



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 6th December

This Week:

- It was a pleasure to accompany Year 2 children to Derby Theatre this week to see 'A Christmas Carol' as part of their topic about Victorian England. A number of theatre staff and members of the public complimented the children on their behaviour and conduct during the visit, which made me feel very proud! Thank you Year 2!
- The Ridgeway School Council from this year and the previous year visited the Derby Council House to meet Mayor Haywood and look around the council chambers and the Mayor's parlour. They got to hear about some important artefacts such as the Mayor's mace and chain, and find out about what happens in local council meetings. Everyone also had a turn at speaking into the microphones in the chambers and seeing themselves on the TV screens around the room! The Mayor also commented on how well behaved and well-mannered the school councillors were.
- We have been made aware of another mobile phone theft further down the footpath that passes our school. The police are appealing for any witnesses to contact 101.
- Have you got your lottery ticket yet? According to our system, 7 people have registered but have not purchased a ticket! Please check that you definitely have purchased a ticket before our lottery begins to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize! Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased at: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ridgeway-infant-school>
- Our Festive Extravaganza is on Thursday 12th Dec. Unfortunately, all the tickets to see Santa have now been sold. We do have a reserve list, so please, if you decide that you are no longer able to come along and meet Santa, please do let us know so that we can arrange a refund and offer your ticket to a child on the waiting list. Many thanks.
- A huge thank you to everyone who has sent a photo of their child reading in unusual places! These pictures will appear on our display very soon and the winner of the competition will be announced next week!
- We have been made aware that many of the cars parked on nearby roads at the start and end of the school day waiting to drop off or collect children, are parked with engines on. Idling engines can cause twice as much pollution as an engine on the move and produces enough engine emissions to fill 150 balloons every minute with harmful pollutants. Please think twice before idling. You can save both your money and the planet by turning your engine off when parked!

Coming Up Next Week:

- Year 2 children will be visiting Gayton Junior School on Tuesday to watch the dress rehearsal of the Year 3's Christmas performance.
- Join us for our Festive Extravaganza on Thursday from 4pm-6pm! Visits to see Santa are by ticket only. Unfortunately, if you do not have a ticket your child will not be able to see Santa as we already have a waiting list. Cancellations will be offered to children on the waiting list first. Please do not ask if Santa can squeeze your child in, as it is such a busy time of year, he only brings presents for the children he is expecting to meet on the day.
- Reception children will be visiting the National Forest Adventure Farm on Friday.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 16 th Dec	9.15am – Class 6 Concert 2.15pm – Class 2 Concert 4.00pm – Class 9 Concert
Tue 17 th Dec	9.15am – Class 5 Concert 2.15pm – Class 1 Concert 4.00pm – Class 8 Concert
Wed 18 th Dec	9.15am – Class 4 Concert 2.15pm – Class 3 Concert 4.00pm – Class 7 Concert Christmas Dinner Day
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas Parties for all Classes – come wearing Xmas jumpers/party clothes etc School Closes (reopens Tuesday 7 th Jan)

Writing Showcase

Tuesday 3rd December

LO: Writing a Letter.

Dear sailor

thank you for looking after
our country. I hope you
celebrate at christmas day.

I have never been on a boat
before, what is it like?

I think your amazing
and hope that. from sofia



This week's writing is by Sofia in Class 4.

This term, Year 1 children have been writing letters to members of our armed forces as part of our learning about heroes! Sofia has written a letter to a sailor in the Royal Navy.

Sofia's writing has been chosen because she has tried really hard to spell words accurately, using things in the classroom to help her, such as word mats or displays. She has made good attempts at unknown words too, using her phonics to help. I really like how she has asked a question too. Perhaps she will get a reply?

Well done Sofia! Brilliant writing 😊

BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Williams has chosen **Room on the Broom** by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler for our weekly Book Look.

Miss Williams and class 1 children really love this book! It is all about a witch who drops things from her broom while she is flying around. Some animals help her to find her things and she invites lots of animals to ride on her broom with her. In the end the witch meets a scary dragon... but don't worry! With the animal's help, the story has a happy ending!

Miss Williams says that this story is a favourite in the Class 1 book corner and is very well read! Children love to hear the lovely language used (Iggety, ziggety, zaggety, ZOOM!) and they all join in with those parts. It's a lovely story to read aloud at bedtime too.

From Miss Williams (Class 1 Teacher) 😊

