



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

## This Week:

- At last, Class 6 were able to local walk to Sunnydale Park on Monday! Children enjoyed looking at the different plants and trees, and collected leaves and other natural treasures to make a record of their walk.
- A huge thank you to so many parents and carers who were able to join us for our Open Phonics Week this week. The children enjoyed being able to show off to their grown-ups and we hope that you found it informative and enjoyable.
- On Tuesday, as part of Safer Internet Day, children took part in sessions to look at how to make sure they are safe on the internet. Many children tell us that they have unsupervised access to the internet/youtube etc on tablets and phones at home – so please make sure that you have parental controls set up correctly on your devices! For more information on e-safety issues, please see the 'E-safety Information' section of our school website which you can find under the Parents/Carers tab on the homepage.
- Miss Bailey is running a photograph competition in school this term! We would like to make a display of photographs of children reading in different places. There will be a prize for each year group awarded to the photo showing the child reading in the most unusual place. Please email photos to [mbailey@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk](mailto:mbailey@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk) before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March to enter.
- Some concerned parents have reported that cars parking on pavements at the start and ends of the school day are causing such problems that children have come very close to being hit by moving cars. Can I please urge all parents and carers who drive to school to please park responsibly in the streets around school, particularly on Rushdale Ave and Uplands Ave? Thank you.

## Coming Up Next Week:

- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.45pm, Year 1 parents are invited to a special dance performance. Please enter via the main entrance.
- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb children are invited to our annual Valentines Discos! Disco for Reception children is from 4.30-5.15pm. Please drop off and collect your child from their classroom. Disco for Year 1 and 2 is from 5.30-6.30pm, children to enter via their usual classroom door, but please collect Year 1 and 2 children from the hall via the main school entrance.
- Please join us for a free breakfast at our next Tea & Toast event. Please enter via the main school entrance from 8.15am.

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School opens
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maths Information Sessions for Parents and Carers 5.15pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Maths Information Sessions for Parents and Carers 9.00am – NB this session will also include a guest speaker talking about Maths Anxiety and how to help your child if they feel particularly worried about Maths. Parents/Carers from Gayton are also invited to this session.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents & Carer Consultation Evenings Book Fair in school
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bedtime Story Day – chn invited to school wearing PJs and their favourite bedtime story to share with their friends! More information to follow.
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day Y2 Faith Trail - More information to follow.

# Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Maxwell in Year 1.

This writing has been chosen because this term Year 1 children have been focusing on sentence writing, making sure that every sentence has a capital letter and a full stop and makes sense. Maxwell is becoming more independent when writing. He uses his knowledge of sounds to spell the words he wants to write and can now construct clear sentences. He is spelling some tricky words correctly in his independent writing too. Maxwell has become much more confident in writing and takes pride in his writing. Well done Maxwell!

