



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 15th February

This Week:

- Well done to Year 1 children who put on a wonderful dance concert showcasing their learning about the countries in the UK. Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as the children enjoyed performing for you! If you took any photos, please make sure these do not appear anywhere on social media and remain for your own personal use.
- Our Valentine Discos were a huge success!. The Friends of Ridgeway hope to spend the money raised on resources that will benefit all of our children in the near future.
- Our lunchtime Quiet Area resources are very well loved and unfortunately many need replacing. If anyone has any unwanted good quality board games or jigsaws (with all parts included!) please do consider donating them to us as we would happily take them off your hands and put them to good use. Many thanks in advance.
- Unfortunately one of our parents was knocked to the ground this week in the playground by children riding scooters at speed. I ask that you remind all Ridgeway children and their older/younger siblings not to ride bikes or scooters on the playground. Many thanks for your support in keeping our school site safe.
- May I remind all of our parents and carers that for health and safety reasons, dogs must not be brought onto the school site? Please wait outside the school gates with dogs.
- As part of our English development work this year, we are working hard to improve vocabulary for our children. It can be easy to assume that because children have heard a word and use it that they understand what it means when often this is not the case. To try to address this, Year 1 and 2 teachers have put together a 'Knowledge Organiser' which outlines key vocabulary and concepts for their next topics. We hope that these will inform parents and carers about key learning coming up and support them in explaining what these words mean. Of course teachers will also focus on specific teaching of these words in class too.
- A few parents in Year 1 have told us that they miss the opportunity to speak to teachers and look in their child's classroom. A reminder that all Year 1 and 2 classes are open to parents and carers until 4pm. Please just allow teachers to see all the children out before entering. Teachers are required to attend staff and team meetings and may not always be available, so if you would like to specifically speak to your child's class teacher, please speak to them in advance to arrange a mutually convenient time in advance to avoid disappointment.
- School closes today, Friday 15th February for 1 week. May I wish all of our families a happy half term holiday! We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound when school opens again on Monday 25th February. ☺

Coming Up After Half Term:

- Maths information meetings for parents will be held on Thursday 28th February at 5.15pm and Friday 1st March at 9.00am. This is an opportunity to find out more about how Maths is taught at Ridgeway. During Friday's session, guest speaker, Tom Hunt from the University of Derby will give a short talk about Maths anxiety with strategies to help with this. Unfortunately Tom is not available for the Thursday session. If you have not yet returned your reply slips, please do so that we can make sure we have enough seats for everyone! Mrs Harford-Smyth will also be sending information about Maths Open Sessions when we are back.
- Y2 Faith Trail on 5th March – Please return your consent forms as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Everyone should now have received a letter about Parents/Carers Consultation Evening. If you have not had one, please speak to your class teacher, or Mrs Mellors or Miss Fletcher in the school office for a replacement.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 5 th & Thu 7 th Mar	Parents & Carer Consultation Evenings Book Fair in school
Wed 6 th 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 th Mar	World Book Day Y2 Faith Trail

Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Jessica in Class 8.

Her writing has been chosen because of the outstanding progress she has made in her handwriting. Jessica has tried really hard to make sure her tall letters are tall and that letters with 'tails' hang under the line. I am sure you will agree her handwriting is amazing! It makes reading her lovely story so easy. Well done Jessica!

Wednesday 13th February 2019

Pirate story

One day at sea there was a Pirate Peter and a parrot on a boat alone. Their names ~~where~~ were Captain Peter and Pippin. He is overjoyed with the sea because he and his parrot were so so so close to Crown Island when a big ~~wave~~ ^{wave} came and pushed them and they said "We're doomed" & they said. The day they set off again a rother ship had cannared his ship. ~~and~~ It became a ship rock under water. Just then a mermaid saved him and he awake on Crown Island there he lived a happy life and became King.