



Summer Newsletter 2012

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year!

Ridgeway Under Fives committee news

As we draw near the end this academic year and many of the preschool children prepare to move to 'big school' the committee are looking ahead and are looking for new committee members to join from September 2012.

As you know, the Under Fives is run by a charitable organisation, of which the committee is an important part of managing the day to day operations of the pre-school as well as making decisions on the future vision and provision of the toddler group, ducklings and pre-school.

There are a wide variety of roles within the committee and we welcome involvement from as many parents/carers as possible, as we all have valuable skills and insights to offer in order to support the Under Fives.

The committee meet 1 evening a month. If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more information, please contact any of the committee members listed on the last page of the newsletter or come along to the next committee meeting on 11 July 2012, which will be held in the Lounge of the Queens Head in Ridgeway (8pm – 10pm) or to our AGM on Wednesday 12 September 2012.

Volunteers to join the Ridgeway Under Fives fundraising committee for 2012/13

Ridgeway Under Fives relies on fundraising initiatives to boost the groups income to enable us to maintain our high standards of care and education.

We are looking to set up a fundraising committee for the next academic year to continue the fantastic established fundraising events, as well as explore new ways to fundraise for the group.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this group, please contact Carolyn Clethro on 07850 972117 or carolynclethro@hotmail.co.uk (no previous experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!)

AND FINALLY A BIG THANK YOU

To **Adell Goodison** who is leaving the committee at the end of this academic year. Adell has been the driving force behind fundraising for the Under Fives for a number of years and has been instrumental in the group raising thousands of pounds. Her fundraising expertise and tireless enthusiasm will be very much missed by the committee and she will be a hard act to follow ☺

Thank you Adell, we could not have done it without you!!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE ...

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, attend or donate to the following:

- The Spring Fair was very well supported this year and raised over £700, which is fantastic!
- The sale of cakes and refreshments at the preschool sports day raised over £125

Some future fundraising dates for your diary:

- **Rags R Us collection** Tuesday 3 July, please drop your bags off at preschool on the morning
- **Ridgeway Carnival** Sunday 8 July

Please come along and support the Ridegway Under Fives stall, and any volunteers to help with the stall will be much appreciated

- **Christmas Fair** Saturday 1 December

Look out for details of how to get involved in these events

Events at preschool

Sports day

The Olympics themed sports day at preschool was a huge success, with all the staff, children and spectators enjoying lots of fun on a lovely sunny day. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event.

A selection of photos from sports day will be available to buy from preschool, please look out for details displayed in preschool of the photos, sizes and prices.

End of term party

This will be held on Friday 20 July 2012, from 10am to 12pm. Fancy dress is optional.

Ridgeway Under Fives in the news!

Image Magazine recently ran a feature on Ridgeway Under Fives, if you have not seen it please take a look at it online (and feel free to forward the link to anyone you think may be interested in their children attending toddlers, ducklings or preschool):

http://subscriber.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/subscribe_optional.aspx?cond=8&eid=6ca2ebb2-c291-49da-b8c5-9073abc6d4f2



There are currently places available at Toddlers (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings) and Ducklings (Monday and Tuesday mornings) for the rest of this academic year and for next year.

There are also a few places still available at Preschool for next academic year for children ages 2 ½ and above. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in these places please contact Janet Davidson on 0783 727 3030 for more information.

Term dates 2011/2012

Friday 20 July 2012

Pre-school closes for Summer Holidays

Term dates 2012/13

Autumn Term 2012

Monday 3rd September 2012

Sessions re-open

Friday 26th October 2012

Sessions close for half-term

Monday 5th November 2012

Sessions re-open

Friday 21st December 2012

Sessions close for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2013

Monday 7th January 2013

Sessions re-open

Friday 15th February 2013

Sessions close for half-term

Monday 25th February 2013

Sessions re-open

Thursday 28th March 2013

Sessions close for Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April 2013

Sessions re-open

Monday 6th May 2013

Sessions closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May 2013

Sessions close for half-term

Summer Term 2013

Wednesday 5th June 2013

Sessions re-open

Tuesday 23rd July 2013

Sessions close for Summer Holidays

NB Please note that there are 3 more inset days still to be arranged for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Committee & Reps 2011/2012

Chair – Karen Bennett

Secretary – Samantha Sykes

Treasurer – Nina Derbyshire

Fundraising – Adell Goodison

Grants/Fundraising – Nicola Howarth & Jacqui Oxley

Marketing – Caroline Panter

Committee members – Andrea Laurie, Hannah Shaw

Newsletter – Carolyn Clethro

Toddler Reps – (Wed) Nicol Bradshaw (non-committee member) (Thurs) Deborah Moore & Jacqui Oxley

(Fri) Jacqui Oxley

The committee and staff would welcome any parents that want to come along to a meeting to hear more about RUF's. The meetings are held in the Lounge of the Queens Head in Ridgeway. A full list of all committee meeting dates can be found at pre-school and at toddler group.

Pre-school Contact details

Ridgeway Under Fives

Contact Pre-school: 0114 2470622 / 0777 363 3846

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The **next edition** of the newsletter is planned for **October 2012**. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in future editions, or any feedback on this newsletter, please contact Carolyn Clethro on 07850 972117 or carolynclethro@hotmail.co.uk