

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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FROM MR RARATY



Welcome back!

I hope that you were able to have a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. I know a lot of families and staff had to change their Christmas plans due to COVID making a continuous and unwelcome appearance. Hopefully, 2022 will be a more settled, healthy and prosperous year. As a school, we are very excited about the year ahead with so many plans to implement and enjoy. We will continue to share events and developments with you and look forward to you getting involved to make Rodings even better. All the best for 2022!



And if you missed it, here is our amazing Miss Raban playing the National Anthem with the Royal British Legion Band for the Queen's Christmas Speech.

Lateral Flow and PCR Testing changes

The requirement for confirmatory PCR tests is to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results. From Tuesday 11 January 2022, in England, people who receive positive lateral flow results for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Anyone who develops one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test - these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

Applications for Reception 2022

The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January.

This year we have had two reports of families applying for places at Rodings using false addresses. One has been proved to be false, the other most recent allegation is still under investigation. Fraudulent applications are taken seriously and could lead to a child's place being revoked even if they have already started at Rodings.

Due to these two allegations additional checks will be carried out by ourselves and Essex County Council for 2022 places. Please make sure that you are making a legitimate application if you are applying for a place in September 2022.

On a personal level, investigating these reports takes up quite a lot of time and I'd rather spent that time on the children.

UPCOMING DATES

15th Jan 2022

September 2022 applications close

HOUSE POINTS

105

DE VERES

182

HROTHA

216

MANDEVILLES

121

TILTY

UPDATE FROM YOUR GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board met for the last time in 2021 on Monday 13th December.

We welcomed two new parent Governors, Lauren Dearsley who will be the link governor for Year 2 Kookaburras and Karen Whitehouse, Year 1 Hummingbirds.

The main focus of this Full Governing Board was the Head Teachers report. This is an extremely detailed report covering a wide variety of facts, figures, graphs and charts. This is the Governing Boards formal opportunity to hear from Mr Raraty not just about the data but the information that sits behind it. We also got the opportunity to quiz him for nearly two hours. The purpose is to support the Head and his team to ensure the school is the best it possibly can be.

The governing board also had an opportunity to explore the long-term financial plan for the school. We were all reassured and impressed with everything we heard.

Away from governance - despite the challenges to us all due to COVID-19 a number of the governors were able to attend the school in the run up to Christmas to enjoy Christmas dinner with their classes. The governors really do enjoy the opportunity to visit the school whenever they can, seeing the children and talking to the teaching staff...it has absolutely nothing to do with the roast dinner!

And finally, the Governing board hope you all enjoyed a nice Christmas with your families and you had a wonderful New Year.

Andy Mariner

Governor



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

**Wednesday 19th January 2022
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

*These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0122**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

Menu

Week commencing 10th January 2022

MONDAY

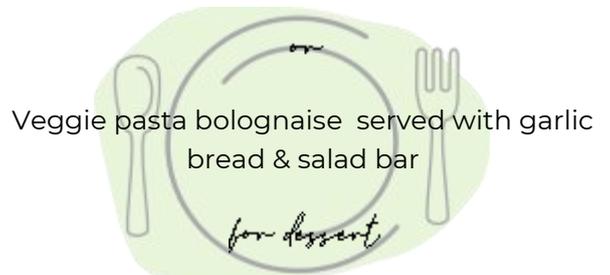
BBQ chicken served with rice, sweetcorn & salad bar



for dessert
Chocolate brownie

TUESDAY

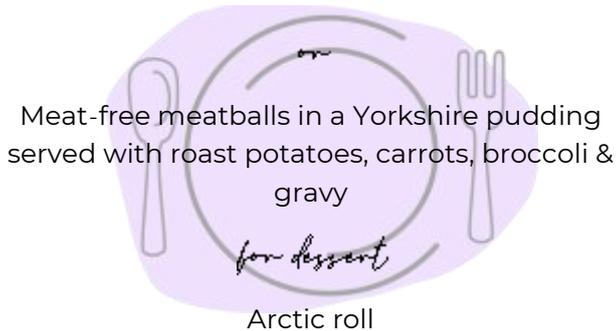
Pasta bolognese served with garlic bread & salad bar



for dessert
Cupcake

WEDNESDAY

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

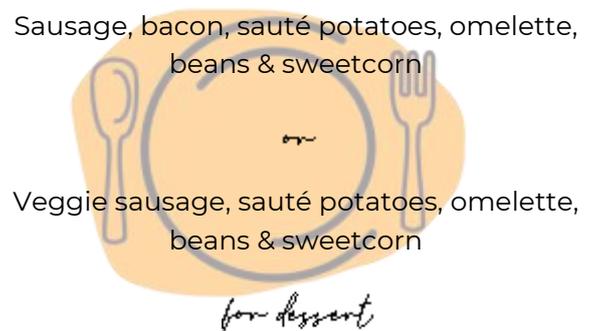


for dessert
Arctic roll

THURSDAY

Big Breakfast

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



for dessert
Pancakes & sauce

FRIDAY

Chicken chunks served with chips, baked beans, sweetcorn & salad bar



for dessert
Chocolate or strawberry mousse

THE COOKING POT

