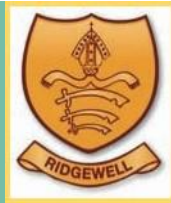


Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

# Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## FESTIVE FUN

*Counting down the days till Christmas!*

The past few weeks have been filled with events that always make Christmas time so special at Ridgewell. We were all very impressed by the children's wonderful performances in our 'Fireside Nativity' play this year and the children clearly enjoyed themselves.

After sadly staying shut last Monday due to the weather, the snow & frost did stay around to add a sparkly, wintry feel to the week. Thank you for sending in your pictures of snowmen, snow angels and sledging – we've really enjoyed sharing these pictures in school. A huge thank you to Mr. Redman who came to school last Tuesday with bags of grit and a snow shovel to clear a path to school, it made the whole week much easier for us all.

With this week being much milder, the whole school were able to make their Christingles again on the playground and then followed on with an outdoor fireside Christingle service led by Mrs Lowe. It was tricky to light the candles due to the wind, but we hope you have enjoyed lighting these together at home.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our Carol Service on Tuesday and on behalf of the whole team at Ridgewell, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Mrs Stuart

## Community Card Designs

We really look forward to sending out Christmas Cards in our community each year. Well done to the four children, Frankie, Vinny, Jake R. and Jessica whose happy and cheerful designs were chosen this year!



## Primary School Admissions:

The reception admissions window is still 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



## Christmas Dinner '22

Well done to Cheryl and Penny for the delicious Christmas Dinner at school on Friday! It is always one of the most popular meals of the year and all lunchtime staff work so hard to make it as special as always. The reindeer biscuits were very popular this year!

## Staff change for January

### *Goodbye Miss Gipson*

We end the term with a fond farewell to Miss Gipson who has been with us at Ridgewell for the past nine years. She has got to know most children well at our school as they have begun their time with us in Reception. We will all miss her and wish her every success and happiness as she begins in her new job after Christmas!



We were successful in appointing an experienced LSA, Mrs Sillett, who we will be welcoming to Ridgewell in the new year.



## Looking forward to...

- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service – 1:30pm in church (finish for Christmas holiday)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Live Nativity at Ridgewell Church – 4pm
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> January – we look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday



Merry Christmas to you all

(From Whisper)