



## Autumn Newsletter 2011

### Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of the new school term

The staff and committee of Ridgeway Under 5's would like to welcome all the new parents who are reading this newsletter for the first time, we hope you find it interesting and informative.



Winter is nearly here, and with the change in the weather and snow predicted for November (!), the pre-school staff kindly request that we all remember to wrap our kids up warm, and with all the appropriate outdoor clothes too, and that all clothes are labelled so there are no mix-ups over hats and gloves at the end of each session!

### Shop online and raise funds ...

Help us fundraise at  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ridgewayuf](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ridgewayuf)

easyfundraising is a simply way to raise funds for RUF's – when you shop online you raise money at the same time. It's that easy, and easyfundraising work with thousands of well known retailers including M&S, Argos, Vodafone and many more.

And now there are 2 another ways to support RUF's when you shop online ...

Register for Groupon through easyfundraising and preschool will receive 50p. Groupon features one daily deal on the best things to do, see, eat, and buy in a variety of cities across the UK, so register today and grab a bargain!

Elizabeth Rose Gifts will give RUF's 5% commission on any items parents buy from their website. Visit [www.elizabethrosegifts.co.uk](http://www.elizabethrosegifts.co.uk) – anyone wishing us to get this commission will need to pay by paypal and in the "add special instructions to the seller" box write in Ridgeway.



### Other ways to raise funds ...

We are currently collecting Morrisons vouchers and the vouchers from special Nestle cereal box tops so please bring any you have along to pre-school or toddler group by **Friday 11 November**.

In preparation for Christmas, you will have received some raffle tickets to sell for £1 a strip, 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a luxury Christmas hamper. Ticket stubs are to be returned to pre-school or toddler group by **Friday 9 December**.

There is also reindeer food available to buy– this always proves to be popular so make sure you get some before it goes!

Rags R US will be collecting from us on **Tuesday 15 November**, please bring all bags to pre-school by 11am on this date.

Finally, we are selling some RUF's pens for the fantastic price of £1.50 each – they will make great stocking fillers for Christmas!!

## Dates for the diary



Friday 16 December

pre-school Christmas party, all children are welcome to come in party dresses or fancy dress

January 2012

Ladies Night (date and venue tbc) –this is always popular and well attended fundraiser and all female family and friends are welcome as well

February 2012

Race Night (date and venue tbc) – this will be a fun (and I am sure competitive!) fundraiser

## Committee & Reps 2011/2012

Chair – Karen Bennett

Secretary – Samantha Sykes

Treasurer – Nina Derbyshire

Fundraising – Adell Goodison

Marketing – Caroline Panter

Grants/Fundraising – Nicola Howarth & Jacqui Oxley

Committee members – Andrea Laurie, Hannah Shaw

Newsletter – Carolyn Clethro

Toddler Reps – (Wed) Nicol Bradshaw (non-committee member) (Thurs) Deborah Moore & Jacqui Oxley (Fri) Nicola Howarth & Helen Bloor (non-committee member)

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 on the first Wednesday of each month in the Chapel School rooms in Ridgeway. The next meeting is on Wednesday 11 January and a full list of all committee meeting dates can be found at pre-school and at toddler group.

## Term dates 2011/2012

Friday 16 December 2011

Pre-school closes for Christmas

Thursday 5 January 2012

Pre-school reopens

Friday 10 February 2012

Pre-school closes for half-term

Monday 20 February 2012

Pre-school reopens

Friday 30 March 2012

Pre-school closes for Easter

Monday 16 April 2012

Pre-school reopens

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

## Pre-school Contact details

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## Next edition

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