



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 7th June 2019

This Week:

- What a busy week! Our school photographer visited on Tuesday. Proofs of class photos will be delivered to school in the near future.
- It was lovely to see our friends from Gayton visiting Year 2 classrooms on Wednesday to read their wonderful fairy stories. Year 2 children were also treated to a story time from one of the Year 3 teachers from Gayton too. Well done Year 3! We loved your stories! 😊
- Quite a few children were taking part in some exciting activities this week. Some children visited Derby Theatre to meet popular children's author Jeanne Willis. 3 children were chosen to go on stage and take part in an activity with Jeanne too. Some of our Year 2 children took part in a Magical Mathmagician Day. It is fair to say that many children were inspired by the maths activities and certainly had their brains stretched on the day! All the children were very well behaved and represented our school brilliantly. Well done everyone.
- Class teachers have been meeting regularly this week to work on new class lists for next year. The process of creating new classes takes many hours of planning and discussion. Staff consider a range of factors such as the academic, social and emotional needs of the children, their friendship groups and preferences, gender, ethnicity, and most importantly the best interests of all the children. These are not decisions that are taken lightly and significant consideration is made before the classes are finalised. Parents will be made aware of class lists before the 'Transition Day' on 2nd July.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Next week, children in Year 1 will take part in their statutory Phonics Screening Check. This will be administered by Mrs Harford-Smyth, who reads with the children half termly to check progress in Phonics as part of our ongoing assessment arrangements. Children will notice difference between this Phonics Check and their normal assessment as our assessment is based on the statutory materials.
- The next Governing Body meeting is on Tuesday 11th June. This will follow a joint meeting with the Governing Bodies of both Ridgeway and Gayton Schools where the collaborative work of the schools will be discussed.
- We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning parents/carers of children who will be starting their school journey with us in September at our annual Market Place event. This will run from 4.30-6.30pm on Wednesday 12th June as a drop in session. Children and their parents/carers are invited to come and play in their new classrooms, meet the staff, find out about our curriculum and have the opportunity to purchase uniform/book bags etc. We look forward to seeing some of you there!
- On Friday 14th June, children who have ordered Father's Day gifts from our Friends of Ridgeway father's Day Gift Sale will be able to take home a lovely surprise for the man in their life!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

W/C 17 th June	Writing & Waffles – parents/carers invited in to writing lessons – see separate letter sent 23.5.19 for details
Thur 20 th June	Gayton staff will lead and assembly for Year 2 children who will transfer to

Writing Showcase

This week's amazing writing by Marlie in Class 1. This week, to start off their new topic, Class 1 children have been writing questions about animals that they would like to find out the answer to.

Marlie's writing has been chosen because she has worked really hard at using her phonic knowledge and skills to hear all the sounds in the words she wants to write, and has written them in the right order. In presentation, she has remembered to leave a space between each word and she has remembered how to form most of her letters correctly. She has finished her lovely question with the correct punctuation mark too. Well done Marlie!

