



Newsletter 28: 7th May 2020 Edition

VE Day

Thank you to everyone you sent in their VE Day celebration photographs. I have compiled them into a video and that will premiere on our YouTube Channel at 10am tomorrow, Friday 8th* May. I hope you will all enjoy seeing each other's faces again, I know I have. It was lovely that members of the wider community, including the Ridgeway Under 5s, sent in pictures too and joined in with our little project.

I hope you all have a lovely VE Day tomorrow whether that is a picnic in your gardens or watching the coverage on TV. **As Friday 8th May is also a Bank Holiday, we will not be setting school work on that day.*

A Day of Happiness

We recognise the importance of mental wellbeing, which is especially true at this time. As such, just to support each other and share positivity, on Monday 11th May, we are going to have a day of happiness as a school. We will have a reduced time table and have tasks focused on PSHE and mental wellbeing. Each class will do this in their own way and at the level their children need. We simply want to promote wellbeing and to make sure everyone is doing ok. Check in on Monday 11th to the class Remote Learning Page as normal and find out what your activities will be.

Remote Learning Books...

As we have been remote learning for a while now, some children are nearing the end of their exercise book. We are happy for you to collect another exercise book from school. To maintain social distancing, if you let us know when you are coming, by phoning the school office, we will put the book on the school wall, just inside the gate. If, however, you have Covid-19 symptoms or cannot leave the house for medical reasons please contact us and we will deliver the book to you. Thank you.

A Message from Mrs Barnes...

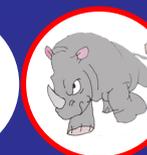
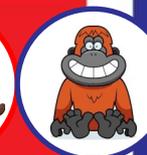
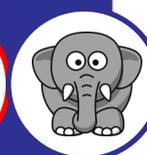
I just wanted to share a few words before going on Maternity leave tomorrow. Firstly, parents – thank you all for your support both during this strange time and the rest of the school year. Your children have been a joy to teach and I feel very lucky to have played a part in their learning journey. They say if you find a job you love, you never work a day in your life and that could not be more true!

To my amazing Tigers – what a school year it has been already. We have achieved so much together with lots of amazing memories made and I am so proud of each and every one of you. I know you will continue to shine and be your wonderful selves with Miss Peverelle and I will pop into school to see you all as soon as it is safe to do so! Remember you are all special, unique and brilliant in your own way!

Finally, thank you everyone at Team Ridgeway for your kindness, friendship and support now and always. Stay safe, keep smiling and be kind!

A Message to Mrs Barnes...

We are all so happy and excited for you as you finally get to meet Baby Barnes soon. This is a very exciting chapter in your life and we are looking forward to seeing you and the baby in school in the future. Thank you for all you have done for Ridgeway School and our wonderful children. We wish you all the best.



From the Immunisation Team...



For the school year starting September 2020 we will be continuing with the e-consent for the Flu Programme. This year we are vaccinating children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. When completing the e-consent please state the year group your child will be in at the beginning of the school year September 2020 NOT their current year group.

Please visit <http://bit.do/frbeL> or scan the QR (for iPhone and Android's with the "scan me" app) to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so *please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.*



Your unique school code for Ridgeway Primary School is **DD112546**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations> If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team: Repton: 01283 707178 or Clay Cross: 01246 252953 or email us DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Star of the Week—update

Star of the Week will be back to normal on Monday 11th May with this week's nominations. No more interference from the Empire! As usual we are going to start the video a few seconds before I come on and start talking, hopefully to enable everyone to get onto the stream before the nominations start. Please, always, remind your children that this is Star of the Week and not Star of the Day. The staff would all love to nominate multiple children each week but they are only allowed one! Not being nominated doesn't mean that your child is not working hard enough or we are not impressed with them. We hope these virtual assemblies help to keep the school community together, to celebrate our wonderful children as we normally would and hopefully inspire others. I hope you will join us on Monday to find out who will get the nominations this week.



Online Safety—Reminder

Please continue to use the online safety materials on our website <https://www.ridgewayprimary.com/parents/e-safety> to help keep our children safe during this digital period.

Please remind them of 'The Granny Rule'. *If your Granny was sitting at the side of you when you are online, would she approve of what you are doing, saying or viewing?*

I will continue to update the Cyber Crime Unit of Derbyshire Police updates. These are on the Online Safety page, as downloadable PDFs, under the heading, "*Cyber Crime: Info for Parents*"



And Finally...

Hopefully we will know more about when we will all see each other again soon. Keep supporting each other, take care, stay safe, Mr W.



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