

# Ridgmont Lower School

## PARENT NEWSLETTER NUMBER 2

Autumn term 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Staffing:** I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Stringer will be joining the teaching staff after half term and will be working in class 2 during the mornings until Christmas and then full time for the rest of the year. This will mean that as the numbers rise in class 1 after the Christmas holiday, Mrs Spearing will return to class 1 full time with Mrs Abbey supporting her. You will no doubt appreciate, that due to the sudden departure of Mrs Collinson, it was not possible to advertise and recruit a new member of staff any sooner.

**Ridgmont Marathon:** In conjunction with the School Sport Partnership we are going to be inviting the children to run a **Marathon!** ( half Marathon for class 1) Don't worry; they will be running 'laps' which will be of an age appropriate length during their lunch break / playtimes to build up to the total over a period of several weeks. It is planned that the children from all local schools will complete a final lap together in order to win their marathon medal. More details to follow after the planning meeting.

**Please Save:** Could you please save plastic milk bottle tops for us! As many as possible please!

**Parent Mail:** Parent mail should have contacted you by now to invite you to set up your account. If they have not done so, i.e. new parents, or your form did not get returned to school in time, please let Mrs Dimery know and she will add you to the data base. We should be communicating through Parent Mail very soon. Please note; there is an option for parents to buy text credits if they would like to receive a text alert when a message has been sent to their computer. This is an optional extra which you should not need if you check your e-mails regularly.

**Waitrose:** Mr Masterton kindly put the name of the school forward for the monthly charity draw. I understand that we are soon to receive a cheque for £304.00. Thank you to all who supported us and particularly to Mr Masterton for suggesting it. The money will be used to buy new equipment for class 1. A new, three station easel has been purchased so far.

### **Reminder /new Diary Dates for your information:**

Week ending the 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest gifts to be delivered to school
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Christmas Card orders back to school
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and family group Photographs
14 <sup>th</sup> October	2:30 Harvest Festival in Church
13 <sup>th</sup> October (please not changed date) Have you returned permission slips?	Multi Skills Sports at Fulbrook Middle School Class 2 am, Class 3 pm.
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal to be sent out
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultation morning 9:00am - 12:00pm and evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Bags to school given out
Half term	Half term ends Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Children return Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (inset day Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov)
Week ending 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas shoe boxes returned to school
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Bags to School collection from school.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	New parents open morning
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon dress rehearsal for the school play 1 <sup>st</sup> evening performance
10 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Evening performance
17 <sup>th</sup> December New date	Christmas parties and Santa Christmas Dinner children and staff.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 production of the Nativity in the Church and carol service End of term