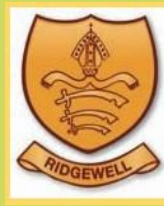


Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!
**Ridgewell C of E Primary
School Newsletter**



8th September 2023



WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome!

A huge welcome to you all this term, both to new families and those returning from the summer break. It has definitely been one of the hottest starts to the autumn term that any of us can remember.

After lots of preparation over the summer, it was lovely to see the children arriving on Wednesday looking very smart, and see them all finding their feet in their new year groups. Our reception children will be staying for the whole day from Monday and after a confident start I am sure that they will manage just fine.

You may have noticed workmen finishing off their work on the playground on our return. They have been installing permanent goals for the children and will be in action from next week – very exciting! We also have a tree surgeon due to visit who will be opening up part of an overhanging canopy near the playground.

We hope that you are able to make you child's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings next week, especially if your child has moved to a new class this year. Next week, we will be sending home you child's learning overviews for the term ahead.

We look forward to an exciting year,

Mrs Stuart

Thank you FORS – for our lovely new rugs in Earth and Mars Class!



A note from Mrs Sillett for new Reception parents

This week in Earth Class, we have been settling in and getting to know each other. Everyone has been doing really well and we are proud of them all. The children have been showing their 'All About Me' bags which has really helped us to get to know each other. Thank you so much to parents for helping to put them together.

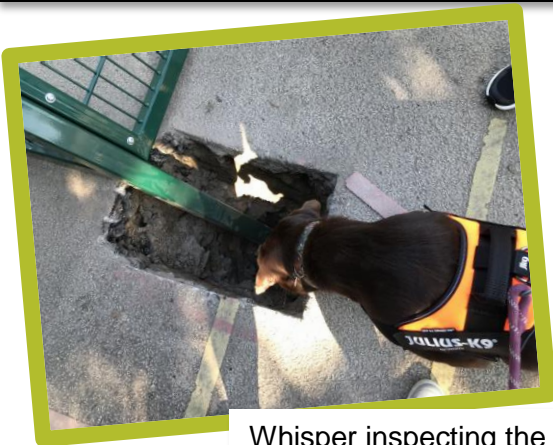
Morning registration is in Mars Class with Mrs Andrews and then the children move into Earth Class with Mrs Sillett where we can learn and play. This week there has been lots of interest in pirates, treasure chests & treasure maps, cars, the marble run and colouring, drawing and writing. We have a fabulous giant whiteboard which the children love to mark make on and rub away.

All KS1 children have been having snack together at 10am, this week they have had bananas, raisins and carrots. Fresh chilled milk is available as well as water. We go out to play at 10.45 on the school field with the whole school where we can meet up with siblings and friends in other classes. Connections with others are happening really quickly as the older children enjoy getting to know the new individuals in Reception class.

11am is assembly in the school hall where we sit together as a whole school, we listen, we sing and we learn together. Mrs Stuart has been leading assemblies this week. Then we go back to Earth Class for more chance to learn and play. We have been busy learning our 'Class Rules' and routines. Messy play this week has involved oats & pine cones, shaving foam & dinosaurs and flour.

Lunch has been served at 12 noon with Years 1 & 2 in the school hall followed by playtime on the field. The rest of the school come in for dinner slightly later but can then join younger siblings in the hall and at play.

We will soon have our 'Tapestry' pages back up and running where we will share with you what your children are learning in school. Mrs Andrews and I look forward to meeting with you at our 'Meet the Teacher' event after school next Wednesday.



Whisper inspecting the new goal foundation holes.



New goals ready for action next week.

Dates coming up...

- Mon 11th Sept – Saturn Class 'Meet the Teacher' – 3:15pm
- Tues 12th Sept – Jupiter Class 'Meet the Teacher' – 3:15pm
- Weds 13th Sept – KS1 'Meet the Teacher' – 3:15pm
- Weds 13th Sept – KS2 swimming begins
- Tues 19th Sept – KS1 Forest School Day
- Tues 3rd Oct – Harvest Festival Service in the Church – 9:30am
- Fri 6th Oct – **NON-PUPIL DAY**