

Laying Foundations for Life-Long Learning!



Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter

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JANUARY NEWS

Engaging Learning

We are already over half-way through this this half term, and yet it feels as though we've only just taken the tinsel down and put the trees away. It was wonderful to welcome back 100% of the children after the holidays and our children's attendance has been much stronger so far this term. We are hoping that the germs and viruses that got to some of us last term will now leave us alone for a while.

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs. Sillett to our teaching team and she is doing a brilliant job getting to know the children and our school well. There have been some engaging activities across KS1 as the children learnt about the Chinese New Year Celebrations this week. It was so encouraging to see our youngest children independently writing their food orders in the 'Chinese Take-Away' role play area. Whisper tried her best to get to the noodles in Earth class at the start of the week, it looked so delicious!

We continue to work on independent learning across the school. This looks different with each age-group and class, and tasks such as looking up a word in a dictionary to carrying out some independent research are always encouraged. We can see this independence grow as the children move through the school.

There are a busy two weeks ahead of us before we finish for half term and we look forward to sharing more learning and news with you!

Mrs. Stuart

PTFA – Valentine's Disco

The PTFA group, FORS, are organizing another brilliant Valentine's Disco after school on 9th February.

Please look out for a letter in your child's book bag.



Wildlife Window

Moments of awe and wonder

We shared pictures on Facebook of the wildlife that came to our school last week. Alongside the KS2 classrooms, two Muntjac deer wandered so close during the day, which is quite unusual. We couldn't help but stop our work and watch them for a few beautiful moments.

Our fully-stocked feeders are encouraging a wide range of birds back to our school, alongside some very well-fed squirrels. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated food and also to Mr. Jones for kindly donating a new bird feeder which has been positioned outside Mars classroom. We are now well-prepared for the RSPB bird watch this week!

Family Services

Join us on 1st February

Our next family service will be on Wednesday 1st February in the church at 9:30am. It would be lovely to see parents and family members if you are able to join us. There will be tea/coffee run by the FORS in the school hall from drop-off in the morning. Children are able to sit with family members rather than their class to enjoy the service.

Practical Learning in Mars Class

Hands on activities during maths and phonics lessons that help to make learning engaging and fun!



Colchester Zoo Rocks!

During the first week back after Christmas, all children took part in the 'Colchester Zoo Rocks' project to help the Zoo celebrate their 60th Birthday this year. The children were given a rock on which they were asked to paint a picture of something that reminded them of the zoo.

There were some lovely designs from the children and the rocks have now all been varnished and sent back to the zoo. We are planning to visit for a school trip in the summer term and hope to spot some of our designs! The children were all given a certificate and sticker as a thank you from the zoo!



Looking
forward
to...

- Wednesday 1st Feb – Family Service at 9:30pm
- Tuesday 7th Feb – Forest School for KS1 & Jupiter
- Thursday 8th Feb – Spring Welly Walk – 11am
- Thursday 9th Feb – FORS Valentine's Disco
- Friday 10th Feb – finish for half term
- **Monday 20th Feb – Non-pupil Day**
- Tuesday 21st Feb – children return to school