

# Ridgmont Lower School

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## PARENT NEWSLETTER NUMBER 3 Spring term 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

### **Ridgmont Bank:**

I am delighted that so many children have joined already. If you have not yet become a member just come along on a Monday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 am. Mrs Dimery is helping with the setting up process, but we are looking for a parent volunteer to help her once the six week support program is completed. Please let me know if you can spare half an hour a week to help.

### **Transition project (Year 4):**

All the children in year 4 will be participating in a transition project which is organised through our learning community. It takes the form of 6 one hour sessions spread over the summer term and it replaces their PSHE curriculum during that time. The activities are designed to support and prepare the children for their transition to Middle School. Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

### **Marathon Club:**

Well done children! We have already given out several 1mile and five mile certificates in celebration assembly, including two to teaching staff. Please can you ensure that your children have their trainers in school every day and encourage them to have a go!

### **World Book Day:**

Fantastic costumes again, thank you so much for supporting the day. If you have not yet used your book tokens you still have until the 28<sup>th</sup> March to spend them.

### **K'NEX Challenge:**

The children really enjoyed the morning. Congratulations to Nathan and Kade who had the highest score for constructing their windmill to the rigorous specifications, they will go through to the next regional round at the Bunyan Centre. Date, time and venue will be issued later. Well done to everyone in class three, as we were told that our children had the highest scores of all schools who have been involved so far!. See below for date for class 2 challenge!

### **Parent Helpers in school:**

It is lovely to see so many parents coming into school to help in the classroom. Can I just remind you that **you need to sign into the visitor's book** which is on the table in the front group room. This is to ensure that we comply with health and safety, fire and safeguarding regulations.

### **Parent Governor Election:**

You will recall that the governing body recently asked for nominations for a vacancy as parent governor. As no nominations were forthcoming Mrs Dimery put her name forward as the carer of Emma Sharpe in class 3. I wrote to you last week to inform you that as only one nomination had been received that Mrs Dimery was duly elected. However, having checked the law to school governance more thoroughly I have discovered that because she works in the school for more than the prescribed hours she is only eligible to join the governing body as a staff governor, not as a parent governor. Please accept my sincere apologies for my error in this matter. I will re-issue nomination forms as soon as possible. I would urge you to re-consider taking on this important role. It is vitally important that Ridgmont Lower has a strong and dedicated governing body to support the school in all areas of education and development planning. If you would like to know more about what the role involves, before committing yourself please come and have a chat to me or talk to Bernie Ryan, the chair of governors.

**New Diary Dates for your information:**

Mondays	School Saving Scheme 8:30 to 9:00. Back group room
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Friends and Family Lunch
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential Trip to Caythorpe Court
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Finish school - Easter Holidays
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for the Summer term
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	K'NEX challenge work shop - Class 2
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	RE Faith Tour Trip Bedford - Class 2 (see separate letter/ permission slip)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Cardwell from Fulbrook - Assembly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank holiday - school closed
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Dr Barnardos - whole school assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Possible school closure due to Polling Station TBC
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs Clancy and Fulbrook Yr 5 to lead assembly and spend time with Yr 4 as part of the transition project.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bedfordshire Music strings section to perform to whole school.
	School closes for half term

Sponsor form to follow (all children)

Faith tour information for parents and permission slips (class 2 children only)

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Permission slip for transition project (Year 4 only)

I give permission for .....  
to take part in the year 4 transition project organised through Learning  
Community 2.

Signed.....

Print .....

Date .....