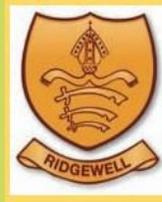


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**Ridgewell C of E Primary  
School Newsletter**



26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## HAPPY EASTER!

*Well done for all your hard work this term*

There have been many challenges for us all this past term, especially with the cold weather keeping us indoors more often than we would like. Thank you all again for your endurance and support with the remote learning and following the government guidelines as they have emerged. I would also again like to thank the dedicated team of staff at Ridgewell who have accepted every challenge with never-ending enthusiasm this term.

We hope that you all received the link for our Easter service, an impressive feat in the few weeks we've been back at school this term. Please contact the school if you missed the e-mail or struggle with the link. We will try to help where we can.

The end of this term also has us saying some goodbyes. We would like to wish Evie and Jake all the best for the future as they look forward to their house move and new school after Easter. We also send our best wishes with Mrs Pitts, Mrs Laidlaw and Mr Bettesworth.

Over the Easter holiday, we hope that you are all able to have a good rest so that you can return with lots of energy, ready for the start of the summer term.

Mrs Stuart



### PE DAYS AFTER EASTER – please note changes

Saturn (Y5/6) – Monday and Friday

Jupiter (Y3/4) – Monday PE / Friday Forest School Clothes

Earth & Mars (Rec/Y1/Y2) – Tuesday and Wednesday



## EASTER PEBBLES

*Village sunshine*

The decorated pebbles have now been hidden in Ridgewell, Ashen and Birdbrook. We hope you enjoy looking for them on your walks over the Easter holiday.

The idea came from the Ridgewell Rocks that Reggie was painting during the first lockdown to spread a bit of kindness.

If you have any ideas of village or community projects that the children could get involved with, do let us know.



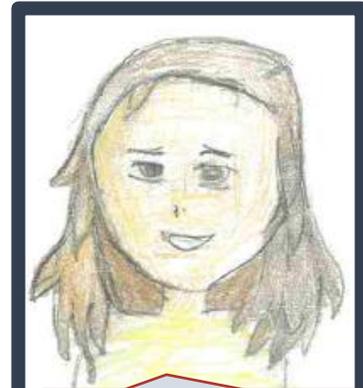
# Staff Changes

## *Saying goodbye at the end of this term*

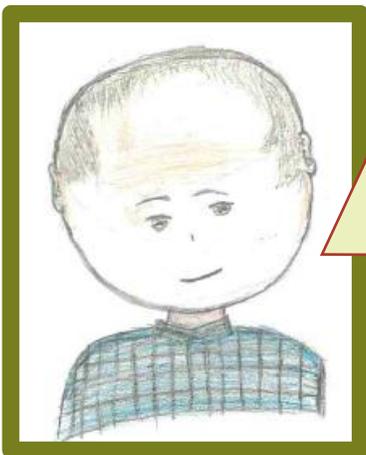
As a result of the staff re-structure, we will be sad to say goodbye to some familiar faces at Ridgewell. We wish them all every happiness for the future, Mr Bettesworth in his retirement and Mrs Laidlaw and Mrs Pitts in the paths they choose next. We will miss them all. (Portraits by Ellie and Jocelyn).



Mrs Pitts - I have been working at Ridgewell for over 7 years, mainly with the younger children. Watching them all go on and grow has been amazing. When I think of my time here, it has been full of good times. What I will miss most is the children, their smiles, jokes, little stories that they share plus all the fun and laughter. School has been such a huge part of my life and I am really sad to be leaving. It has been so lovely to work with all the lovely families at our school. I hope to still see you on the school run.



Mrs Laidlaw has worked at Ridgewell over the past 11 years. Over this time, she has worked across the school in different classes, sometimes moving up with the same children. She has said that she has lots of happy memories of working at the school and she will definitely miss the children! She will miss their passion for learning and the fun that we all have when learning at the school.



Mr Bettesworth - My time at Ridgewell has simply been without a moment's hesitation four of the happiest years of my working life. I've worked at many schools but none I've wanted to be at as much as Ridgewell. I've enjoyed all the community contributions the school makes, such as the Remembrance Service and the litter picks. Together with the church services, the Welly Walks, sports days, overnight visits. All of which have made this school special for me and my son who joined two years ago.

But most of all it has been working with such a marvellous group of children, motivated, positive and eager to come to school every day, it has been a joy to teach them. Not just the children, but the other teachers, LSA's, Mrs Eady, the ladies in the office and Suzy the cook, they have all been wonderful to work with and their support and enthusiasm is what makes Ridgewell special.

Working with such positive children and a great collection of colleagues have made the days pass all too quickly. It has always been a pleasure to get up and drive to Ridgewell, working here has been a delight and a privilege.

## Looking forward to...

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school after Easter
- Jupiter Forest School Sessions each Friday from 16<sup>th</sup> April