

Ridgeway Academy

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we reach the end of this half term, we would like to keep you all posted on a few developments:

Staff

Miss Savva

As some of you will be aware, the Governing Body and I have agreed for Miss Savva to take sabbatical leave from Monday 5th June to 31st August 2017. Miss Savva has an opportunity to compete in an international event, taking place this summer.

Miss Savva is a valuable member of our school teaching staff and has requested this sabbatical to attend the event, which will truly be an opportunity of a lifetime. She will resume her teaching commitment at Ridgeway Academy in September 2017.

We will be replacing Miss Savva for the final half term with Mr Kent. Although we know that she will be missed, Mr Kent is an excellent teacher with a positive and bubbly personality. The pupils know Mr Kent as he has taught the class before.

We feel that Miss Savva's commitments out of school very much contribute to her role as a teacher at our school and that the personal achievement she will gain from this unique opportunity is something that we are proud to support her with. I am sure that you will join the rest of the school team and wish

Miss Savva luck in her competition.

Mr Aspley-Davis

Due to unforeseen personal circumstances, Mr Aspley-Davis has left the school. Mr Aspley-Davis' timetable was already being delivered by teachers recently appointed to the school due to our recent expansion.

Recent Appointments

We have been successful in recruiting four more secondary teachers (English & Humanities, Maths and PE, French & Spanish and Science). Some of these colleagues will start in June or September and all will be in school over one of the transition days to introduce themselves to the pupils ready for September.

Should you have any further queries regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mike Bennett
Head Teacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING SAFEGUARDING

This statement is taken from our lost and missing child policy, which can be found in full on the school website.

It is essential that Ridgeway Academy ensures that positive steps are taken to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The safety and welfare of all of our children at school is our paramount responsibility.

Please find the procedure for notifying the school as to your child's absence on any particular day and the procedure that we intend to follow if we do not hear from you and/or find that our attempts to contact you, have failed.

Procedure for Day 1

Parents are responsible for notifying the school if their child is absent for any reason. If a pupil has not registered by 8:45am and there has been no communication from the parent informing the school of an absence then the office staff will contact the parent for further information. If there is an unexplained absence or no contact has been possible then the member of staff responsible for contacting parents in the event of an absence must inform a member of the SLT

(Designated Safeguarding Lead will be informed). The DSL or member of the SLT will make the decision to inform the police within 30 minutes of any attempted contact with parents. (This should be no later than 9:30am)

Procedure for Day two to Day 28

The process of 'reasonable enquiry' - [The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, Regulation 8(h)(iii) requires schools and local authorities to make 'reasonable enquiries' to locate pupils who have been absent for 4 weeks or more before they can be deleted from the register.] - starts with the questions above as soon as the child is discovered to be missing (i.e. on the first day). After school staff have exhausted the avenues of enquiry open to them, the LA education welfare or school attendance service will continue checking databases within the local authority and other databases (e.g. housing, health and the police) with agencies known to be involved with the family, with the local authority the child moved from originally, and with any local authority to which the child may have moved.

Note: DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead teacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 June 2017

School re-opens at 8.25am

Monday 12 June 2017

Year 5 & 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 15 June 2017

Year 5 & 7 Parents Evening

Monday 19 June 2017

Year 5 & 7 Parents Evening

Attendance

Year 5 - 95.9%

Year 6 - 96.1%

Year 7 - 94.8%

Year 8 - 95.8%

Parents/carers please remember to:

Phone school to advise the reason for absence on the first day

Send a letter on their return to school to confirm the absence

Evesham Road

The crossing patrol vacancy is still an issue. The school is in discussions with the Police, Local Authority and Highways team regarding this concern, as it is a highways area of responsibility to ensure the road is safe for penetrations. We are, continuing to press for some action on this issue.

However, there has been over the last three weeks two pupils that have been involved in some form of Road Traffic Collision on the Evesham Road on the way to school. Please, could all parents remind their children of the dangers on the road to and from school.

Please could parents who are road users also ensure that the Highway Code is adhered to, to ensure that pupils are safe at peak times (start and end of school).

Parking

We have had a resident write in to the school suggesting that parents are parking irresponsibly outside houses, near junctions and in disabled parking spaces when they do not have any blue badges in the cars. Could we please remind and ask parents to park respectfully.

EXCITING NEWS!!

We are pleased to inform you that recently we have been successful in our bid for funding to replace roofing on the North side of the school. As you will be aware the South side has previously had the roof replaced. Work will start in September and we do not envisage that this will have any impact on pupils learning.