

Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!
**Ridgewell C of E Primary
School Newsletter**



23rd September 2022

Autumn Term

A quiet time online; busy time inside!



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

After only a week into this term, the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II caused a fair amount of reflection in school. On the morning after the announcement, we held a special C of E assembly in which the Arch Bishop of Canterbury read a special prayer to the children about the Queen. It seemed especially poignant after our recent whole school celebrations in May for her Platinum Jubilee. Out of respect, we stayed quiet on social media and shared only essential information with parents during the ten days of national mourning. Despite the somber nature of the events in our country, the school continued to be its usual, happy place of learning.

Three weeks ago, it was wonderful to welcome Chloe, Dexter, Georgia and Emmie to our school along with Finlay, Maddie, Jessica, River and Bella. We look forward to getting to know them all much more during their time at Ridgewell and seeing them flourish with their learning.

For those who are new to school, our celebration 'Star Assembly' is held every Friday in the hall. Teachers award a 'Star of the Week' certificate to one child in each class who has stood out during the week for either amazing work or behaviour and a lunchtime award is also given out. If your child has achieved something special outside of school (e.g. a sports or music certificate...) please send these in so that we can all celebrate and learn about their achievements.

Mrs Stuart



Y6 Secondary School Admissions:

Please note that the window for applying for a secondary school places for Y6 children is now open and will remain so until the 31st October 2022. Applications should be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Great Fire of London Workshop

KS1 Journey back in time

This term, KS1 children are learning about the events leading up to and during the Great Fire of London. They had a wonderful workshop in the hall yesterday with a visitor from the Freshwater Theatre Company.

Albert said, "We held red, orange or yellow ribbons and we were being fire. It felt hot."

Jake H. remembered, "We learnt more about Samuel Pepys."

Hermione could recall that, "The Tower of London didn't burn because it was made out of rock."

A super morning to remember!

Being a Reporter

This term's concept for learning.

This term, our whole school focus is around being a reporter. We will be looking at the skills needed to record information and share this with others in a clear way. This will link so well to our history curriculum across the school.

Later on this term, we will have a real journalist visiting the school to speak to the children about their work and the skills that they needed to carry out this role well.



New Ukuleles in school!

In the summer term, the school was awarded a grant from a local education trust to buy a class set of Ukuleles. Part of our bid included the children's wonderful national anthem performance from our Jubilee celebrations. Jupiter Class will be the first to enjoy learning how to play them and we look forward to sharing their performance with you sometime soon.



Looking forward to...

- Tues 27th Sept – 3:20pm - Burwell House Residential meeting for Y3,4,5 parents.
- Fri 7th Oct – Non-pupil day
- Tues 11th Oct – KS1 parent, pupil consultation day
- Thurs 13th Oct – Saturn parent consultation day
- Fri 14th Oct – Jupiter parent consultation day
- Mon 17th Oct – 9:30am - Harvest Festival in church
- Weds 19th Oct – Enrichment Foundation Day
- Fri 21st Oct – 2pm FORS meeting – all welcome/ finish for half term