

# Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

## Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## PUPIL VOICE

### *School Council Meetings*

It is so important to us at Ridgewell that we take time to listen to what the children have to say about decisions made for our school. Our School Council has always been seen as a strong steering group and we have often had outside visitors join our meetings who have been impressed by the confidence and quality of their views. Despite the restrictions placed on us with social distancing, we have been keen to continue with our meetings.

Our School Council now meets in their key stage bubbles. So far, it has been working well and we share the minutes from both meetings in every class. To ensure that we stay apart, the classes now each have their own suggestion box to bring to the meetings, rather than the central one in the hall.

This term our members are, Archie and Jocelyn from Saturn Class, Mikey and Scarlett from Jupiter Class, Ivy and Ruby from Mars Class and Joe and Edith from Earth Class. From several suggestions, they chose the theme for this Friday's Children in Need Day which is to wear a mask. We hope your child has enjoyed thinking about what type of mask they would like to wear. *(There is a free Pudsey mask template on Twinkl.)*



## Christmas Card Designs

The children are very keen to spread a bit of cheer to our community this Christmas. The school council have asked for designs for Christmas Cards so that they can begin to make lots ready for their community card project. Designs will be chosen from each class.



## Remembrance

### *Minute silence planned in school*

This year, we will not be taking the children down to the village memorial as usual due to the lockdown restrictions.

To pay our respects and still take part in remembrance, the children have written on one of four large poppies that Mrs Lowe will take to the village memorial on behalf of the school.

Jonathan's weekly Wednesday online assembly will focus on Remembrance and give the opportunity for children and staff to hold a minute silence in their bubbles. The school will continue to sell Poppies and wrist bands in support of the appeal until Wednesday.



# Collective Worship

## Personal Learning Skills

We have started our new series of assemblies focusing on how to become a good learner. Each week we will link a story to the skill we are thinking about. Following on from the children's suggestion of linking more assemblies to Lego bricks, you might have seen your child bring home a 'Personal Skill' brick which had the words – 'Try New Things'- on one side and a sunrise on the other. Please ask your child about it, they should be able to explain how the picture is linked to the theme and story.

This week, the theme is 'Work Hard'. We will be sharing the beautiful book, 'Because,' by Mo Willems and Amber Ren and your child will be given another Lego brick to build with.



## Acts of Random Kindness Celebrating Wonderful Behaviour

Behaviour at Ridgewell is consistently strong and it is usually the first thing visitors comment upon - our calm atmosphere and well-behaved, polite children.

We have recently reviewed our Behaviour Policy and it is now called our 'Positive Behaviour Policy'. To help us to celebrate this strength more in school, we have created our 'ARK' book, (Acts of Random Kindness) which sits in the hall near this wonderful display made by Mars Class.

Children and staff look out for those who do something kind or thoughtful without being asked. When a child's name and act of kindness appears in the book, they will receive a postcard home and their name will appear on the display in a star for that half term. I look forward to seeing whose names appear this term.

*Mrs Stuart*



## Diary Date Updates...

- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Saturn Class at Park Wood for Forest School
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day (Wear a mask)
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Open Morning
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto Bus