

# Ridgeway Primary School

Newsletter 22: 20th April 2018 Edition



## Super Swimmers

Yesterday saw a team of 15 Year 5 & 6 pupils head to Eckington Pool for the annual swimming gala. Miss Evans and I were so impressed with the behaviour, attitude, effort and support every member of the team showed all afternoon.



There were 14 events of which we made 7 finals; Jamie, Olivier G, Sophie, Fraser and Nyah making individual finals and Oliver C, Oliver G, Fraser, Jamie and Olivia, Isabelle, Sophie, Nyah making the Freestyle Relay finals. In the finals Fraser achieved an amazing 3rd place in the 50m Freestyle and Sophie achieved an incredible 2nd in the 25m Front Crawl. Well done all of you, you should be very proud of yourselves.

## Hot Weather

Only a few weeks on from the snow we hit 25° weather! Can I please remind you to ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day in this heat. We have just installed a new water fountain for the children in school but 205 children cannot all use it at break times. Also, can you please put sun cream on your child before school, you can buy 6-hour protection cream to keep them safe for the full day, and send them with a named sun hat.

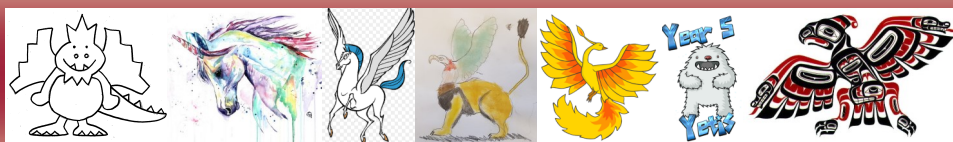
With this weather some children like to wear sandals so I would like to clarify the situation about on wearing them. I am happy for both boys and girls to wear sandals but for health and safety reasons, please ensure that they are sensible with a sturdy strap around the ankle and across the toes. Please do not send children in clogs, jelly shoes or sandals with a thong toe. If they are not wearing socks with their sandals they will need to have a pair in school for outdoor PE, as well as their trainers.

## Pupil Council Update

This year the Council have organised several projects that they are working on over this school year. Each project is being completed by a specific team and one of the teams is focused on developing reading in school. As such on Wednesday we took that team to Gemma Books in Chesterfield to purchase new books to help inspire and engage children in school in their reading. We allocated each class in Key Stage 2 £250 to improve the range of books the children have to read. Mrs. Tingle also accompanied us to purchase books for Key Stage 1. The children had discussed with their classes what genre, authors etc. they would like to be able to read in school and the team were fantastic at selecting books for a range of opinions and interests in their classes. The new books will be delivered soon and we look forward to sharing them with the children.

## End of Year Show

This year we are changing the end of year show and it will only be Year 5 & 6 performing. However, we do want Year 3 & 4 to have a performance, so this year they will be holding a Barn Dance for parents to come and watch and later join in! The date for this performance is Thursday 12th July. More details for both shows will follow soon. I hope you will be as excited for this change as we are.



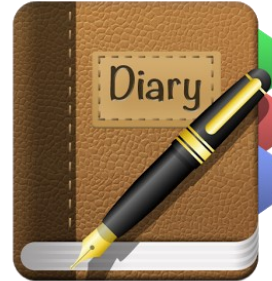
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### Dates for your Diary

With the Summer Term nearly upon us I wanted to just share a few key dates:

- Wednesday 2nd May— Year 6 Parent’s meeting in preparation for the Isle of Wight residential
- Tuesday 19th June—Our World Cup Themed Sports Day
- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July end of year performance—Year 5 & 6 Show.
- Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th July will be transition days in new classes.
- Thursday 12th July—Year 3 & 4 Barn Dance evening.



### Community News

Sent on behalf of Ridgeway Board of Management.

Join us for Afternoon Tea  
At Ridgeway Sports and Social Centre  
On Sunday 29th April

1pm to 4pm

£7.50 per person

Available by prior booking only

Ring 07790085884 to book

(Or just pop in for a cuppa and scone)

Future dates - 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, and 2nd September



### Attendance

This week’s top attendance..

1st	The Dragons	97.7%	
2nd	The Yetis	97.3%	
3rd	The Griffins	97.2%	

Whole school 96.8%  
0.8% **Above** our target (96.1%)

### Diary Dates

Wed 25th Apr	Year 3 swimming starts
Wed 25 - Fri 27th	Year 5 @ White Hall
Wed 2nd May	Year 6 Parent meeting IOW—3.30pm
Mon 14th May	Year 6 SAT week
Fri 25th May	End of Term 5
Mon 4th Jun	Term 6 & Y6 IOW visit
Tues 19th Jun	Sports Day