

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



12TH NOVEMBER 2021 – EDITION 10

FROM MR RARATY



This week I just have a few updates and reminders.

Goodbye Mrs Magness

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Magness at the end of this term. She is enjoying being a mum so much she is going to spend more time at home. Mrs Deamer will be joining Mrs Brown in Dove class. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Magness for all her hard work, support and dedication since she joined Rodings seven years ago. We will really miss you but you will always be a much loved part of the Rodings family.

An extra Layer...

Firstly, as part of the ongoing risk assessment for COVID we have to ventilate the classrooms as much as possible. Although the heating is on windows and doors are open so the classrooms may be cooler than usual. You may want to put an extra layer on the children, although they do appear to be a bit more hardy than the adults. Also the children must have a coat to go out to play in.

Parent Survey

Our parent survey has now closed. Thank you to the 95 families that completed the questionnaire. Once I have collated and analysed the data I will publish a summary and answer some of the questions and suggestions that were submitted.

Parent Workshop: Curriculum

Mr Crawley will be holding a parent workshop about our curriculum on Wednesday 17th November at 7:30pm in the school hall. A video link will also be provided. The session will cover:

[How we have put together our curriculum](#)

- [The BIG ideas behind our curriculum design](#)
- [Concepts - how we connect our curriculum](#)
- [EXPLORE/DISCOVER/CREATE](#)

- [What we teach in the Foundation subjects and how we teach it](#)

- [An overview of strategies we use for Maths and English](#)

- [What you can do to support at home](#)

I will also do a quick update on our COVID recovery programme.

Uttlesford Foodbank

On Class Dojo, I posted a lovely letter we received from Uttlesford Foodbank following your generous donations. We provided 183 meals with our Harvest collection. Once again, thank you for our generosity.

Finally...

Just a reminder that lessons start at 8:45am. We have an increasing number of children arriving after this time. With our recovery programme every minute counts. Thank you!

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs 18th Nov

Swans trip to STEM
Discovery Centre

HOUSE POINTS

2077

DE VERES

2287

HROTHA

1931

MANDEVILLES

1849

TILTY

The News Team News

Last week KS2 (Yr 3-6) went on a cross country race at Great Easton primary school. The cross country was approximately a mile and a half. There were about 30 schools they were racing against.

The results:

Year 3 boys:

2nd- Rodings

Year 4 boys:

5th- Rodings

Finley Walker came 1st!

Year 5 boys:

5th- Rodings

Year 6 boys:

7th - Rodings

Year 3 girls:

3rd- Rodings

Year 4 girls:

6th- Rodings

Year 5 girls:

2nd- Rodings

Year 6 girls:

7th Rodings

UPDATE FROM YOUR GOVERNING BOARD

On Monday 8th November the governors met for a Teaching and Learning Committee meeting. Leeann Goddard and Andy Mariner were elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for this committee and we are very grateful for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to our school and governing board.

As governors, we are responsible for ensuring that the school is delivering the 'national curriculum' (which covers what subjects must be taught and the standards which must be reached) as well as being accountable for it being a broad and balanced curriculum which matches our school's unique setting and most importantly, our school's ethos and values.

Mr Crawley gave us a detailed look at how the curriculum at Rodings has been designed and the important elements which ensure our pupils access a high quality education. A huge amount of time and creativity has been invested into shaping our curriculum and we look forward to seeing some of this learning in practice when we next formally visit the school in December. Mr Crawley will be delivering a session for parents on the curriculum on Wednesday 17th November at 7:30pm. So please come along if you wish to find out more about the exciting and fabulous curriculum that is provided for our children.

Mr Jinkerson attended our meeting to provide more detail on how the Geography and History curriculums have been designed and how they are delivered at Rodings. Mr Crawley then explained how the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic) curriculum is taught at our school.

It is always interesting to see how our teaching 'experts' work their magic in turning the rather dry phrases of the national curriculum requirements, into the exciting and stimulating lessons that our pupils can enjoy. Thank you to all our fantastic teaching and support staff in making our school such an enjoyable place to learn – we are all very proud to work with you!

Mr Raraty gave us his latest update on the School Development Plan and confirmed that although there had been some small outbreaks of covid within the school, they had been relatively well contained. We are fortunate not to be seeing the high levels of infection being experienced by other schools across Essex and governors are very appreciative of all the precautions and testing that parents, staff and pupils undertake in order to minimise any spread of covid within our community.

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing half term with your families and that you are looking forward to the autumn and Christmas activities which will be happening across the school over the coming weeks.

Steph Green. Chair of Governors

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it is taking place on Monday 15th November. It is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

To take part and raise awareness of this issue, please send your children to school on Monday 15th November wearing odd socks.

Thank you

Mrs Oakley



Menu

Week commencing 15th November 2021

MONDAY

BBQ chicken served with rice,
peas & salad bar

BBQ Quorn pieces served with rice,
peas & salad bar

for dessert

Chocolate brownie

TUESDAY

Pasta bolognese served with crusty bread
& salad bar

Veggie pasta bolognese served with crusty
bread & salad bar

for dessert

Chocolate or strawberry mousse

WEDNESDAY

Shredded pork in a Yorkshire pudding served
with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & gravy

Meat-free meatballs in a Yorkshire pudding
served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli &
gravy

for dessert

Arctic roll

THURSDAY

Big Breakfast

Sausage, bacon, sauté potatoes, omelette,
beans & sweetcorn

Veggie sausage, sauté potatoes, omelette,
beans & sweetcorn

for dessert

Pancakes & sauce

FRIDAY

Chicken chunks served with chips, peas
& salad bar

Veggie fingers served with chips, peas
& salad bar

for dessert

Cupcake

THE COOKING POT

