

# Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

## Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## SAY HELLO TO SUMMER

### *Warm first week back*

We have had a cheerful and rather warm first week back. What a change a week can make to the weather! Keeping windows and doors open has suddenly become much more pleasurable and outdoor learning is perfect for the summer term.

We are waiting to see what announcements will be made by the government regarding schools, and hope we will be able to enjoy more time together as a whole school once again. We continue to follow our risk assessment and operate the school in our two key stage bubbles.

We have arranged our whole school trip to Frinton this year for the 16<sup>th</sup> July and will make any adjustments needed to ensure we continue to stay as Covid safe as possible.

Thank you for continuing to send your children to school with full water bottles. We continue to encourage the children to drink plenty throughout each day, re-filling their bottles as needed.

In this warm weather, please can you ensure you have applied sun-screen to your child before they come to school. We are aiming to be a 'Sun Safe School' which highlights the importance of protecting the children in the summer. We are lucky to have many cool, shady areas on our playground and field for children to play in at break times. Please also ensure your child has a sun hat and their shoulders covered. (No vest tops) Thank you.

*Mrs Stuart*

### Contacting the school:

Thank you for bearing with us while our phone system is out of action. We will soon be replacing our internal phones, but in the meantime, please continue to contact the school by calling or texting the temporary number: **07708 689508** Alternatively, please send the office an e-mail through [admin.ridgewell@dcvst.org](mailto:admin.ridgewell@dcvst.org)



## New Addition to Uniform

### *Black Hoodie Added to PE Kit*

Originally set up to help with our Covid Risk-Assessment, we have been really pleased with the arrangement for our children to arrive at school in their PE kits on set days of the week. On these days, we find that the children are much more active during lunch and break times and some even jog up the lane to school in the mornings!

We are keen to continue with this arrangement in the next school year as it also saves lots of valuable lesson time.

As children will be continuing to wear their PE kit for two days a week, our uniform suppliers have added this smart black hoodie to their items available for parents to buy. They will be available to order during the summer for the new school year in September.

# Butterfly

## KS1 Butterflies Hatch

Thank you to Scarlett & Theo for looking after the butterflies over half term. The children in Mars and Earth had been waiting and waiting over the past weeks for them to emerge from their chrysalis', but it appeared that they were waiting for warmer weather... As soon as the holiday came, so did they. They have been released and we hope they are enjoying the sunny weather.

Theo reported that the butterflies were orange and black and that they liked being held by him. He said they flew over the roof and away.



First strawberries from Jupiter

## Wrap-around Care

The providers at Belchamp-St-Paul Primary school, 'Little Oaks Wrap-Around Care', have been looking into possible ways we could share the provision offered there both before and after school.

They are now looking at the logistics of making this provision work for those who need this support at Ridgewell and we look forward to sharing this with you soon.

## FORS

### Friends of Ridgewell School

We are hoping that our FORS group will re-start in the new year. In the past, this group has supported us by raising amounts of money for the school, supporting us to provide extra treats for the children. These have included: ice-creams; extra IT equipment; leaver's books; a climbing frame and subsidised school trips.

If you know of anyone who you think might enjoy planning fundraising events for the school or being part of a group who meet throughout the year to discuss future ideas or projects, please make them aware that there will be a meeting early in the autumn term. Grandparents, relatives, friends of the school and members of the community would all be very welcome to join, as well as parents.

Thank you for your support.



Keeping the plants well-watered in KS1!

## Diary Dates...

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Essex Wildlife Trust activity day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Saturn Class at Park Wood
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School trip to Frinton