

Newsletter 11: 30th November 2018 Edition

[Urgent Texting Issue](#)

Back in September, I wrote explaining that we were having an issue with the new software used by our texting service. We thought that this had been dealt with and rectified, however, recently we have found that a number of parents are still not receiving all of our text messages. We will send sending a **test text** to parents for each child in school. These texts will contain the **name** of your child. If you do not receive a message for any of your children in school please let us know as soon as possible. The text will be sent at 5pm this evening (Fri 30th Nov.)



[The Kindness Continues](#)

Choose Kindness week may have been and gone but the aim of the week, to promote kindness as a way of life, definitely struck a chord with one of our children. Olivia, who is only 5 years old, has been moved and inspired by Radio Hallam's Mission for Christmas, a campaign to help children in our area receive a Christmas present who would not otherwise be getting anything! She was so moved by the thought of children not getting a present to open on Christmas day that she took £10 out of her piggy bank to support the cause but she didn't stop there. She has gone on to create posters and tried to support Hallam FM. She has currently raised over £150, which is incredible. Hallam FM are so impressed that they are planning to interview Olivia for the radio. We are all very proud of you, Olivia, well done, you really understand the meaning of the Christmas season.



[Christmas Crafternoon](#)

You should have received a letter about our new idea Christmas Crafternoon earlier this week. This will be on Monday (3rd December) from 1.30pm. We would like to invite parents to come into school to work with the children as they make decorations, prepare for the Christmas Fair and decorate the school. We have a list of activities that we would like your help with. Please sign-up with me either this evening or on the yard before school on Monday. Alternatively, you can email me; headteacher@ridgeway.derbyshire.sch.uk. We currently have 21 people signed up but still have 25 other jobs to sign up for.



[Infant Nativity Tickets](#)

As you know, tickets were sent out for the Infant Nativity earlier this week. This year we have again booked three performances and are trying a slight variation on the way we are allocating tickets to ensure a fairer and a more efficient system.

If the tickets were not suitable please feel free to swap them with other parents where possible, however, there are a few swaps available in school, just come and see or email me (headteacher@ridgeway.derbyshire.sch.uk). We are limited to the number of seats per performance due to health and safety and fire regulations of the church.



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Home-School Liaison Drop In

Just a reminder that we are trialling a new method of communication. Members of the Home-School Liaison team will be running a drop in session during 'drop off' on Monday's & Friday mornings. The aims being that parents can come to the team (other parents in school) with anything relating to issues, concerns, communication, information requests. This will then be passed on to school for us to address. The team will be on the yard outside the school office or inside the entrance if it is raining! Specific child issues, obviously, will still need to be addressed independently by parents to relevant teacher.

PTA Corner

Ladies Night

Wow! What a great evening. I am sure those of you that attended will agree that the return of this much loved event was a resounding success. We are so proud of our PTA for putting together this wonderful night to give the ladies of Ridgeway and beyond the chance to shop, pamper and have some much needed 'me' time.

We do have to say a very special thank you to Miss. Riley and Mrs. Dudley for heading up the planning team and putting in an enormous amount of hard work and time to make this night the success it was. However, all members of the PTA and those who helped out on the evening deserve a huge pat on the back too. Well done ladies, what a team!

Thank you to all of you that bought tickets, your continued support is so appreciated and we have again raised a great amount which will be used for resources for our amazing children within school... more to come on that soon.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Christmas Hampers. They will be judged soon and the winning class announced next week!

It's that special time of year again, Christmas! Our PTA are busy planning our big Christmas event. The fair will be held on Friday 14th December, within the school building. Although a letter will be coming out giving you all of the exciting details there is one thing that we just couldn't wait to tell you...

We have had confirmation of a very special visitor, yes - you've guessed it, Father Christmas is coming to Ridgeway! You will have the chance to reserve your slot and buy a ticket each morning next week before school as one of our super PTA members will be on the wall to help you. Appointments will start from 3.40pm and will cost just £3.50 per child. We are so looking forward Christmas in school and we cannot wait to share this special time with you too! The tickets usually go pretty quickly so please make sure you get yours as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.



Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	The Jellyfish	99.4%	
2nd	The Dolphins	98.9%	
3rd	The Sea Turtles	98.3%	

Whole school 97.2%
1.1% **above** our target (96.1%)

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd Dec.	Christmas Crafternoon— information coming on Monday
Tues 11th Dec.	Infant Nativity Performance 4pm
Wed 12th Dec.	Infant Nativity Performances 2.15pm & 4pm
Thurs 13th Dec.	Year 6 Christingle
Fri 14th Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 14th Dec.	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm