

Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



18th November 2022

November News

Sun, showers and lots of leaves!

There have been so many things to keep children busy learning this term and there are many more lovely activities still to come this term. A huge well done to our Y6 children for working hard to complete their Bikeability training last week and also to the children who went on their first residential trip to Burwell at the start of term. We are so proud of you all. We have been sharing lots of news on Facebook to help to keep you up to date with the many things happening in school.

There is now a much stronger focus on attendance across all Essex schools this year with the re-instatement of Attendance Officers who will be visiting every school each term. Following guidance, we will be sending out letters to parents whose children are identified on our school system as being persistently absent.

This week we have seen so many children absent from school with a sore throat, cough and a fever. Please ensure that once your child is well enough to return to school, they are wrapped up warm, have their water bottles with them and know to cough into their elbows. We are hoping that everyone will be well once again before we begin working on all of the festive activities we have planned.

Please keep a note of the dates at the end of this newsletter and any updates we will be sending out to parents.

Thank you,

Mrs Stuart

Primary School Admissions:

The reception admissions window is now open for parents of children applying for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



Children in Need Ramble *Community Walk*

On Wednesday, the whole school, along with many parents and family members came on our Welly Walk for Children in Need.

The sun appeared mid-way through the walk and brightened up the rainy morning. There were plenty of puddles to be splashed in on the way – with some of the parents joining in!

At the end, the children had walked an impressive 3.5 miles - a huge well done to our youngest children for completing the walk!



Pudsey Outfit Winners

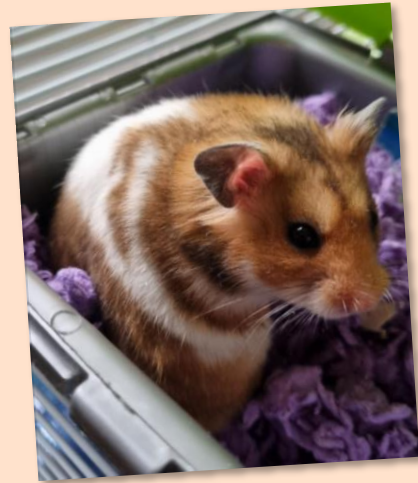
Prize for most yellow or spotty!

Well done to Harry, Emmie, Lily and Jake for their super yellow and spotty outfits on Wednesday. We gave out the prizes in our star assembly on Friday.



Pets Corner

This month, the children in KS1 welcomed their new hamster, Nibbles. She seems to be settling in very well and has started spending her weekends at the homes of some of the children in Mars Class. She spends a lot of the day curled up in her box but does come out to say hello to the children at times in the day.



Whisper was being spoilt after the walk on Wednesday by some of the children who were practising the Christmas Play. She definitely enjoyed all of the attention.



Looking
forward
to...

- Mon 21st Nov – School Photographs (individual and siblings)
- Thurs 8th Dec – Christmas Games Night – FORS
- Tues 13th Dec – Daytime Nativity – 10 – 11am (suited to younger siblings)
- Weds 14th Dec – Afternoon Nativity – 1:45 – 2:45pm
- Thurs 14th Dec – Evening Nativity – 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Fri 16th Dec – Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day
- Mon 19th Dec – Christingle Day
- Tues 20th Dec – Carol Service – 1:30pm in church (finish for Christmas holiday)