

Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



7th July 2021

COVID UPDATE

Restrictions easing from 19th July

It was a welcome relief to hear yesterday that we can at last begin to think about easing the restrictions in school.

We plan to continue as we are at the moment, as schools have been advised not to make any changes until the autumn term.

We look forward to being able to have more shared time together through our Collective Worship in the hall and also at break and lunch times. I know that the children have missed being able to play across the different age-groups, which has always been a strength at Ridgewell.

Building work update

So far, the building work at school seems to be going to plan, and we look forward to opening up our hall again in September.

After five months of working in smaller spaces, it will feel wonderful to have a newly decorated hall, corridor and staffroom.

We look forward to lots of opportunities in the future where we will be able to invite you into school to see the changes for yourselves.

Sports Day – Friday 9th July

We are hoping for dry weather for our Sports Day on Friday. The day will run a little differently to a normal Sports Day as children will be in their key stage bubbles as we will still be following our risk assessment.

Children are welcome to wear their team colours or their usual PE kit to school. Please also ensure that they have their water bottles with them and that they have sun cream on before coming to school. We will take lots of photos throughout the day and look forward to sharing these with you.

Mrs Stuart

Allotment Update:

The gardening club from Jupiter have been busy over the past few weeks picking (and eating) strawberries. The three pumpkin plants have all had flowers and the courgette, sweetcorn and potato plants are all looking healthy.



Amazon Wishlist

Fundraising for 'Story Suitcases'

We have been looking at ways to continue with funding the little extra things that we provide for our children to enrich their time at school. Without a PTFA group at the moment, we are trying to be creative with how we do this.

Our latest project is to introduce 'Story Suitcases' that the children can take outside at playtime if they choose to. The cases will include a waterproof blanket and a selection of books for those who would like to read in their break.

The teachers have selected books that they feel would be suitable and these have all been added to an Amazon Wishlist. We will send the link out to parents in an e-mail and if you would like to contribute by buying a book, we would be very grateful. Thank you for your support!



Survey Results

Results of Parent Survey

Thank you so much to all who took the time to complete our survey, we were very pleased with the results. It was encouraging to see that 100% of parents who took part said that they strongly agreed/agreed that their children are happy to come to school and that they feel safe in school.

When asked about the strengths of the school, we also had some lovely comments. These mean so much to the dedicated staff who work at the school and we will share some of them on our website. Please see some of them below:

The school has a good atmosphere, both my children have thrived there academically and socially.

The school is small enough that all the staff are familiar with all the children and can support each child. There is a positive and welcoming attitude and environment daily. The staff support each other to make sure that they can provide the best education for the pupils.

Small class sizes mean the teachers can focus on each child's individual needs.

The staff are excellent and turnover is really low, meaning my child gets consistency and builds amazing relationships with her teachers.

Friendly staff, interaction with the children is great.

Staffing Changes for the Autumn Term

We will be very sad to see Mrs Radley leave Ridgewell at the end of the summer term. We have really enjoyed having her back from maternity leave and wish her every happiness in the future.

She has secured another teaching post a little closer to home and we wish her every success in her new role.

Mrs Stuart will be teaching a little more in Jupiter next year, along with Mrs Lowe, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Wright.

New Faces at Ridgewell

We warmly welcome a new pupil to Y3 this week, after recently moving into the village.

We will also have some other new children joining us in September and we really look forward to welcoming them all in the new term. They will be coming in to meet the children and their teachers and also join our transition afternoon in the last week of term.

Diary Dates...

- Friday 9th July – Sports Day
- Monday 12th July – Saturn Class at Park Wood
- Thursday 15th July – Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 16th July – Whole School trip to Frinton
- Tuesday 20th July – Last Day of Term / Leaver's Service
- Wednesday 21st July – Non-pupil Day