

## Our Vision: Every child, every day, to thrive and learn

### Dates for your diary

<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	
<b>Term begins</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Term finishes</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>Spring term 2020</b>	
<b>Term begins</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Term finishes</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Summer term 2021</b>	
<b>Term begins</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>May bank holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021 (School closed to pupils)
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Term finishes</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>Staff Training days</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
<b>School is closed to pupils</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020 Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021

### Teaching & Learning Update

This week Clare and I have delivered training for the teachers across both sites. The training aim was to enhance understanding of how teachers 'plan-do-review' pupils learning through fun engaging activities. The teachers are now fully confident in how to get the most out of the annual review process. At Evergreen School the EHCP for each child is the starting point for the teachers to plan for personalised learning. As you know each child or young person in every class will be learning different things at different rates. The teachers will be spending lots of time reading the EHCP's and learner profiles for each child or young person in their new class. This will enable them to be signposted to read relevant multi-professional reports. From all this research the teacher will develop a half term plan of exciting, engaging activities that ensure all pupils' needs are catered for within their class. Simultaneously they will be using the framework of the new Evergreen skills based curriculum and thematic cycle to plan within the whole school topic "Let's Travel". May I take the opportunity to thank the teachers and the teaching assistants for their ongoing commitment and dedication they have shown towards the new exciting year ahead at Evergreen School.

*Have a lovely Summer, best wishes Jane Hatwell (Deputy Headteacher)*

### Forest School – Deansway Site

Ramesh Karki at Chopwell Trees kindly donated tree stumps for the children to sit on in the Forest School.



### Class Dojo

Class Dojo will be relaunched in September with new class groups across the Evergreen School. Teachers will not be accessing Class Dojo after end of day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you for using this form of communication, we are sure you will agree it has really helped with home to school contact.

### School Uniform

We are receiving lots of queries about school uniform for September, please refer to page 8 of the Evergreen School Information document which can be found at:

<https://www.ridgewaysch.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

### Finding help over the summer

A resource for parents around emotional wellbeing is available on our website <https://www.ridgewaysch.co.uk/useful-information/>

## Are you finding things hard right now?

It's okay not to feel okay, but we want you to feel safe.

You do not need to struggle alone, help and support is available right now if you need it.

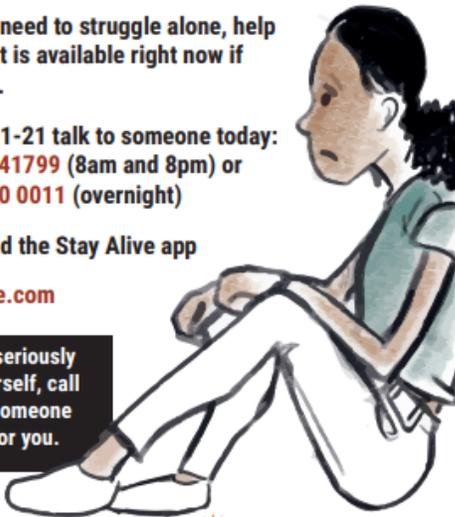
If you are 11-21 talk to someone today:

☀️ 02476 641799 (8am and 8pm) or  
➤ 0300 200 0011 (overnight)

Or download the Stay Alive app

[www.cwrise.com](http://www.cwrise.com)

If you have seriously harmed yourself, call 999 or ask someone to call 999 for you.



### Spare uniform – Brittain Lane

At Brittain Lane we have brand new blue Round Oak logo polo shirts and some winter jumpers with sizes varying from 9/11, L, XL and XXL. Although we are not changing the uniform imminently we are selling them at a reduced price of £5 per item. They will be available for sale the first week of term just ask the office at Brittain Lane.

### Free School Meals

All pupils currently receiving free school meals will NOT need to reapply in September even though the school name will have changed.

### School payments

As you will all imagine we have been busy making preparations for September to welcome the children back to Evergreen School. One of those preparations has been to look at systems and processes across the 2 schools currently and make decisions about those moving forwards. One such system is that for parents to make cashless payments to the school (for lunches/trips/clubs etc). Round Oak currently uses School Gateway, an App that has other features that the school and parents have found really helpful, whereas Ridgeway currently use SimsPay (rebranded from SimsAgora), that parents have used but the school have found difficult to manage behind the scenes. After many investigations and discussions we have decided that Evergreen School will use the School Gateway App with effect from September for all payments to the school. For those current Round Oak parents you will of course be familiar with the system, but we will communicate to ALL parents again in September with all the information necessary for you to start using it.

# Wishing everyone a safe and happy Summer.