

Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter

Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!



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JANUARY NEWS

A busy start to the year.

A lot seems to have happened in the last three and a half weeks. I have to keep reminding myself that the last time the children had a spring term in school together, they were two years younger. They are doing so well to keep focused with their learning. We have seen some cases of Covid within our school community recently and hope that those affected only have minor symptoms. Please keep testing regularly to help us to keep track of any new cases.

As you will be aware, our long-awaited Ofsted inspection arrived during the first full week back after Christmas with inspectors in school over two days. They spoke to lots of children and adults, and observed in classrooms and around school. Their final report will be shared with you once it has been published.

We have welcomed two new children, Teddy and Emilia, to Ridgewell and hope they feel at home quickly at school. We have also introduced Whisper (our school puppy) to school last week as she begins to spend time getting used to the sights, smells and sounds of school and meeting lots of children. A wild pheasant has become a bit of another pet and moved in behind the school, waiting for Mrs Eady to feed it each day. He enjoys strutting along the windows near the KS2 classrooms.

Children have all begun learning about events and people who have changed the course of history through this term's theme – 'Being a Game-Changer'. Some lovely work has been produced so far and we look forward to seeing what more they do this term.

Mrs Stuart

PTFA (FORS):

We are looking forward to the Valentine's Disco, organized by the FORS (Friends of Ridgewell School) for the 10th Feb after school. This is a popular request from children at school, with it making a regular appearance in the school suggestion box.



Well done Mrs Wright!

*Now Accredited Forest
School Leader*

We would like to congratulate Mrs Wright on the completion of her Forest School Leader Course. Over the past two years she has spent many hours learning about Forest School theories, writing assignments, gathering case studies, being observed and attending practical workshops.

She didn't let the disruption of Covid lockdown stop her and kept on going. We look forward to a future of many more fun Forest School sessions at Ridgewell.



Whisper Starts her visits

Our puppy, Whisper has started to make visits to school so that she becomes familiar with the building and people. She has sat through a singing assembly, watched the children eat their lunch in the hall, visited all the children in their classrooms and has begun to feel at home in her bed near the office.

The children have all been really gentle with her as she begins to get to know them. She is doing so well!



RSPB Bird Watch

Please let us know what your results were if you managed to take part in this year's bird watch. There appears to have been a great decline in sparrows across the country recently. Jupiter class will be combining the data to look at in class.

The children in Jupiter recently took part in a traffic survey to find out what types of traffic comes through Ridgewell village as part of their Geography field work. They decided that they could have also counted the number of waves and horns beeping as people waved on their way past!



Diary Dates...

- 2nd February – 9:30am – Family Service in Church (tea & coffee in hall before)
- 8th February – 2pm – FORS meeting in the school hall – all welcome
- 10th February – 3:30pm – 5:45pm – PTFA Valentine Disco in hall
- 11th February – finish for half term
- 21st February – Non-pupil Day
- 22nd February – Children return to school
- 23rd February – Saturn Class – Park Wood Forest School Day