Winning a Gold medal for her floor routine and a Bronze medal in both bars and beam.

Well done Erin!



Pip joined High Roding Cricket Team for the last season and was awarded 'most improved player' in the summer holidays . Well done Pip!

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

You and your children will be pleased to know there is a huge range of brand new books to choose from including board books such as Hugless Douglas, picture books such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt and many Julia Donaldson titles, we have early reader titles like Horrid Henry, Roald Dahl books, Diary of the Wimpy kid, Dork Diaries, Alex Rider as well as many, many, more, too many to mention at only £2.50!

**Simply visit [www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop) and choose your books**

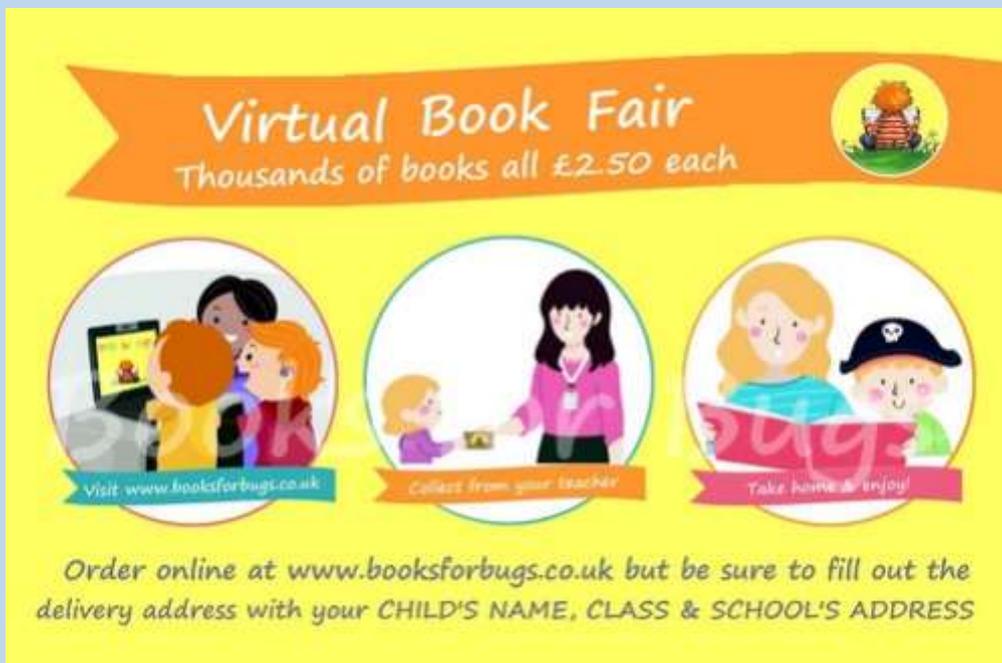
Once you get to the checkout stage please complete the billing details as normal but remember at the delivery details stage to add your **child's name and class** where prompted. The link shows you how easy it is to order <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fair-info-for-parents/>

For the delivery address please put Rodings Primary School and the school's postcode CM6 1PZ this will remove all postage fees.

You can order up until midnight on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
All orders will then be dispatched and we will let you know when you can collect from school.

Buying through the Virtual Book Fair will help Rodings Primary School as we will receive a free book for every 5 collectively sold that has a value of £2.50, so every book counts!  
Happy Shopping!

**From 'The Friends'**



The graphic is a yellow rectangular banner with an orange ribbon at the top. The ribbon contains the text "Virtual Book Fair" in white, with "Thousands of books all £2.50 each" below it. To the right of the ribbon is a circular icon of a beehive. Below the ribbon are three circular icons: the first shows a woman and two children looking at a laptop with the text "Visit [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)"; the second shows a woman handing a book to a child with the text "Collect from your teacher"; the third shows a woman and a child reading a book with the text "Take home & enjoy!". At the bottom of the graphic, it says "Order online at [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) but be sure to fill out the delivery address with your CHILD'S NAME, CLASS & SCHOOL'S ADDRESS".

# The Friends of Rodings Primary School



## Spring Bulb Plant Out

Following on from the success of last year we are organising a  
Spring Bulb Plant Out again.

For a minimum donation of **£1 per child** the children will get to plant  
their very own spring bulb in the school grounds.

In addition to this being a fun activity for the children on the day,  
watching the bulbs grow and the flowers bloom in spring is  
wonderful and the school grounds look particularly beautiful as we  
welcome the warmer weather.

We would be grateful if you could please send your donations in to  
school in a named envelope by **Friday 8th October**.

Planting will then begin from Monday 11th October.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



**UPDATED!**  
**Forest School Dates**  
**Autumn Term 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>pm</b>
Wed 8 Sept		Y2
Wed 15 Sept		Y1
Wed 22 Sept		Y2
Wed 29 Sept		Y1
Wed 6 Oct	YR tbc	Y2
Wed 13 Oct	YR tbc	Y1
Wed 20 Oct	YR	Y2
<b>Half Term</b>		
Wed 3 Nov	YR	Y1
Wed 10 Nov	YR	Y2
Wed 17 Nov	YR	Y1
Wed 24 Nov	YR	Y2
Wed 1 Dec	YR	Y1
Wed 8 Dec	YR	Y2
Wed 15 Dec	EYFS and KS1 Carols in the Forest	

If you would like to volunteer to help with forest school, please email the following:

[miss.wright@rodingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:miss.wright@rodingsprimary.co.uk) to be a reception volunteer  
[mrs.magness@rodingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:mrs.magness@rodingsprimary.co.uk) to be a Year 1 volunteer  
[mrs.simpkins@rodingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:mrs.simpkins@rodingsprimary.co.uk) to be a Year 2 volunteer

# Menu

Week commencing 4th October 2021

## MONDAY

Tuna pasta served  
with salad bar



Tomato pasta served  
with salad bar

*for dessert*

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## TUESDAY

Pizza topped chicken served with  
wedges, peas & sweetcorn



Pizza topped Quorn served with  
wedges, peas & sweetcorn

*for dessert*

Fruit jelly

## WEDNESDAY

Garnett's Roast pork served with  
roast potatoes, carrots, peas,  
Yorkshire pudding & gravy



Roast Quorn fillet served with  
roast potatoes, carrots, peas,  
Yorkshire pudding & gravy

*for dessert*

Shortbread

## THURSDAY

Homemade pepperoni pizza  
served with carrot & cucumber sticks &  
homemade slaw



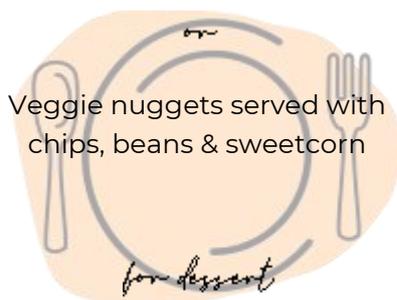
Homemade margherita pizza  
served with carrot & cucumber sticks &  
homemade slaw

*for dessert*

Ice cream & sauce

## FRIDAY

Chicken chunks served with  
chips, beans & sweetcorn



Veggie nuggets served with  
chips, beans & sweetcorn

*for dessert*

Chocolate cupcake

## THE COOKING POT

