



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April



**Help!** As the weather gets warmer and children start taking off their jumpers and cardigans we have noticed that many of them do not have names inside! Please make sure all items are named so that we can get them back to their owners as quickly as possible.

## This Week:

- A reminder that school closes today (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April) for the Easter holidays and reopens on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- Thank you to everyone who has supported our Easter/Springtime festivities this week. Reception children looked fantastic in their Easter bonnets and hats and their singing was lovely! A huge well done to all the entrants into our Great Ridgeway Eggs-hibition egg decorating contest... I have heard about a few cracked shells, but your efforts were Eggs-cellent and it was very, very, VERY hard to pick the winners! Well done to all the children who were selected as winners for their class. Thank you all for taking part, we all had a lovely time touring the school to look at all of the entries. Due to school being closed today, we could not send all eggs home and discussed at length what to do with the ones we still had in school this morning. Rather than disposing of them in school, we decided to keep them in the fridge so that children can still take them home after the holidays. Prizes will now be awarded in the first week back.
- Thank you to all Year 1 parents and carers who have already sent in money for their child's swimming lessons. We are still quite a lot of money short, and as you know the school budget cannot sustain continually supplementing the cost of the lessons. We really want our children to learn this important life skill so please, if you can, send in your contribution as soon as possible.

## Coming Up After the Holiday:

- Next term, we are hoping to have our Ridgeway Recycling Station up and running! This will be located at the top of the playground outside the Class 5 door, opposite the Sensory Den. We will be doing our bit for the environment by collecting postage stamps, plastic bottle tops, old spectacles and used batteries. This week, every child should have brought home a battery recycling box for you to fill up at home and then empty into our large container when it is full. Please consider bringing your recyclables from home to fill up our recycling bins!
- Year 1 children will have a visit from a storyteller visiting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Year 2 children will start some 'special work' in which they can showcase all of their learning and skills to show us how much they have learned!
- Senior staff are meeting with colleagues from the University of Derby to discuss the possibility of a range of therapy students undertaking placements at Ridgeway to support some of our children and enhance our provision for supporting children with mental health needs.
- Next term, the focus of our assemblies and Head's Tea will be **Communication**.



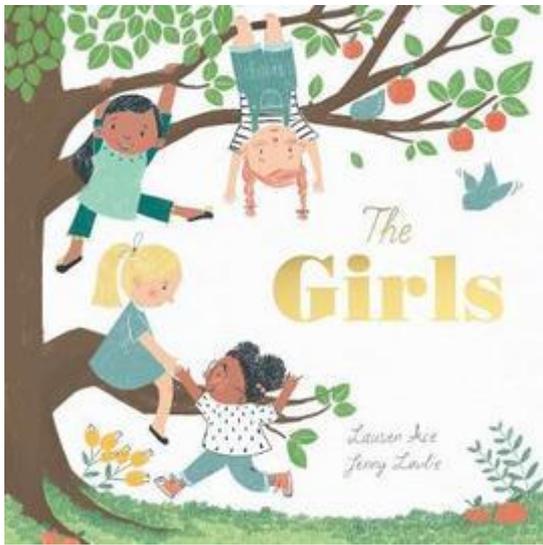
## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School CLOSED for 1 day
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ground Force Day! Help needed to reinvigorate our reception garden!

# Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Alayna in Class 7. She has written a blurb for the back of one of the books we have been reviewing in our roles as judges in the first Derby Picture Book Awards.

Her writing was chosen because she has tried really hard to keep her handwriting near, with nice tall letters and correctly sized capital letters. She has used a range of punctuation correctly, and different sentence types to make her writing interesting. She gives a little information about the book, but asks the reader a question to draw them in and persuade them to read the book which is just how a blurb should be! Well done Alayna!



There was an apple tree that grew 4 girls. Their names were Alice, Leela, Sasha, and Lotte. What do you think their jobs will be when they get older? If you are a girl this is the book for you.