



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

## This Week:

- We have some wonderful news to share – Miss Ainger, our Class 8 teacher is expecting her first baby in Spring! I am sure you will join me in wishing her congratulations from us all! ☺
- We are hoping to take Year 2 children to the theatre to see *A Christmas Carol* in December, and we have asked for consent slips to be returned by Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November (a month before the trip is planned). As it stands, unfortunately we have only had around half of the slips returned so far and if we do not receive enough contributions from parents/carers we may have to cancel the trip as the theatre need to know by this date if the trip is going ahead. If you would like your child to attend the visit, please do sign and return the form, as there are only a couple of days after the half term break until the deadline. Replacement forms are available from the school office.
- Aldi Poster Update – Thank you to everyone who has added stickers to our poster this week - you have been amazing! We are only **20** stickers away from completing our poster! We have until the 9<sup>th</sup> November to post off any completed posters so we are really hoping to have it filled by then. Please save any stickers over the holidays and bring them in on Tue 5<sup>th</sup> when school re-opens after our INSET day on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again!
- Can I please ask all of our families to ensure that children do not play on the equipment in the Reception Garden before or after school? I know it is very tempting for children to use, however when the children play on this equipment in the school day it is supervised but we cannot provide this supervision outside of school hours. Some of the equipment is very high and could be dangerous to children if not supervised. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Tea & Toast event this morning! I know lots of children were tired this morning after a night of Halloween disco dancing, so if you haven't had a chance to buy a cake to help us raise money for Macmillan, there are a few left over cakes that are available to purchase on the main playground at the end of the day.
- Thank you to all of our families that joined us for our Mini-Book Day story session this afternoon. I hope you found it useful and enjoyable!
- A reminder that school closes today for half term and will reopen on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** as school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy half term holiday!

## Coming Up After Half Term:

- School re-opens for children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Parent Forum Meetings to discuss the future structure of Ridgeway and Gayton schools will be held on Tue 5<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm at Ridgeway and Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 9am at Gayton. Parents may attend either meeting, please return slips ASAP.
- Year 1 children are invited to come to school as dressed as a hero (super, every day or personal hero!) on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. A separate letter has been sent out

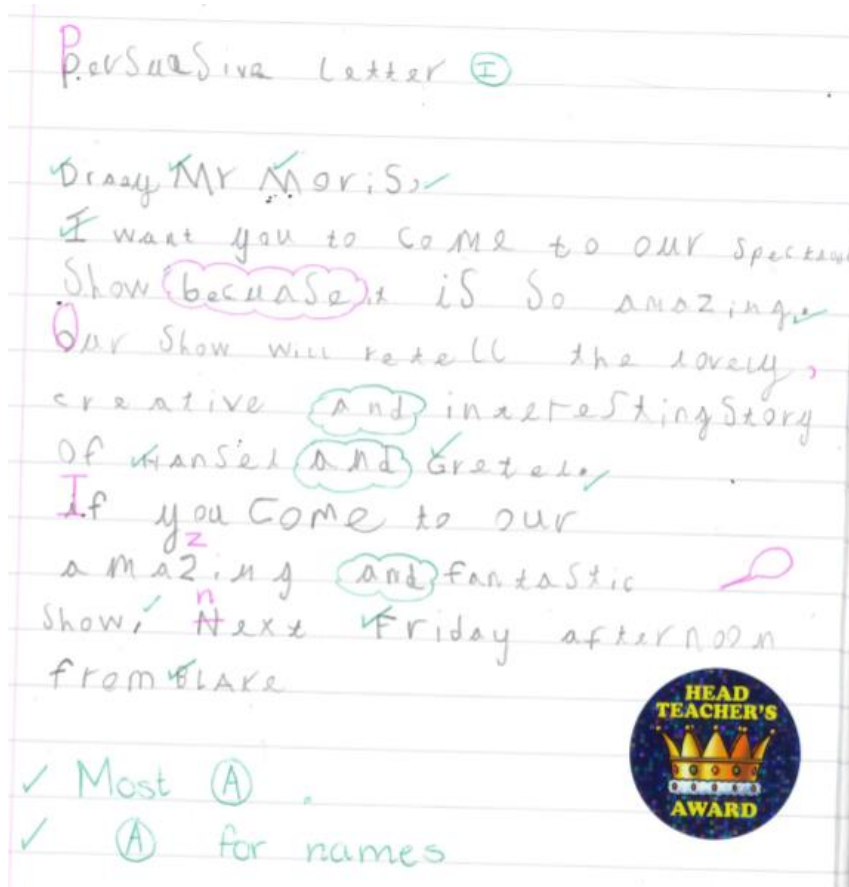
## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov & Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Forum Meeting 2.15pm at Gayton
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Forum Meeting 9am at Ridgeway

A full list of dates can be found on the website

# Writing Showcase

This week's amazing writing is by Blake in Class 7.



The children have been learning how to write a letter this week. In particular, the purpose was to write a letter to invite someone to a show they were putting on this week.

Blake's letter has been chosen because he has remembered to describe how wonderful the show is going to be using adjectives to entice Mr Morris to attend. He has also used punctuation accurately, including some use of commas and has remembered that proper nouns such as names all need a capital letter! I was particularly impressed with the progress Blake has made in handwriting over this half term, his letters are small and neat too. Amazing Blake! Well done!

## BOOK LOOK!

This week our Learning Mentor Mr Simpson has chosen **There's an Ouch in my Pouch!** by Jeanne Willis and Garry Parsons for our weekly Book Look.

Mr Simpson says "I love reading this book in an Australian accent! It's so much fun! It teaches children all about lots of different Australian animals in a lovely way. The book can also be used to start a conversation with your children about stranger danger in a very gentle way.

Children love this book because there are lots of opportunities for children to join in with repeating parts of the story and of course if you can do a good Australian accent, it's even funnier!"

From Mr Simpson (Learning Mentor) ☺

