



Newsletter 18: 7th February 2020 Edition

A Busy Week!

Next week is a very busy week, even busier than usual! On Monday Years 5&6 are heading off to the National Space Centre and Year 4 have been invited to Eckington School for a drama workshop and performance. Then on Tuesday Years 3&4 are visiting Eden Camp. These are fantastic first-hand learning opportunities where the children can continue to build and develop the knowledge and skills they have been working on during this term's topic.

However, I know that is also difficult when drop off times differ for siblings. As such on Monday and Tuesday mornings I will be running childcare for any siblings of children going on school trips. On Monday it will be in the Year 2 classroom and on Tuesday the Year 1 classroom. I will look after them until 8.45am when they will go through to classes to start the day. I hope this helps.

Year 6 Meeting—Information!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 SATs information evening on Thursday. I hope you found it useful. Thank you to Mr T for the time and effort he put into preparing and delivering the presentation. For those of you who could not make it, or simply want to relive the fun, the slides, complete with relevant hyper-links, are now on the Year 6 class page of our website. [Click Here](#)

Parents' Evenings—Bookings

In our continuing effort to improve communication and systems as well as reduce our impact on the environment we are once again using online booking for the Parents' Evening appointment.

All classes, Reception to Year 6, will be having the Parents' Evening appointment on Thursday 27th February and Tuesday 3rd March. The booking page and instructions can be found on our website under the Parent tab ([click here](#)) and will go **live at 5pm tonight**, Friday. Appointments will be 10 minute slots as usual and can be booked live. This does mean that the slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child has a SEN support plan please only book one session. During that slot the teacher will organise an appointment for the support plan review separate to Parents' Evening.

Parents' Evenings

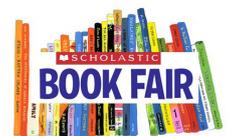
You can now book online :-)



Parents' Evenings—Extra Information

During Parents' Evening we will be hosting the Book Fair. This is a great opportunity for you to reward a positive report and of course the school get book credits with every purchase made. The Book Fair will be open during the hours of Parents Evening.

Also, during the same evenings, we will have iPads at the ready and encourage parents to take a couple of minutes to complete their Digital MOT. To support adults with their online presence, and that of their children, Derbyshire County Council have developed the Digital MOT. This is a cyber security assessment tool developed by the Community Safety Unit at Derbyshire County Council, in partnership with the Cybercrime Unit at Derbyshire Constabulary. The MOT will take less than 5 minutes to complete and you will find out how safe you are and how you could be safer online.



In Case You Missed it!

Bake Sale

Three ex-students of Ridgeway Primary have the opportunity to be part of a 4-week school expedition to Costa Rica in the summer of 2021. Whilst they are there, they will get the chance to live as part of the local community, working on a range of projects including: building facilities for the local communities, protecting the wildlife and planting trees. A huge part of the experience is that they have to fundraise the money to get there, which is £4,750 each. We have said that we will help raise this amount through a bake sale on Friday 14th of February here at Ridgeway. If you would like a tasty treat next week come along and support them on the yard after school.



Punctuality

As you know we have introduced a new morning routine this year. This was to benefit everyone, particularly the children and parents with starting the school day well. I am happy that the routine is working, however, since Christmas I have noticed more and more people arriving late, after the 8.55am bell. Can I remind everyone that the school day starts at 8.55am and children should be in class by this time. Thank you in advance.

The Nativity Costume Amnesty!

I mentioned in the newsletter before Christmas that, as we look to be more environmentally friendly / aware as a school, we would be holding a Nativity Costume Amnesty soon. Well the time has come! Rather than parents buying new each year we would like to encourage reduce, reuse, recycle. If you have any Nativity costumes that you would be willing to donate to the school for future use, please bring them into the school office. Thank you in advance, I know how supportive you are with ideas like this.

Another Amnesty!

If you or your child have a set of the Ridgeway sports kit please can it be sent back into school. We have whole class events and the next matches in our local football and netball leagues coming up shortly and need to make sure we have all 33 kits available. Please can they be sent in washed and in a bag. Many thanks.

Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	Rhinos	99.7%	
2nd	Giraffes	98.6%	
3rd	Orangutans	97.5%	

Whole school 96.3%
0.2% above our target (96.1%)

Diary Dates

Fri. 7th Feb.	Parent Consultations online booking
Mon. 10th Feb.	Year 5 & 6 Trip—Space Centre
Mon. 10th Feb.	Year 4 Arabian Nights @ Eckington
Tues. 11th Feb.	Year 3 & 4 Trip—Eden Camp
Wed 12th Feb.	Last Swimming session for Year 5
Fri. 14th Feb.	End of Term 3—Half Term Holiday
Mon. 24th Feb.	Start of Term 4 – school open
Wed. 26th Feb.	Swimming starts for Year 4
Wed. 26th Feb.	Year 2 SAT meeting for parents
Thurs. 27th Feb.	Parents' Evening 1
Tues. 3rd Mar.	Parents' Evening 2