



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 7th December

This Week:

- Mrs Reid, one of our school governors visited school on Tuesday to carry out a learning walk. The purpose of this is to monitor the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms and to check that the actions to improve the school are being carried out. We spent the morning visiting classrooms and observing the teaching of writing. It was a pleasure to see the children trying their best and behaving so well. Well done everyone!
- This week Year 2 children visited Sudbury Museum of Childhood for a Victorian experience day. They learned about life in Victorian times, and how it was different from their lives. They looked at Victorian toys and had the chance to play with some and met a very strict Victorian teacher!
- Can I remind all of our parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours when parking their cars? As you know we have an ongoing parking issue and the three local schools are working together with councillors to hopefully find a solution to address this and keep our children safe. We very much appreciate your support with this.
- Thank you to everyone who has already brought a Christmas decoration for our tree in the school hall. It is starting to look fantastic but there are still quite a lot of branches looking a little bare! Why not spend a crafty weekend this week making something beautiful for our tree? Remember to put your child's name on their decoration and let their teacher know if you would like it back, and you can then use it to decorate your own tree at home!

Mrs Morris would like to remind all of our parents and carers that you can now report your child's absence by emailing absence@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk if this is more convenient than telephoning school. We still ask that you email or call us by 9am if your child will be absent that day. We will still call to check on the wellbeing of any children who are not in school with no reason given.

Coming Up Next Week:

- On Monday and Tuesday Reception children will take part in their height and weight checks. This will be carried out by the School Health team during school time.
- On Tuesday next week, Y2 children will visit Gayton Junior School to watch the Y3 Christmas performance!
- Reception children will visit the National Forest Adventure Farm on Wednesday to enjoy a lovely festive day with the animals and perhaps meet the big man in red himself!
- Our Festive Fun event is on Thursday from 4pm-6pm. Children with tickets can come along and meet Santa, we have our usual fantastic tombola stall and a raffle with some fantastic prizes including a birthday party for up to 10 children at Oxygen, a David Lloyd Family pass and many more! Finally, for one night only, you can come and enjoy the Ridgeway Staff Christmas Choir and sing/sign along with some of your Christmas favourites! The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 19th Dec to give families a chance to buy tickets at the Christmas concerts.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 17 th Dec	Class 4 concert 9.15am, Class 2 concert 2.15pm, Class 7 concert 4.00pm
Tue 18 th Dec	Class 5 concert 9.15am, Class 3 concert 2.15pm, Class 8 concert 4.00pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day! Class 6 concert 9.15am, Class 1 concert 2.15pm, Class 9 concert 4.00pm
Thu 20 th Dec	Tea & Toast 8.15am Xmas Party Day – all welcome to wear Christmas jumpers! School Closes
Fri 21 st Dec	School Closed – INSET
Mon 7 th Jan	School Opens

A Health and Safety Message from Mrs Whitehead.

It has come to my attention that parents and carers are walking down the drive to get to the office. I respectively ask that you use the jitty instead. We want to prevent physical inquiry or collision with vehicles and pedestrians. Due to damage to the drive gates we are unable to lock them during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Writing Showcase

This week's writing is by Kally in Class 3. She wrote a sentence about one part of the Nativity story.

"The two shepherds saw a star and they knew a king was born."

This writing was chosen because Kally has tried really hard to hear, and write down all the sounds in the words she wanted to write. She remembered all the words in the sentence too. Well done Kally!



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