



Spring Newsletter 2012

Firstly, a couple of requests on behalf of the RUF committee and Preschool staff:

It is important that parents ensure that they arrive promptly to collect their children at the end of the session, as not only may it be upsetting for children if they are left waiting when everyone else has gone, our staff only have a limited amount of time to clear away before Ridgeway Primary School come in to use the building each afternoon.



Please can parents ensure that their children do not run onto the bowling green.

And a request on behalf of the toddler reps:

HELP WANTED

The toddler group reps would be very grateful for volunteers to help with setting out and tidying up at each session. This will ensure the smooth and timely running of the sessions and will be a great help for the toddler reps who run these groups on a voluntary basis themselves

Upcoming events at Preschool:



Preschool **sports day** will be held on Friday 25 May (if the weather is not good on this date, sports day will be moved to Friday 29 June).

Sports day this year will have an Olympics theme and there will be a cake and refreshments stall on the day – if any keen bakers would like to provide some goodies for the stall we would be very grateful (just bring them with you on the day please)



Preschool are planning to celebrate the **Queens Jubilee** with some special activities (and holding a 'street party for the children, weather permitting!) on Monday 11 June – look out for more details from the Preschool staff



FUNDRAISING UPDATE ...

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

- Ladies night raised £329
- Rags R Us collection in March raised £140

Some future fundraising dates for your diary:

- **Spring Fair** Saturday 12 May, 11am – 1pm, Ridgeway Sports and Social Centre

We are always grateful for donations to sell on the stalls at the fair (e.g. toys and books in good condition, cakes and other home baked goodies) and we would also be grateful for any offers to help out on the stalls on the day.

This year there will also be a **'nearly new' children's clothing** stall and we would be very grateful for any donations of nearly new children's clothing (for ages 10 and under) – please hand any donations to the Preschool staff.

- **Ridgeway Carnival** Sunday 8 July
- **Race Night** September/October

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

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

As you all know, Ridgeway Under Fives is a charitable organisation and 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!)

There will be a photographer at preschool on Monday 28 May from 12 – 1pm so please just bring along your child to preschool to take advantage of this great value opportunity





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

Monday 7 May 2012	Pre-school closed for May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 30 May 2012	Pre-school closes for half term
Monday 11 June 2012	Pre-school reopens
Friday 20 July 2012	Pre-school closes for Summer Holidays

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.

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The **next edition** of the newsletter is planned for June 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