

# Ringshall School Newsletter



Have a lovely half term holiday. Keep safe on these darker nights-remember to wear something light so you can be seen. Keep safe so that we see you all back in school on Monday 2nd November.

## November Dates

### Thursday 5th

#### Reading Workshop

10am. Oak Classroom  
Come and find out about how we teach reading. This is a repeat of the workshop run in October for those who missed it.

### Friday 6th

Newsletter out-

### Monday 9th

**PFRS meeting** 2.30pm  
Christmas events

### Thursday 12th

Bags to school collection

### Friday 13th

Shoe box appeal boxes being collected

### Tuesday 17th 7pm

Joint staff and governors meeting

### Friday 20th

Pudsey Lunch

### Thursday 26th 2pm-3pm

Come and share maths and ICT activities with your children

Tuesday 1st  
Christmas Carousel day. A carousel of activities-aimed at getting the school decorated and prepared for Christmas-come and join the glitter, glue and fun!

## A letter from Miss Gibbs

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who so willingly give up their time to volunteer in school for such a wide range of activities from reading to sweeping leaves! We do value your help and, I know, every class teacher would love to hear from anyone who feels able to offer us some time.

I can't believe we are already at the end of what has been a very busy half-term. The children have been learning about different aspects of Light, Sound and Colour. This theme will continue next term.

Everyday when I walk round the school I see busy, happy children enjoying the new computers in their classroom and in the ICT suite

We have nearly finished our 'refurbishment'. Willow class is being decorated at half-term. Once their new furniture arrives we will be well on the way to completion.

We have run two very successful courses for parents—Keeping up with the children, a numeracy course and Play and Language in conjunction with Suffolk family learning. There are more courses to come each with a crèche where needed.

We will be re-running the workshop on Reading next half term so if you missed it there will be an opportunity to attend again.

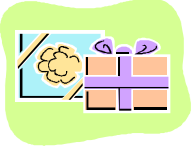
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**It's official!! Ringshall children are the fittest!**

What an amazing Marathon Day we had- thank you children and parents. If you have sponsor money could you return it to school by Thursday 12th November.

Thank you to all PFRS members who provided such yummy refreshments.





This year we have decided to support Operation Christmas Child by taking part in the shoe box appeal. The idea behind the scheme is that people across the world take part in sharing the gift of Christmas quite literally. There is a leaflet attached to this newsletter explaining about the appeal. A family can pack a box with small items such as pencils, yo-yo, crayons, a finger puppet, a small car, a toothbrush, sweets- there are many suggestions on the leaflet. They do not have to be expensive. The boxes are collected and then given to children for whom a Christmas gift is a rare treat.

THE BOXES MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 3.30PM ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. FOR COLLECTION ON FRIDAY.

## **An adventure playground for Ringshall??**

A small group of villagers have formed a committee with the purpose of applying for grant funding to develop an adventure playground at the village hall. The children will be asked for their ideas in a questionnaire to come out after half-term. If you wish to know more please contact

Debbie.emeny@btinternet.com



## **Congratulations Miss Shipp and Mrs Hopkins**

Both Miss Shipp and Mrs Hopkins have successfully completed their NQT year, their induction year into teaching.

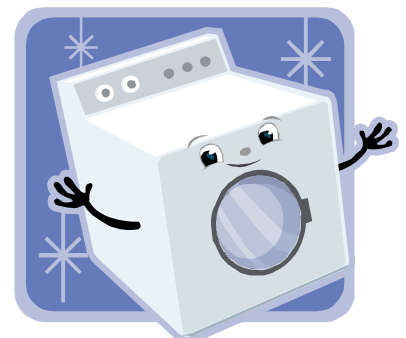
In fact the Local Authority thought so highly of them both, and were so impressed by their teaching when they came to observe them throughout the year, that they were invited to the conference of this year's Newly Qualified Teachers to speak to them about their experiences.



## **Is there a phantom washing machine out there?**

In my household it is not uncommon for an even number of socks to go into the machine and an odd number to come out. What happens to all the missing socks?

We have a similar problem I think in school with sweatshirts. They are vanishing. Sweatshirts with names on and without seem to be spirited into the ether. Could you all please check your laundry baskets just in case your child has brought someone else's sweatshirt home by mistake



## Ringshall Governors

Katie Wigglesworth was re-elected as a parent governor this term. We now have the following parents on our governing body:-

Nick Banks-Chair    Lyn Orchard    Sean Hedges Quinn    Kathryn Smith    Katie Wigglesworth  
Sally Fuller

Our other governors are;

Ann Donovan    Janine Johannessen    Graham Steward    Cerith Peek

Letters addressed to individual governors will always be passed on by the school office.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Grandparents lunch so successful especially the kitchen staff. We were quite overwhelmed by the unprecedented demand, as were many other schools in the area. We shall certainly repeat a similar event, maybe not in the same format. Mrs Sewell has never served so many lunches, not even at Christmas lunch. We had lots of lovely comments from happy grandparents and children. It was lovely to see everyone



Do you shop at **Morrisons?** Can you please collect the gardening tokens for us? We have a collection point in school. Find out more from Mrs. Stones.

Don't forget the weblink [www.getit4school](http://www.getit4school) for school uniform and then click through for all your other internet shopping Boots, Tesco's and Amazon are some of the participating stores.

### Our new Senior Teacher

Following Mrs Golding's promotion we were faced with the task of filling her shoes. We have been very lucky to be able to appoint an extremely experienced teacher, Mrs Atkins, who currently teaches in Essex. She will join us in January. She will teach Rowan class.

Mrs Wilcox had agreed to teach here temporarily for a term until we had appointed a senior teacher but. She likes us so much she wants to stay and has agreed to help us cover for Mrs Stravacoufis' maternity leave. We are very please to be able to keep her on the staff.

Mrs Wilcox will work alongside Miss Parker and Mrs Strudwick to run the Early Year Foundation Stage Classes, Saplings and Cherry.

### Friday Morning is Coffee Morning

Have you been to one of our Friday Morning Coffee mornings at 9a.m. Why not drop in for a cup of coffee once you have dropped your children off. Mrs Jones and Mrs Meldrum will be there to meet you. It is a chance to keep in touch with all that we do.



How do the children learn to read in school?

When do they change their books?

What is Guided Reading?

What is Shared Reading?

What do the new colour codes mean?

# Reading at Ringshall



We get asked lots of questions about reading. Come to the workshop on Thursday November 5th at 10 am and find out what we do, find the answers to your questions, see children doing reading activities and learn how you can support your child further.

Paula Frisby who attended the last workshop wrote:-

I attended the Reading Workshop On Monday 5th October and found it very interesting to see that reading isn't just about what is written down in my child's reading records. Children learn words through guided reading which is done in groups where they talk about the book, it's cover, what it is about as well as reading it. They learn to read words in Letters and Sounds which the children have four times a week when they learn about the sounds.

Plus they also learn to read words in the classroom which helps them recognise words when they read them in their book.

I find it helpful for my child to also do words and games like word bingo. I recommend anyone to attend the workshop so they are aware of how reading is-taught at Ringshall.

Paula Frisby (mother of a little girl in Elm Class)