



## Winter Newsletter 2013

### Ridgeway Under Fives staff and committee news

Jacqui Thurlow (Preschool Assistant) left us on Friday 15 February to take up a Teaching Assistant role in Killamarsh. Jacqui has worked at preschool for 14 years and during this time she has been an integral part of the team. Cathy Thomas will also be leaving us on 26 March to take up more hours in her other role at a firm of solicitors. We are all very sad to see Jacqui and Cathy leave but we wish them all the best with their new roles.

Hannah Shaw has decided to step down from the committee and we would like to thank Hannah for all her support. We are always looking for new committee members. The committee meet 1 evening each month in the Lounge of the Queens Head in Ridgeway (8pm – 10pm). 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 a committee meeting (a list of meeting dates can be found in preschool or can be provided by our toddler reps).

### Parent Helpers at preschool required

Parent/carers are always welcome to help at preschool and there are a number of different ways in which you can do this:

- You can join our **supply list** if you are available on specific days to be called on at short notice to come in to help on particularly busy days or if needed. This is a very important resource for preschool to have in order to provide the children with a continuous high standard of preschool provision. We are looking to expand our supply list now and so if you are interested, please speak to a member of the preschool staff for an application form
- You can come in as a **parent helper** for a session to help with the activities that day, help prepare snack etc
- We are always grateful for parents who arrive a little bit early who wish to help with setting up the session outside to ensure we open on time. Please note, however, that we are not insured to look after children before 9.30am so you would be responsible for your children while you help set up



There are currently places available at Toddlers (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings).

There are also a few places still available at Preschool for children age 2 and above.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in these places please contact Janet Davidson on 0783 727 3030 for more information.



## FUNDRAISING NEWS ...

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped to organise, attend or donate to the Christmas Fayre. The Fayre was a fantastic success and we are very pleased to say that we raised £1,157.50 (including the sale of reindeer food and baubles), which is a record for a Ridgeway Under Fives event!

The variety of stalls, the refreshments, and of course Santa's grotto, proved to be very popular. There were also a large number of raffle prizes won on the day:

Luxury Food Hamper – Grace Woodward

Meal at The Bridge Inn – Ian Price

Meal at The Phoenix – Linda Slack

Usbourne activity book – Carolyn Clethro

Candlelight candle – Jan

I pod/I phone speakers – Mr Vause

Pooky door hanger – Carolyn Clethro

Selection of Phoenix cards – Linda Smith

Bottle of Prosecco – Mrs Nelson

Bath bombs – Jo Shooter

Shoe Loft baby shoes – Jenny McKeown

Nail voucher – Imogen Hams

Pamper Hamper – Mrs Sanderson

Meal at the Queens Head – Christine Johnson

Meal at The Swan – Jacqui Thurlow

Bottle of Eternity perfume – Mandy Curtis

Box of chocolates – Joanne Skipworth

Box of cupcakes – Hannah Smith

Christmas candle – Mrs Renwick

Chocolate Father Christmas – Imogen Harris

Champagne and chocolates – Jo Shooter

Take time – Mrs Smith

Cake hamper – Elsie

Chocolate biscuits – Janet Davidson

Thank you also for the great support we had for the **Rags R Us** collection in November, which raised £209

*Some future fundraising dates for your diary:*

- **Rags R Us collection** Monday 29 April, please drop your bags off at preschool by 11am on the morning
- **Spring Fayre** Saturday 11 May, 11am – 2pm St Johns Church, Ridgeway  
Look out for more information at preschool and toddler about the variety of stalls and activities taking place on the day, as well as how you can support by either donating items for the hampers, the refreshment and tombola/teddy tombola stalls. We would also welcome parents and carers who would like to help set up or run the stalls on the day
- **Fashion show** Thursday 3 October, St Johns Church, Ridgeway

## Labelling children's things!

Preschool staff would like to ask that all items of clothing, bags and lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled with your child's name so as to avoid any confusion and to make getting ready to out to play easier. Thank you!

## Other ways to support Ridgeway Under Fives

- Help raise funds by shopping through **easyfundraising** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ridgewayuf](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ridgewayuf)  
There are thousands of well known retailers to chose from, including Next, M&S, Argos and Vodafone.
- Ridgeway Under Fives now has a **facebook** page, which will be regularly updated with information about events, latest preschool and toddler news and general information about the group. Simply search for Ridgeway under Fives and hit 'like'!
- We are collecting **Nestle box tops** and **Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers** – please hand these to the preschool staff or toddler reps

## Vehicle access to preschool

Can we please remind everyone who parks at preschool that there is a one way system in operation for vehicles and would ask that this is observed at all times.

## Thursday 2 May

On Thursday 2 May preschool is being used for elections. Preschool will still be running on this day, please look out for information about the alternative arrangements .

### **Term dates 2012/13**

Spring term

Thursday 28 March	Preschool closes for Easter
Monday 15 April	Preschool reopens
Monday 6 May	Preschool closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 May	Preschool closes for half term

### **Summer term**

Wednesday 5 June	Preschool reopens
Tuesday 23 July	Preschool closes for the summer

## Committee & Reps 2011/2012

Chair – Karen Bennett

Treasurer – Nina Derbyshire

Secretary – Nicola Howarth

Fundraising – Jacqui Oxley and committee

Grants/Fundraising – Jacqui Oxley & Cheryl Benison

Marketing – Caroline Panter

Newsletter – Carolyn Clethro

Committee members – Andrea Laurie, Deborah Moore, Laura Jenkinson

Toddler Reps – (Wed) Nicol Bradshaw (non-committee member) (Thurs) Kirsty Barber (non-committee member) & Jacqui Oxley (Fri) Jacqui Oxley

## Pre-school Contact details

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The **next edition** of the newsletter is planned for May 2013. 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](mailto:carolynclethro@hotmail.co.uk)