



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

## This Week:

- On Friday last week our Year 1 choir visited Sunnyfield Care Home to sing Christmas songs for the residents. The children performed brilliantly! The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit by our children and were joining in with the songs. A huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the visit. Thanks to your generosity, the children were able to give every resident a box of goodies as a Christmas gift from the Ridgeway community and a homemade Christmas card. A big thank you to Mrs Comasky for organising the event.



- Thank you to all of our families who came to support the Friends of Ridgeway Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed all the Christmas fun and won a prize or two! We are all very grateful to Santa for taking time out at this busy time of year to stop in for a visit. The money raised will be put towards a number of FoRs projects that are currently in the pipeline. More information to follow in the new year!
- The winner of our reading photo competition has been chosen! The winner was chosen by a staff vote, but it was very hard as there were some super entries! Well done to Lucas in Class 5!
- A reminder for parents/carers – if you are late bringing your child to school and need to sign them in at the office, please could you make sure you put your child's name and class? Some parents/carers are signing in with their own name instead which causes some confusion in the office! Many thanks in advance,

## Coming Up Next Week:

- Next week is very busy with many Christmas events! Christmas concerts are as follows:
  - Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am – Class 6 Concert, 2.15pm – Class 2 Concert, 4.00pm – Class 9 Concert
  - Tue 17<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am – Class 5 Concert, 2.15pm – Class 1 Concert, 4.00pm – Class 8 Concert
  - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am – Class 4 Concert, 2.15pm – Class 3 Concert, 4.00pm – Class 7 Concert
- On Wed 18<sup>th</sup> children who have a school meal will have a special Christmas dinner!
- On Thu 19<sup>th</sup> all classes will enjoy a Christmas party with lots of games, dancing and fun! All children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and instead wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes for the party day.
- A reminder that school closes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec as we are closed to children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> for staff training.

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School closed for staff training
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School opens

# Writing Showcase

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December LO: Write a letter

Dear sailor

I am very proud off you. Hav a good christmas.  
But how will you be with? ✓

I am very grateful thank you for being  
brave. Are you having a good time? Is  
maching fun and is training hard? ✓  
Mery christmas. Love from Elliot.

This week's writing is by Elliot in Class 6.

Year 1 children have written letters to members of our armed forces as part of our learning about heroes. Elliot's writing was chosen because she was very interested in the jobs that the armed forces do and asked interesting questions in her letter. She thought really carefully about what to write and wrote her letter all by herself. Well done Elliot! I am sure the sailors will enjoy reading your letter 😊

## BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Gallagher has chosen **Stick Man**, another book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler for our weekly Book Look.

*The children and I love 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. I love reading her stories to the children. The story follows the life of a stick man as he is torn away from his family and goes on an adventure to find his way back home. The children find it hilarious as the stick becomes endangered by 'everyday stick uses'; he gets thrown to a dog, becomes a pooh stick and forms part of a bird's nest, to name a few! Perfect book for this time of year also as just as it looks as though Stick Man's days are numbered when he is placed on a fireplace, he is rescued!*

*The rhyming text is humorous and easy to read out loud and the children are transfixed by the illustrations, which bring the story to life.*

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