



Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year.

### Ridgeway Under Fives committee news

Ridgeway 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.

Research shows clear benefits for children when parents become actively involved in their child's learning and development from an early age. If you join our committee you will become more actively and practically involved in this aspect of your child's life. Your contribution can make a real difference to how the setting is managed.

There are lots of ways you can contribute to the committee and the good thing is you don't need any experience to make a difference. The committee is responsible for the overall management and smooth running of the setting. This can mean anything from organising a fundraising event to negotiating with a landlord over the terms of a lease for example.

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).

The preschool staff would be very grateful if all items of outdoor wear (such as coats, hats, scarves and wellies) could be labelled with your child's name to avoid mix ups when the children go out to play and at home time. Thank you



**Toddler group are looking for donations of toys in good condition, especially toys for babies and younger toddlers. If you have any you would like to donate, please pass them to any of the toddler reps or hand them in at preschool.**

Upcoming events at preschool and toddlers –

Please keep an eye out for information on activities to raise money for Children in Need, and for Christmas activities in preschool and toddlers





## FUNDRAISING NEWS ...

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

- The Rags R Us collection in July raised £100

*We are still collecting Nestle cereal box top vouchers and Morrisons vouchers, please hand these in to preschool staff or toddler reps. So far we have collected an amazing 1000 Morrisons vouchers, but we really want to increase this figure by the end of October.*

*Some future fundraising dates for your diary:*

- **Rags R Us collection** Thursday 8 November, please drop your bags off at preschool on the morning before 11.00 am.
- **Christmas Fayre** Saturday, 1 December, St Johns Church, Ridgeway, 11 am – 2 pm

There will be something for everyone at the fayre, with stalls selling great Christmas gifts such as toiletries, Party Lite candles, Temple Spa, cards and children's shoes. There will also be stalls selling cupcakes and other refreshments, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, as well as crafts for the kids and a Santa's grotto

We are looking to parents and carers to join our fundraising committee to help with the planning and running of this event. A meeting focussing specifically on the Christmas Fayre is being held on **Thursday 25 October at 7.30pm** in the Lounge of the Queens Head in Ridgeway and we would like as many people as possible to come along.

We would also be grateful for donations for the stalls to be run by RUF, including bottles of wine and empty wine bottles for the Wine and Water stall, and teddies and other items for the Tombola. There will also be a raffle for 2 hampers (a food hamper and a pamper hamper) and in November there will be a list displayed in preschool and toddlers of items which we need people to donate for these hampers.



There will be a photographer at preschool on **Friday 16 November, between 12pm and 1pm**. The photos are very reasonably priced and would make great Christmas presents. If anyone from toddlers, ducklings or preschool would like to have their child photographed please come along, no appointment necessary



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

There are also a few places still available at Preschool 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 2012/13

#### Autumn term

Friday 26 October 2012	Preschool closes for half term
Monday 5 November	Preschool re-opens
Thursday 15 November	Preschool closed for inset day (toddlers will be open as normal)
Friday 21 December	Preschool closes for Christmas holiday

#### Spring term

Monday 7 January 2013	Preschool reopens
Friday 15 February	Preschool closes for half term
Monday 25 February	Preschool reopens
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

<b>Wednesday 5 June</b>	<b>Preschool reopens</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	<b>Preschool closes for the summer</b>

### Committee & Reps 2011/2012

Chair – Karen Bennett

Treasurer – Nina Derbyshire

Grants/Fundraising – Jacqui Oxley & Cheryl Benison

Committee members – Andrea Laurie, Hannah Shaw,  
Laura Jenkinson

Secretary – Nicola Howarth

Fundraising – Jacqui Oxley and committee

Marketing – Caroline Panter

Newsletter – Carolyn Clethro

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 February 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)