

CHILDREN IN NEED

The wonderful fund raising efforts of our families raised the grand total of £ 303.43 or BBC Children in Need. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed.



POPPIES

We raised £101.36 with the sale of poppies in school this year. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of our families who visited our book fair. 60% of the total book sales will be spent on books for our classrooms and library. Every child who visited the fair to buy a book was entered into a raffle to win a free book. Well done to all of our winners!

RIDGEWAY GOVERNORS

The Governing Body have assigned governors for each key stage this year, They are as follows:

Reception Team

Tim Cremin and Michelle Knowles

Key Stage 1 Team

Lorna Reid, Paul Hassall, Sukhy Mahal, Lorna Reid

The governors are hoping where possible to attend events in school e.g. performances, parent events, classroom activities. They also want to get involved in some lessons with the children. Governors can be contacted via the School Office.

STAFF CHANGES ON THE DOORS AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

After the holiday we will be moving the staff around who look after the doors at the start of the day. The new arrangements will be:

Reception Door - Reception Mrs Whitehead SBM
Doors for Classes 4 and 5 Mrs Morris Learning Mentor
Doors for Classes 6 and 7 Mrs Gray HT
Door for Classes 8 and 9 Mrs Dale DHT

DIG AND CHIPS

Thank you to all who helped. We managed to:

- plant over 1000 bulbs and plants in the meadow
- tidy and weed the sensory den and square
- tidy all of the beds and pots
- completely tidy and weed the whole of the reception area
- remove the old broke wood and rubbish from the wildlife area
- fill a huge skip with rubbish

Your help is greatly appreciated.

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2018

If you want to apply for the intake year of an Infant, Junior or Primary school starting in September 2018, you can make your application from 6 November 2017 onwards. You need to apply by the National Closing Date of 15 January 2018. Any applications made after 15 January 2018 will be classed as 'late' and considered after all 'on time' applications have been dealt with. To make an application you can:

[apply online](#) - it's quick and easy and lets you track the progress of your application

- apply by phone on 01332 642730 - this takes around 5 minutes and you will need to know the name of the school you are applying to
- apply using a paper form - telephone 01332 642730 to ask us to send you one.

If you make your application online, you will be able to access your decision on 16 April 2018 – National Offer Day. If you apply by phone or on a paper form your offer letter will be posted on 16 April 2018, second class.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

A very well done to all our wonderful brave children who excelled themselves in our 9 Christmas performances. We hope that this provided you with a festive feeling to start the holidays with. We are sure you feel as proud as we do!

MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Mrs Patel and her husband will be setting off soon to embark on their personal challenge to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing them well. We have had lots of parents/carers who expressed a wish to sponsor her. We have set up a Just Giving page for anyone who wishes to contribute. All funds raised will be used to developing the outdoor area. The link is below. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ridgewayinfantschool>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.20/3.25pm on Friday 15th December 2017 and re-opens for children on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 8.45am.

All the staff at Ridgeway wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday.