

# RIDGEWAY INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*'Ridgeway Infant School is a safe, happy place where everyone does their best'*

**20th September 2017**



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## WELCOME BACK!

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS GRAY

Happy new school year! A warm welcome to all our new families that have joined us for the first time, we hope you will soon feel very much part of the Ridgeway community. KS1 children have settled quickly into their new classes and are looking forward to their new term full of enjoyable, challenging learning activities ahead. New Reception children have also settled remarkably well and are enjoying exploring their new environment both outside and in.



### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

It's great to welcome Mrs Sue Whitehead to the Ridgeway team. Mrs Whitehead joins us as our new School Business Manager, taking over from Mrs Hughes who is now enjoying her well-earned retirement! Mrs Whitehead is married with a grown-up son and comes to us having worked in school administration for the last 11 years, most recently as the Bursar of a large Junior school in Derby. She says, "I love working in a school environment. The children never fail to make me smile!"



We would also like to welcome our new teachers Miss Robinson, Miss McPhail and Miss Baker to the Ridgeway Team.

### DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

We know that sometimes you may want to speak to your Class teacher to pass on a piece of information or that you may have a question to ask us. You can do this in a number of ways. Either leave a message with a member of staff on door duty in the morning and your Class teacher will get back to you or you can speak to your Class teacher after school. We also offer you the opportunity to email your Class teacher using their personal school email address below. Class teachers check their emails daily and will always respond to your email within 48 hours. We understand that from time to time you may want to find out more about how your child is getting on at school. We offer three parent/carer consultation evenings throughout the academic year and also the opportunity to come into your child's classroom to look at work books, displays or to speak to your Class teacher. Classrooms are open each afternoon after school until 4.00pm, except for Mondays.

### SUMMER FAIR 22ND JULY 2017

Thank you to everyone who came along or helped at our amazing Summer Fair at the end of last term. The Friends of Ridgeway raised the fantastic total of £975.09 which will be put towards resources for the children.

Class 1: Mrs Jeffery	HJeffery@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 2: Miss Harford	KHarford@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 3: Miss Dale	RDale@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 4: Miss McPhail	JMcPhail@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 5: Miss Bevins	LBevins@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 6: Miss Baker	EBaker@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 7: Miss Bailey	MBailey@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 8: Miss Knight	HKnight@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk
Class 9: Miss Robinson	ERobinson@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on: **Tuesday 17th October 2017 for Year 2 and Wednesday 18th October 2017 for Reception and Year 1 children** to take individual photographs of each child. There will also be the opportunity for photos to be taken of family groupings both before and after school on Wednesday. As we did last year we will be offering appointment times for the sessions before and after school, so look out for further information soon!



## SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

As all staff take part in a daily briefing (between 8.30am and 8.40am) the School Office will not be open until 8.40am at the earliest. You will still be able to contact the office by phone and leave a message, before this time on the voice mail, if the phone is not answered by a member of staff.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY - OUTSIDE

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children **MUST NOT** play on the outside play equipment when they are waiting for the doors to open at the start and end of the day. Very often the equipment has been set up by the staff in readiness for teaching and learning but it is also to ensure the safety of everyone.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM/BELONGINGS

Please can we remind all parents/cares that all school uniform, PE kit, swimming kit and belongings brought into school should be clearly marked with your child's name. For items that do get lost we have a lost property box by the School Office which is emptied at the end of each half term.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

If you haven't done so already please register your e-mail details at: parentmail@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk as soon as possible. Please include your child's name and class number on the e-mail.

## SCHOOL DRIVE

In the interests of the safety of all of our children we ask that parents/carers **DO NOT** drive on to the school site at anytime. This also applies if you are collecting a child from an after school club. Thank you!

## RECEPTION PARENTS MEETINGS

Don't forget the meetings on Thursday 21st September at 5.15pm and Friday 22nd September at 9.00am in the school hall.

## MONEY

If you are sending money into school at anytime, please ensure that it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class number and the amount of money you are sending into school.



## SWIMMING

We now have a stock of swimming hats (£2.50) and swimming bags (£4.00) available from the school office.



## HEAD'S TEA

The children who will be invited to Head's Tea this Friday are those children who have shown great **Teamwork!**